

QUESTIONS FOR JUDGES/RUTH LESSON 5

All questions are based on the New King James Version of the Bible.

DAY ONE: Read all notes and references.

1. What did you learn about Deborah or Barak that interested you?

Answers will vary

2. Which part of Deborah's song was your favorite and why?

Answers will vary

DAY TWO: Read Judges 5:31-6:10.

3. a. How long was there peace in the land after the victory over Jabin, king of Canaan?
forty years
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- b. What happened next? Fill in the blanks.

Israel **did evil** in the sight of the Lord. **So the Lord**
delivered them into the hand of **Midian for seven years**.

4. a. How did the Midianites and Amalekites treat the Israelites? Circle the correct answers.

destroyed their produce

kidnapped their children

invaded their land

destroyed their livestock

made them slaves

impoverished them

- b. What did the Israelites have to do to protect themselves? Give verse. **2**
they hid in the dens, caves, and strongholds in the mountains
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- c. What did they finally do out of desperation? Give verse. **6**
cried out to the Lord
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5. a. What did God do for Israel?
sent a prophet
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- b. What did God say to Israel? Give four points from verses 8-10.

① **I brought you up from Egypt and brought you out of the house of bondage**

② **I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of all who oppressed you**

③ **I drove out those who oppressed you and gave you their land**

④ **I told you I am your God and not to fear the gods of the Amorites.**

- c. What did Israel fail to do according to God in verse 10?
they failed to obey God's voice
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DAY THREE: Read Judges 6:11-21.

6. a. What was Gideon doing in verse 11? Why?
threshed wheat in the winepress in order to hide it from the Midianites
- b. Who was Gideon's visitor, according to Judges 6:11 and 14?
Angel of the Lord, also the Lord
- c. What was the visitor's greeting to Gideon?
The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor!
7. What was Gideon's first response to the visitor's greeting?
He disagreed with Him and said the Lord had forsaken Israel
8. a. What had Gideon been chosen to do?
to save Israel from the hand of the Midianites
- b. Who had chosen him?
the Lord because He said "Have I not sent you?"
- c. What excuses did Gideon make?
His clan was the weakest in Manasseh and he was the least in his father's house
- d. ♥(Heart Question) What excuses do you make to God for your sins?
Answers will vary. Prompts: Do you tell God that your siblings made you do it?
Do you tell God that you 'forgot'? What should you say to God about your sins?
- e. What was the Lord's response to Gideon's excuses? Give verse. 16
that He would be with Gideon and that he would defeat them as one man
9. a. What did Gideon ask for? a sign
- b. How did the Lord answer Gideon's request?
He touched the meat and bread soaked in broth (Gideon's sacrifice) with His staff and it went up in fire

DAY FOUR: Read Judges 6:22-32.

- 10.a. What gave Gideon courage?
He figured out that it truly WAS the Angel of the Lord
- b. What instructions did the Lord give to Gideon?
to tear down the altar of Baal, cut down the wooden image beside it, and build an altar to God. Then, sacrifice the young bull on the altar.
- c. Did he do it? yes
- d. What was his "but..." in verse 27?
Gideon waited until night to do it because he feared his father's household and the men of the city too much

- 11.a. How did the men of the city respond when they saw what Gideon had done?
they wanted to kill him
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- b. What did Gideon's father have to say about this?
That their god should fight for himself if he truly was a 'god'
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- c. What was the second name given to Gideon? Why? (See Bible margin notes for help.)
Jerubbaal meaning 'Let baal plead'
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DAY FIVE: Read Judges 6:33-40.

- 12.a. Where did the armies gather to face each other? Give verse. **33**
the Valley of Jezreel
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- b. What advantage did Gideon have?
the Spirit of the Lord came upon him
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- c. Which person or people gave him support?
the Abiezrites as well as people from all of Manasseh, Asher, Zebulun, and Naphtali
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- 13.a. What did Gideon ask of God?
to fill the fleece with dew and then the next night to leave the fleece dry
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- b. What did God do to strengthen Gideon's faith?
God did as Gideon asked
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14. ? (Thought Question) What is your opinion of Gideon testing God?
Answers will vary.
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15. When is it permissible to test God? (See Deuteronomy 6:16 for help.)
Never.
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16. 🎓 (Senior Questions)
- a. Describe how the verses below relate to testing God.
- Isaiah 7:11-14 **God gives Ahaz permission to ask for a sign; Ahaz refuses to put the Lord to a test. Ahaz tells the people that God will send a sign: a virgin birth**
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- Jeremiah 33:3 **God says to call to Him and He will answer and show great and mighty things.**
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- Malachi 3:10 **God offers a sign: He will open the windows of Heaven and pour out blessings such that the storehouse is full of food and there is no room for more**
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- b. Why do you think God tolerated Gideon's tests? Give verse to support your answer.
God sees the heart of man. Gideon's requests were respectful and God fulfilled the requests to strengthen Gideon's faith. In verse 39, Gideon shows his respect.
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VOCABULARY FOR BOOK LESSON #

*"The more words you know, the more clearly and powerfully you will think...
and the more ideas you will invite into your mind."*
— Wilfred Funk

DAY ONE: Write the definition of each vocabulary word.

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DAY TWO: Write three sentences using three different vocabulary words from this lesson.

1.

2.

3.

DAY THREE: Circle the word's synonym(s). (Synonym is a word/phrase that means the same thing.)

1. . oppress

persecute

encourage

mistreat

2. . triumph

conquer

win

lose

3. . rebuke

reprimand

praise

discipline

DAY FOUR: Match the word to its meaning.**Word****Definition****DAY FIVE: Review previous vocabulary words. Try to work from memory.**

Wordsearch: Review previous vocabulary word(s). Find the hidden words left, right, forward, backward, and diagonally. Fill in the blank with the correct vocabulary word.

R	Z	I	I	S	Y	E	G	N	X
E	D	O	M	T	I	C	S	H	M
R	P	Q	P	U	J	W	R	Z	M
E	J	S	E	M	X	I	D	E	R
D	M	L	D	B	G	B	N	E	M
N	N	O	I	L	L	E	B	E	R
U	D	E	M	E	V	I	T	O	M
L	P	R	E	P	Z	N	E	Y	D
P	A	U	N	Z	T	G	C	T	Q
C	U	L	T	U	R	E	H	D	K

- rebellion - open fighting against authority
- culture - the most popular trends and traditions that make a period of time different from another period of time
- plunder - someone who robs another person openly and with force
- mercy - kind treatment to someone who has no right to it
- lure - to tempt or lead away by offering some type of pleasure
- stumble - to speak or act as if unsure
- motive - something that causes someone to do something
- impediment - something that interferes with movement or progress

WORD BANK

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impediment
plunderer

lure
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