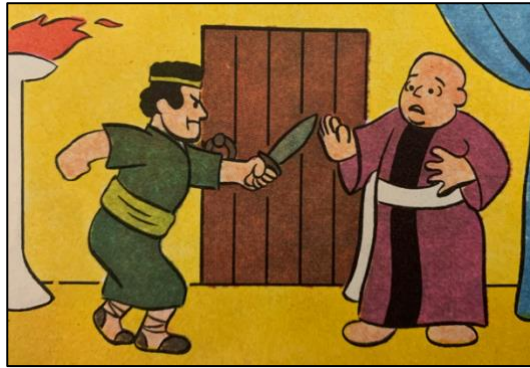


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### GOD RAISES UP JUDGES - EHUD JUDGES 2 & 3



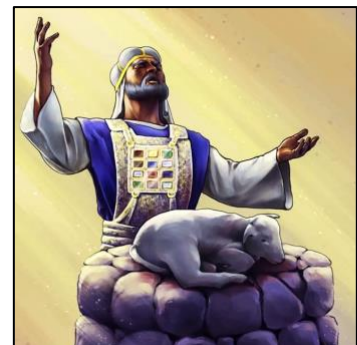
The Bible says that after Joshua died, the Israelites started worshipping the false gods of the Canaanites.

God sent an angel of the Lord to warn them. The angel brought a message from God, "I told you to break down the altars to the false gods. You have disobeyed Me. I will no longer help you drive out the Canaanites."



God's warnings came true. God let an enemy king take over the Israelites. When the Israelites went into battle they were defeated. Their enemies constantly carried out raids to steal their crops and belongings.

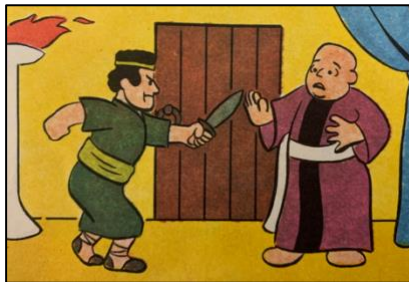
**Then the Israelites remembered how good they had it when they loved and obeyed God. They cried out to Him, "Save us!" So, the Lord raised up judges. The judges taught them to obey God. Judges helped fight to save the Israelites from their enemies.**





Othniel was the first judge. He fought against the enemies. He helped the Israelites turn back to God. The land was peaceful for 40 years, then Othniel died.

Again, Israel forgot about God. God gave the king of Moab power to attack the Israelites and defeat them. **The Israelites remembered how good they had it when they loved and obeyed God. They cried out to Him, "Save us!" So God raised up Ehud to save them.**



The Israelites sent Ehud to the king of Moab. Ehud said, "I have a secret message for you." The king dismissed all his attendants so he was alone with Ehud. Ehud was left handed, so he had his sword hidden under his cloak on his right side. The king's guards didn't notice it.

When the king stood up, Ehud pulled out his sword. He pushed it into the king's fat belly. Ehud escaped and locked the doors behind him. The king's servants came in and found their king dead!



When Ehud escaped, he blew a ram's horn and he became the Israelites' leader. There was peace in the land for 80 years.



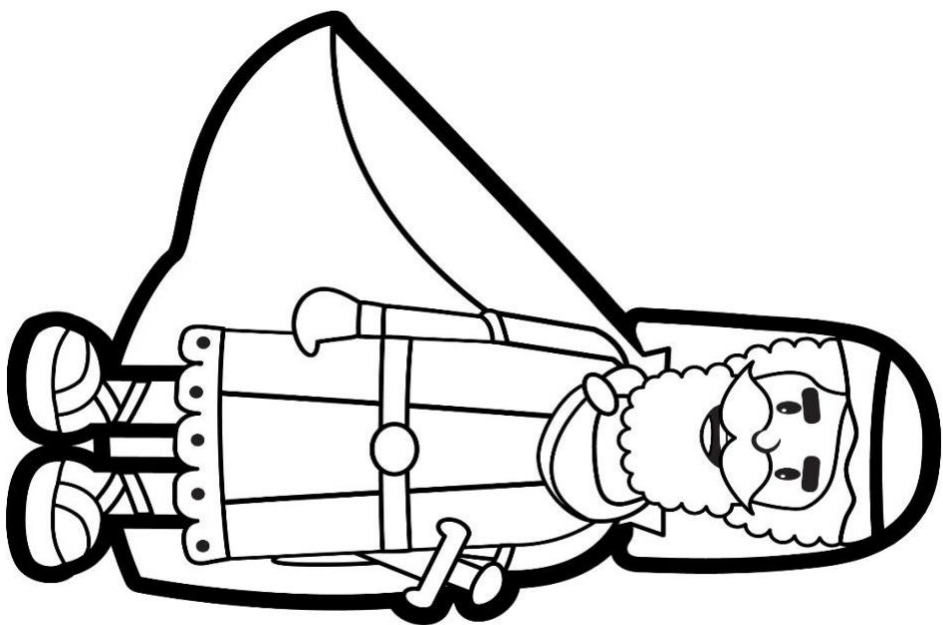
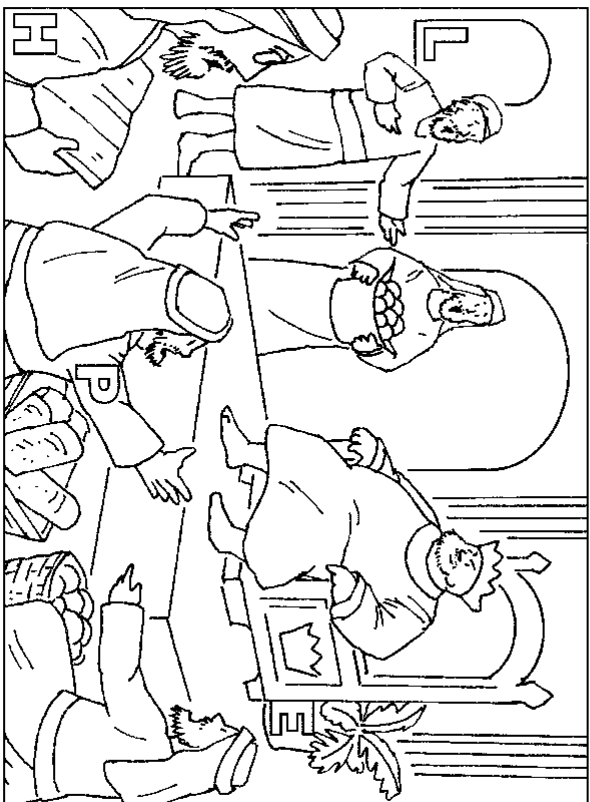
When Ehud died, the Israelites forgot God again. They turned away from Him. **When they remembered how good they had it when they loved and obeyed God, they cried out to Him, "Save us!"** God sent a third judge, Shamgar, to save them.

*The judges saved the people from the consequences of their sin. God's plan was to one day send a true Deliverer—Jesus, His own Son—to be the King of His people. Jesus saves people from sin forever.*

### Ehud Defeats Eglon

The Israelites disobeyed the Lord, so He gave an enemy king named Eglon power over them for 18 years. The Israelites cried out to the Lord for help.

Find the hidden letters in the picture. **H E L P**



— E —  
— H —  
— U —  
— D —

## Who's There?

Color in the even numbered spaces. Then turn the page sideways to discover the name of Israel's first judges.

3	2	32	20	11
40	37	65	61	42
62	17	63	59	4
6	48	52	22	24
39	19	21	29	43
8	72	50	76	74
5	27	41	35	54
86	26	88	90	56
47	7	57	33	13
80	46	10	18	82
25	23	28	9	15
44	30	68	78	84
69	53	55	67	45
70	51	14	31	58
12	49	38	1	60
66	34	36	64	16



## First Judges Quiz

Read Judges 2:6-10; 3:7-31. Circle the correct answer.

1. The Israelites needed a new leader because (Moses / Joshua) had died.
2. God raised up (Othniel / Samson) to rule as the first judge.
3. Each time a judge died, the Israelites (remembered / forgot about) God.
4. The king of Moab was a very (fat / thin) man.
5. Ehud killed the king of Moab with a (hammer / sword).
6. After Ehud escaped, he became the Israelites' (leader / servant).
7. The Israelites experienced (war / peace) for 80 years.
8. After Ehud died, God sent a third judge named (Peter / Shamgar).