

Benjas (0-5 years). Date: _____

Lesson: Samuel, the Judge

Reference: 1 Samuel 7:2-17

Point:

God rescues and restores those who truly repent and come to him through Jesus



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Judges (6-7 years). Date: _____

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The people of Israel had sinned; they turned to other gods instead of following God. God left their enemies to defeat them. They were sad because of their sin and their enemies. Samuel told them to get rid of their idols and turn back to God; the people obeyed and God gave them victory. God rescued and restored them to himself when they truly repented. In the same way, God rescues and restores those who truly repent and come to him through Jesus.

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Judeans (8-9 years). Date: _____

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Read the full story in 1 Samuel 7:2-17

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This judgement happened in chapter 4; but it wasn't judgement against Eli's family only. God also judged the people of Israel in chapters 4 to 6. They had turned away from God and were worshipping false gods. So God sent the Philistines to defeat Israel. The ark of God was captured and the people of God were defeated. The ark of God was later returned to Israel, but not to the temple. It was returned to a place called Kiriath Jearim. At this point, the people knew that they were in trouble with God because they had sinned against him and the Philistines were defeating them.

The people mourned and sought the Lord; they were sad about the whole situation. Samuel told them that if they were really turning back to God, then they needed to get rid of their foreign gods, commit themselves to the Lord and serve him only. Samuel gathered the people in a place called Mizpah, to pray on their behalf. On that day, the people fasted and confessed their sins.

The Philistines heard that the Israelites had assembled at Mizpah and they came to attack them. The people of Israel were afraid; they told Samuel to pray to God to rescue them. Samuel prayed for them and that day God fought for the people of Israel and helped them win.

To remember what God had done for them and to remind the people, Samuel took a stone and set it up. He named the stone

'Ebenezer', saying, "Thus far has the Lord helped us." While Samuel was judge, the Philistines never attacked Israel again. Samuel continued as judge over Israel all the days of his life.

Repentance is not just feeling bad, sad or sorry for a wrong you have done; it is turning away from it too.

God rescues and restores those who truly repent and come to him. At that time, the Israelites repented and came to God through Samuel, but today we repent and come to God through Jesus.



How many years was it before Israel sought God? (7:2) Circle the correct number

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What did Samuel say they should do to show that they were sorry? (7:3-6)

Tick all the correct answers

- Get rid of their idols Fast and pour out water Mourn
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How did Samuel and the people respond? (7:7-9) Cross out the wrong words.

The people were ~~angry~~ / ~~afraid~~ and asked Samuel to ~~pray~~ / ~~fight~~ for them.

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What are some things that can be so important in your life, that they become more important than God?

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