



TODDLER Unit 9.1 THE FIRST JUDGES

Date: Sunday January 11, 2026 **Teachers:** Brooklyn & Brad B (lead), Sarah S

Props: from home: ** doll from home at centre:

Invite kids to sit in a circle, you can start with a snack.

Rules: Let's listen with our ears. We are going to sit in a circle before we play.

BIBLE STORY WITH TODDLERS: "Promises and Warnings" GOD'S BIG STORY BOOK p.58

God's People didn't listen to the words of Moses or Joshua and they turned away from God and worshipped other Gods, so God gave them judges to rule over them.

Sing to the tune of "Do you know the muffin man?":

"Do you know *the judges, the judges, the judges?

Do you know *the judges?

*They helped God's people out!"

The Israelites forgot about the one true God. God allowed their enemies to attack them, and God's people needed help. Even though they had disobeyed Him, God sent judges to help His people. The judges helped the Israelites obey God again. We sin and disobey God like the Israelites did, but God sent us the best help of all—His very own Son. Jesus changes our hearts and gives us life with God.

ACTIVITY: "Everyday heroes" materials: (use the pic of heroes in folder)

These people help people with different things they need. Point to each one and ask the kids if they know what they do to help people. In our Bible stories for the next few weeks, God's people found themselves in need over and over again. God didn't send a car or truck. He sent people to help. These people were called judges.

ACTIVITY: "Snuggle a doll" materials: (provide a baby doll or other lovey for babies to snuggle. Talk about how snuggling a baby helps the baby feel safe and loved. When God's people did not obey, bad things happened. God sent judges to help His people. GOD'S PLAN IS PERFECT.

ACTIVITY: "Come to Me"

Invite children to spread out in the room. When you call children's names, they will come to you. Call each one. God called the judges so they could help His people. Later God sent Jesus to rescue us King, and give his life so we could have a new life with God, and we can have his Holy Spirit and be ruled by His Holy Spirit.

FREE PLAY AND PLAY MUSIC FROM BLUETOOTH SPEAKER