

Together @ Home

Here are some activities you could do together as a family, begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.



Bible Passage

Today we will be continuing our journey through the Bible and entering the time of Judges.

You can find it in your Bible in:
Judges 2

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your group.



A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the lesson of the time of judges that reminds us of the importance of passing on the stories and Good News about your love.

Help us to choose to live right for you and seek our own encounters and experiences of you.

Help us to be share the Good News of your love with other people.

Amen



Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

Why do you think the people stopped following and living in obedience to God?

When Joshua had brought God's people into the promised land they had set up stones as a reminder of the good things that God had done for them. Verse 7 shows us that when there were people who had seen the good things that God had done for themselves they continued to follow God. It was after all these people had died and the next generation had to believe based on stories they had been told that God's people began to forget and turn to other gods.

This is the beginning of a cycle of behaviour with God's people turning away from him, being attacked by their enemies and returning to God.

A question for children to ask adults

Can you share a story about a time when you experienced God's presence and provision in your own life?

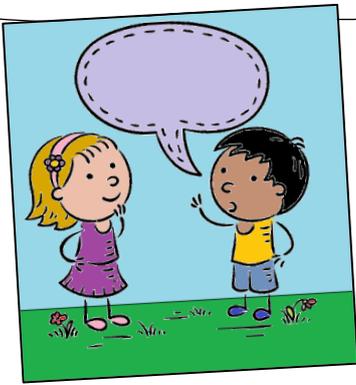
Our own stories can be used to share the Good News with others. We have a part to play in helping others to hear about God's love for them. We can pray that those we know will have their own experience of God's love and come to know him and follow him for themselves.

Family Activity 1

The stories and knowledge of God were not passed on to the next generation and this is where the problems began. Take on this passing on challenge as a family – you will need an object you can pass such as a balloon, cushion or teddy bear!

Pass the object between everybody in your group using these each of these parts of the body in turn.

Elbows – Knees – Ankles – Under the chin – Feet



A verse to remember

Romans 10 v 14

But before people can ask the Lord for help, they must believe in him; and before they can believe in him, they must hear about him; and for them to hear about the Lord, someone must tell them.

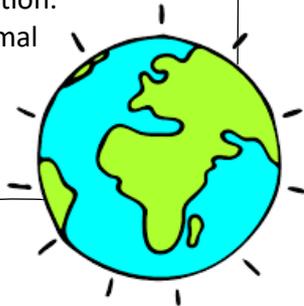
Read these verses from Romans together, who can you tell about Jesus' love this week? Try to learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate a copy and put it up somewhere you can see it during the week.

Active Recap

Use these recap activities to remember the Bible Story up to this point...

Creation

In the beginning God created the world and everything in it... take it in turns to pick an animal from creation. Can you act like that animal or make the noise of that animal for everybody to guess?



God is friends with individuals

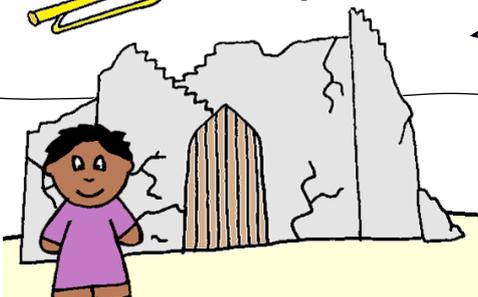
In Genesis we read about the individuals such as Noah, Abraham and Joseph who God was friends with and the journeys they went on. Go on a journey through your house and see how many photos you can find of individuals you are friends with – take some time to pray each time you find a photo!



Joshua leads God's people into the promised land

Joshua took over as the leader of God's people and after forty years in the wilderness the Israelites finally entered the land God had promised.

Set up a mini obstacle course using items from your house, take it in turns to put on a blindfold/scarf and be guided through the obstacle course.



Moses leads God's people out of slavery in Egypt

The Israelites God's people had settled in Egypt but over time the Egyptians enslaved them. God chose Moses to lead his people to the new promised land he had prepared for them. He gave them instructions to follow about how to live right for Him.



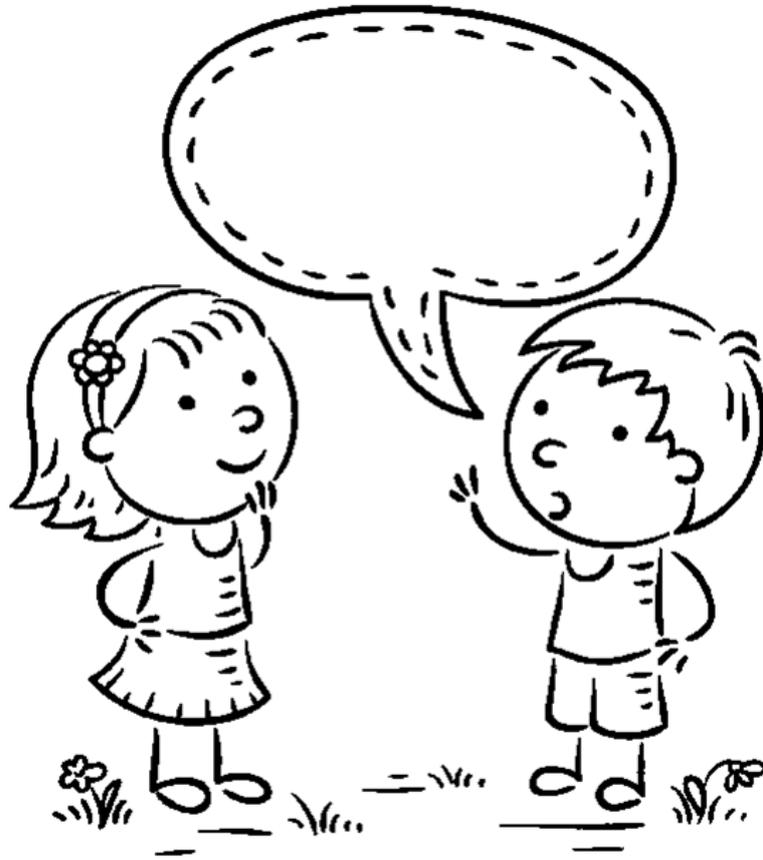
Play a game of 'follow the leader' – take it in turns to lead and everybody else should copy and obey your instructions.

The time of Judges

All those who had been led by Joshua into the promised land had died and the new generation of Israelites began to turn away from God and worship false gods. The story continues....

A colouring page you could print and colour together

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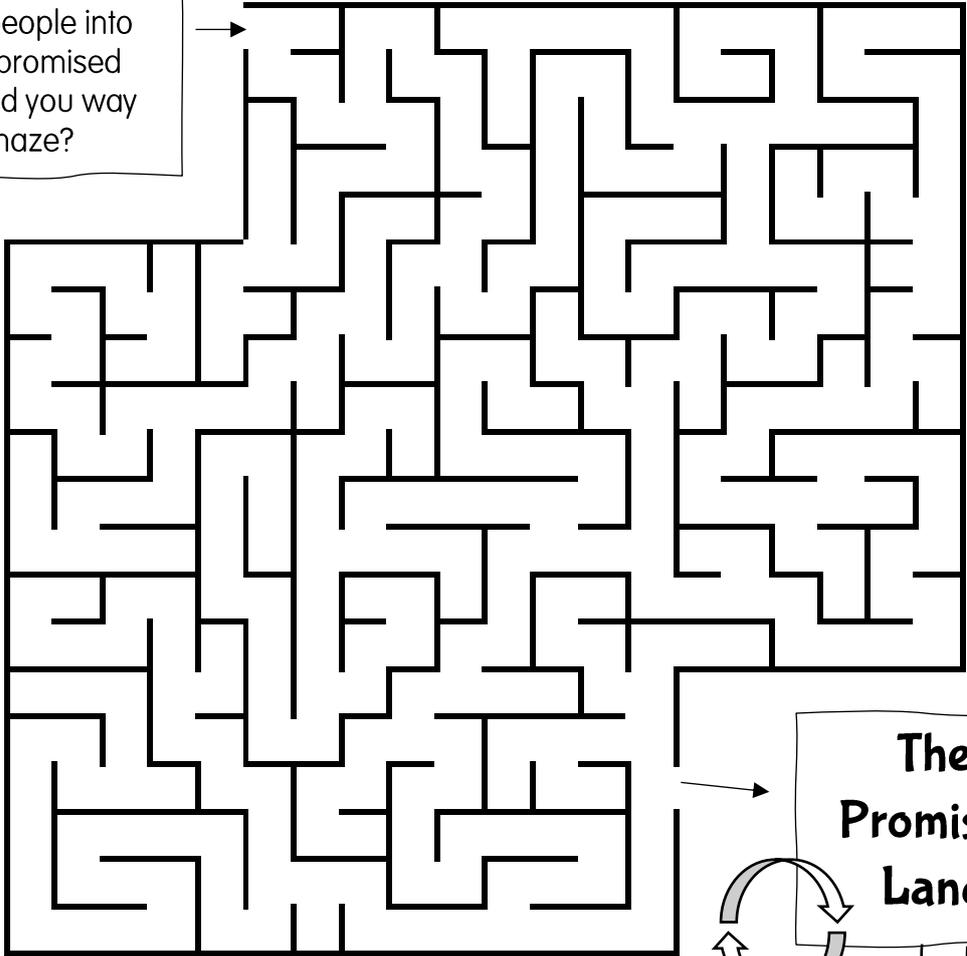


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PUZZLE SHEET

The story of Judges follows a cycle. How many cycle arrows can you find on the page?

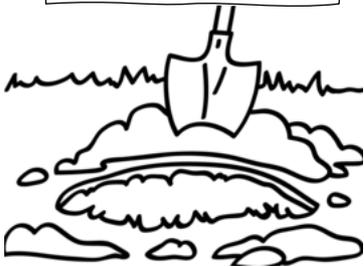
God had led his people into the land he had promised them. Can you find your way through the maze?



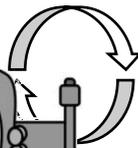
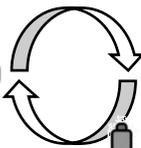
The Promised Land

Can you guess the missing words? Each one is made from the letters of the word

judges







Can you put the blocks in order to reveal what God did when His people called out to Him for help.

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