



BRING IT HOME

Conversation starters to continue at home what began at Immanuel.
Our desire is to see families use this resource
as you live out Deuteronomy 11:19.

UNIT 8 | April, 2025

UNIT 8: GOD IS GRACIOUS

Despite Israel's rebellion and attacks from neighboring tribes, God was gracious to raise up judges who would rescue His people from their enemies. While these judges only provided temporary help, they reminded God's people that He would one day provide a perfect Judge to rescue His people from the power of sin.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

What is repentance?
Repentance is turning away from sin and turning to Jesus.

KEY PASSAGE:

2 Chronicles 7:14

"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."



AT HOME RESOURCES

April 6 | Session 1

THE FIRST JUDGES | JUDGES 3



STORY POINT:
God provided Israel with judges to rescue them.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God brought consequences to His people for their sins, but He also raised up judges to save them from their enemies. We also have consequences for our sins, but God sent Jesus to save us from our sins once and for all.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

What is the consequence of our sin?

How is Jesus better than the judges from this story?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Play a game of follow-the-leader. Have the leader walk in a funny way, sing a song, or dance while others follow their motions. Assign one family member to shout 'Repent' at any point during the game, at which point the entire family must turn and begin marching in the opposite direction. The person at the opposite end of the line is now the leader. After playing discuss what repentance means (Repentance is turning away from sin and turning to Jesus). Talk with kids about God's desire for people—including your family—to turn away from sin and follow Jesus.

TO SERVE :

Work as a family to pick up trash and litter in a nearby park or along a neighborhood road. Talk with kids about how this area will likely be littered again and will need another cleanup in time. Remind kids that the judges could only bring temporary relief from the consequences of sin, but Jesus has completely defeated sin. Through Him, we can have forgiveness and total deliverance! Listen to learn more about who God is and how He displays His power.

April 13 | Easter Session 1

JESUS' TRIUMPHAL ENTRY | MATTHEW 21; MARK 11; LUKE 19; JOHN 12



STORY POINT:
People welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem as their King.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

The people welcomed Jesus as King, but they did not recognize Him as their Savior. Jesus calls all people to trust in Him as Savior and Lord. When we do, we will be saved from sin and death.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

What was the significance of the people's shouts for the King and His coming kingdom?

What do we learn about Christ's heart for the lost?

What does it mean to trust Jesus as your King and Savior?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Choose some rocks from your yard or a nearby stream. Use acrylic paints to decorate the rocks with words of praise or the word "Hosanna." Place the rocks in your yard or around the neighborhood. Jesus told the Pharisees that if the people did not praise Him then the rocks would cry out and praise Him (Luke 19:40). Talk as a family about how these rocks can remind us to worship Jesus as King!

TO SERVE :

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem, some of the people threw their cloaks on the ground in front of him, which was a way to worship Him as King. Donate unused coats or clothes to individuals or organizations who have need. Consider starting a collection with others in your church to provide winter coats for those in need. This can also be a way to worship Jesus as King!

April 20 | Easter Session 2

JESUS SAVES US FROM OUR ENEMIES | MATTHEW 27–28; MARK 15–16;
LUKE 23–24; JOHN 19–20



STORY POINT:

Jesus died on the cross to pay for sin and rose again to defeat death.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God's plan was always to send Jesus to die for the sins of the world. Jesus died on the cross, was buried, and rose on the third day. All who place their faith in Him will receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

What are the enemies Jesus saves us from? [sin and death]

How does Jesus save us from the punishment our sin deserves?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Search online for a recipe to make "Resurrection Rolls," and bake the treat together as a family. As you sit and share the treat for breakfast, talk about why the empty tomb is good news for believers and how the resurrection of Jesus shows God's power

TO SERVE :

Use "The Gospel: God's Plan for Me" to create a witnessing tool your family can use to share Jesus with others. Use an index card and colored pencils to draw the icons, and write the Scripture references for each part of the plan. Encourage your kids to carry the card in their backpack, and ask God for opportunities to share the gospel with friends.

April 27 | Session 3

GIDEON LED ISRAEL | JUDGES 6-7



STORY POINT:

Gideon learned that victory comes from God alone.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Gideon could have never won the battle without God's power.

Victory came from God alone. We cannot save ourselves from sin.

Only Jesus can save us from our sin.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

How did Gideon test God's words?

Why do you think God used a small army to defeat the Midianites?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Fold paper into a cone shape to make a simple trumpet. Help kids make and decorate their own trumpets. Have a competition to see who can make the loudest trumpet call. Talk about how Gideon blew his trumpet and how God provided power and victory to defeat the Midianites.

TO SERVE :

Go on a prayer walk around your neighborhood. Pray for neighbors (by name if possible), and ask God to make His power and goodness visible to them so they will trust in Him. Remind kids that the work of salvation is only possible through God's power. We want to share the good news with neighbors because we trust that God is good enough and powerful enough to save them.

the **GOSPEL** **GOD'S PLAN FOR ME**

gos-pel – *noun*. good news. the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation.



GOD RULES.

The Bible tells us God created everything, including you and me, and He is in charge of everything. *Genesis 1:1; Revelation 4:11; Colossians 1:16-17*



WE SINNED.

We all choose to disobey God. The Bible calls this sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. *Romans 3:23; 6:23*



GOD PROVIDED.

God sent Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. *John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9*



JESUS GIVES.

He lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! *Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 2:8-9*



WE RESPOND.

Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus. *John 14:6; Romans 10:9-10,13*



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