

Judges 1 & 2

CHARACTERS: Narrator, All

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Judges 1 & 2

FK reading level 5.4

NARRATOR: Joshua lived to be 110 years old.

ALL: The people worshiped the Lord throughout Joshua's lifetime

NARRATOR: and during the lifetimes of the elders who outlived Joshua.

ALL: They had seen all the Lord's great works He had done for Israel.

NARRATOR: After them another generation rose up who did not know the Lord

ALL: or the works He had done for Israel.

NARRATOR: The Israelites did what was evil in the Lord's sight.

ALL: They worshiped the Baals and other gods from the surrounding peoples.

NARRATOR: and abandoned the Lord, the God of their fathers

ALL: They infuriated the Lord.

NARRATOR: God handed them over to marauders who raided them.

ALL: They could no longer resist their enemies and suffered greatly.

NARRATOR: The Lord was moved to pity whenever they groaned

ALL: because of those who were oppressing and afflicting them.

NARRATOR: The Lord raised up judges

ALL: who saved them from the power of their marauders

NARRATOR: Whenever the Lord raised up a judge for the Israelites

ALL: the Lord was with him and saved the people from the power of their enemies

NARRATOR: Whenever the judge died

ALL: the Israelites would act even more corruptly

NARRATOR: They did not turn from their evil practices

ALL: or their obstinate ways.

CHARACTERS: Narrator, All

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Judges 3

FK reading level 4.7

NARRATOR: The Israelites did what was evil in the Lord's sight

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ALL: They forgot the Lord their God and worshiped the Baals and the Asherahs.

NARRATOR: The Lord's anger burned against Israel

ALL: The Israelites cried to the lord for they were oppressed by the king of Aram for eight years.

NARRATOR: The Lord raised up Othniel son of Kenaz, Caleb's youngest brother

ALL: as a deliverer to save the Israelites.

NARRATOR: The Spirit of the Lord came on him.

ALL: Othniel overpowered the king of Aram to him.

NARRATOR: Then the land was peaceful 40 years

CHARACTERS: Narrator, Ehud, Servant 1 & 2, All

ALL: The Israelites again did what was evil in the Lord's sight.

NARRATOR: Eglon king of Moab defeated Israel.

ALL: The Israelites served Eglon king of Moab 18 years.

NARRATOR: The Israelites cried out to the Lord

ALL: and He raised up Ehud, a left-handed deliverer.

NARRATOR: The Israelites sent him to Eglon king of Moab with tribute money.

EHUD: I made a double-edged sword 18 inches long.

ALL: He strapped it to his right thigh under his clothes

EHUD: and brought the tribute to Eglon king of Moab

ALL: who was an extremely fat man.

EHUD: King Eglon, I have a secret message for you.

EGLON: Everyone leave except Ehud.

ALL: and all his attendants left him.

EHUD: I, took the sword from my right thigh, and plunged it into Eglon's belly.

NARRATOR: Eglon's fat closed in over it

EHUD: and I escaped by way of the porch

ALL: closing and locking the doors of the upstairs room behind him.

SERVANT 1: The doors of the upstairs room are locked.

SERVANT 2: The king must be relieving himself.

SERVANT: How long should we wait?

SERVANT 2: I don't know. It has been a long time, don't you think?

SERVANT 1: We better get the key and open the doors

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SERVANT: No! He's dead!

NARRATOR: Ehud escaped while the servants waited and sounded the ram's horn.

EHUD: Follow me, because the Lord has handed over your enemies, the Moabites, to you.

ALL: So they followed him and won the battle.

NARRATOR: Moab became subject to Israel that day

ALL: and the land was peaceful 80 years.

NARRATOR: After Ehud, Shamgar became judge.

ALL: He delivered Israel by striking down 600 Philistines with an ox goad.

NARRATOR: You heard that right – he fought with a long stick with a pointed end

ALL: used for prodding animals.

Review games

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