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STUDENT DEVOTIONAL UNIT 9

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UNIT 9: GOD SEES AND HEARS

Session 1: The Story of Ruth (Ruth)



Sunday, May 11

How does God
care for His
creation?

God loves and rules over
His creation according to
His perfect plan.

Memory Verse: Philippians 4:19

"And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches
in glory in Christ Jesus."

Monday,
May 12

SESSION 1



Before you read...

- ▶ Over the past several weeks we have been reading about how God provided judges to rescue His people. We are moving on to the book of Ruth, but it is still a story of God's provision.
- ▶ This week, we'll learn how a woman named Ruth was in need of help. God was gracious to Ruth, and God provided a family redeemer for Ruth. We are going to start in the middle of chapter one. Here is the beginning of the story... During the time of the judges, there was a famine in the land. A man named Elimelech left Israel with his wife Naomi and his two sons to try to find food in a land called Moab. His sons married two Moabite women, Orpah and Ruth. Later, Elimelech and his sons died, leaving Naomi without her sons and without her husband. Naomi planned to go back to Israel and told Orpah and Ruth to stay in Moab. She said, "May the Lord grant each of you a new husband."



Read Ruth 1:14-19

- ▶ Who left Naomi? Who stayed with Naomi?

- ▶ Verse 16 is an important verse in this story. What did Ruth tell Naomi in that verse?

- ▶ Where did Naomi and Ruth travel to?



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we'll learn how a woman named Ruth was in need of help. Ruth and her mother-in-law, Naomi, were alone and poor. But God was gracious to Ruth, and God provided a family redeemer for Ruth.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Ruth promised to stay with Naomi and worship her God. The two of them traveled back to Bethlehem together.



Read Ruth 2:1-7

- ▶ What work did Ruth do?

- ▶ Whose field did Ruth work in?

- ▶ How did Naomi know Boaz?

Wednesday,
May 14

SESSION 1



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we'll learn how a woman named Ruth was in need of help. Ruth and her mother-in-law, Naomi, were alone and poor. But God was gracious to Ruth, and God provided a family redeemer for Ruth. Yesterday, we read that Ruth worked in the fields of Boaz, harvesting grain. Boaz was a relative of Naomi's husband, Elimelech.



Read Ruth 2:8-12, and 23

- ▶ What did Boaz tell Ruth to do?

- ▶ Why was Boaz kind to Ruth?

- ▶ Deep thinking: How did Ruth show she trusted God?



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Boaz told Ruth to continue working in his fields because she had been so kind to Naomi. Ruth worked in Boaz's fields until the harvests were finished.
- ▶ Because Boaz was a close relative of Elimelech, he had the opportunity to be the redeemer for Elimelech's family. This is how God provided for Ruth and Naomi.



Read Ruth 4:9-12

- ▶ What did Boaz announce to the elders?

- ▶ What city do they live in?

- ▶ What else do you know about this city?

Friday,
May 16

SESSION 1



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we'll learn how a woman named Ruth was in need of help. Ruth and her mother-in-law, Naomi, were alone and poor. But God was gracious to Ruth, and God provided a family redeemer for Ruth.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Boaz bought the property of Elimelech and made Ruth his wife. They live in Bethlehem...a place we know for a different reason. :)
- ▶ Ruth was in great need and unable to provide for herself. God provided Boaz as her redeemer. We are in great need and unable to save ourselves from our sin. God provided Jesus as our Redeemer.



Read Ruth 4:13-17

- ▶ What is the name of Boaz and Ruth's son?

- ▶ Whose grandfather did this baby become?

- ▶ Challenge: If you keep going forward for many generations, who else is in this family line?

Ruth and Boaz Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle.
The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.

I	T	N	I	A	T	B	H	F	S	M	O	D
H	A	R	V	E	S	T	G	O	A	M	V	E
L	A	I	Q	U	N	O	N	O	E	C	T	B
T	U	E	D	E	R	E	D	D	L	I	Q	O
Z	B	E	T	H	L	E	H	E	M	T	V	A
L	A	O	R	E	M	I	R	S	I	T	E	Z
F	I	E	L	D	S	R	M	T	A	T	V	E
L	I	M	A	R	R	Y	G	E	A	C	I	D
U	N	N	A	L	U	Q	R	A	L	R	I	T
L	O	A	E	R	T	E	A	M	D	E	T	O
N	M	O	A	B	H	C	I	E	Q	U	C	S
N	O	M	S	E	Q	U	N	I	L	L	A	H
D	R	I	V	E	L	E	B	A	R	L	E	Y

BARLEY
BETHLEHEM
BOAZ
ELIMELECH

FIELDS
FOOD
GRAIN
HARVEST

MARRY
MOAB
NAOMI
RUTH

UNIT 9: GOD SEES AND HEARS

Session 2: Samuel Was Born and Called (1 Samuel 1-3)



Sunday, May 18

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Memory Verse: Philippians 4:19

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Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we will read another story from the time of the judges when God provided for a woman named Hannah. Hannah was married to Elkanah and she was not able to have children. Every year, they went to a place called Shiloh to worship and sacrifice to the Lord.



Read 1 Samuel 1:9-11

- ▶ Who heard Hannah's prayer?

- ▶ What vow did Hannah make?

- ▶ How did Hannah feel as she prayed?

Tuesday,
May 20

SESSION 2



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we will read another story from the time of the judges when God provided for a woman named Hannah. Hannah was married to Elkanah and she was not able to have children. Every year, they went to a place called Shiloh to worship and sacrifice to the Lord.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Hannah was weeping and praying to the Lord for a son. The priest, Eli, heard her prayer.



Read 1 Samuel 1:17-20

- ▶ What did Eli tell Hannah?

- ▶ What happened when Hannah and Elkanah went home?

- ▶ How do you think Hannah felt now?



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we have read that God heard Hannah's prayer for a son and answered her in His perfect timing.



Read 1 Samuel 1:24-28

- ▶ What did Hannah do with Samuel after he was weaned?

- ▶ What was Samuel supposed to do with his whole life?

- ▶ How do you think Hannah felt about giving her son to the Lord?

Thursday,
May 22

SESSION 2



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we have read that God heard Hannah's prayer for a son and answered her in His perfect timing. Now, we will see how God used Hannah's son, Samuel, as a prophet.



Read 1 Samuel 3:1-10

- ▶ Who did Samuel think was calling for him?

- ▶ Who was actually calling for Samuel?

- ▶ How do you think Samuel felt when he realized who was talking to him?



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we have read that God heard Hannah's prayer for a son and answered her in His perfect timing. Now, we will see how God used Hannah's son, Samuel, as a prophet.
- ▶ God called to Samuel, and Samuel responded. God calls people to turn from sin and follow Jesus. Everyone who responds by trusting in Jesus is saved from sin.



Read 1 Samuel 3:11-20

- ▶ What did the Lord tell Samuel about Eli's family?

- ▶ Why was Samuel afraid to tell Eli about the vision?

- ▶ How did Eli respond to the vision?

Samuel Served in God's House Coded Words

Each number stands for a letter of the alphabet. Write the correct letter in the blank to find the coded words and phrase.



5 12 9

18 15 2 5

16 18 9 5 19 20

8 1 14 14 1 8

16 18 15 13 9 19 5

Code key

A 1	J 10	S 19
B 2	K 11	T 20
C 3	L 12	U 21
D 4	M 13	V 22
E 5	N 14	W 23
F 6	O 15	X 24
G 7	P 16	Y 25
H 8	Q 17	Z 26
I 9	R 18	

What did Samuel do?

8 5 19 5 18 22 5 4 7 15 4

UNIT 9: GOD SEES AND HEARS

Session 3: The Ark Was Captured 1 Samuel 4-6



Sunday, May 25

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Memory Verse: Philippians 4:19

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Monday,
May 26

SESSION 3



Before you read...

- ▶ Do you remember the book of Judges? God's people rebelled against His commands and suffered the consequences of their disobedience. This week, we will return to the cycle of God's people turning away from God and turning towards sin.
- ▶ Do you remember the ark of the covenant? It was in the tabernacle in the Holy of Holies, the place where one priest could enter only one time per year. This week, we will read about how God's people misused the ark of the covenant.



Read 1 Samuel 4:1-5

- ▶ Who defeated the Israelites in battle?

- ▶ What did the elders of Israel think would save them from their enemies?

- ▶ How do you think God felt about the Israelites removing the ark from the Holy of Holies?



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that the people did not treat God as holy when they misused the ark of the covenant. God did not tell them to move the ark, but they brought it to their battlefield.



Read 1 Samuel 4:6-11

- ▶ How did the Philistines feel when they heard about the ark?

- ▶ Who won the battle?

- ▶ Why do you think it was such a great defeat for the Israelites?

Wednesday,
May 28

SESSION 3



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that even though the Philistines were afraid of the ark of the covenant, they still greatly defeated the Israelites in battle and captured the ark for themselves.



Read 1 Samuel 5:1-5

- ▶ Where did the Philistines put the ark?

- ▶ What happened when the Philistines put the ark there?

- ▶ Why do you think this happened?



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that the Philistines took the ark of the covenant into the temple of one of their gods, Dagon. But each morning, they found Dagon face down before the ark of the Lord. The One True God is way more powerful than Dagon!



Read I Samuel 5:6-11

- ▶ What happened to the people in the city where the ark was?

- ▶ What happened when they moved the ark to a new city?

- ▶ How did God show that He is the One True God?

Friday,
May 30

SESSION 3



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that God afflicted the Philistine people with tumors and death in the cities where they took the ark. The Philistines knew they needed to return the ark to God.
- ▶ God is holy and punished the Israelites and Philistines for misusing the ark. All people sin and deserve God's judgment, but Jesus took that judgment when He died on the cross. All who trust in Jesus are forgiven of sin and saved from judgment.



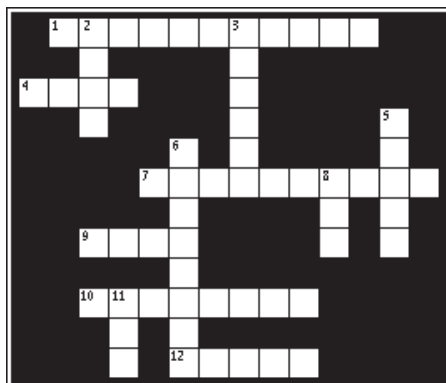
Read 1 Samuel 6:3-12

- ▶ What did the Philistines send back with the ark?

- ▶ How did the ark get back to the Israelites?

- ▶ How did they know it was the Lord who brought the great disaster on the Philistines?

74. THE CAPTURE & RETURN OF THE ARK (1 SAMUEL 4:1-7:2)



- 1 ACROSS "Now Israel went out to battle against the ____." **1 SAMUEL 4:1**
- 6 DOWN "And when they joined battle, Israel was ____ by the Philistines." **1 SAMUEL 4:2**
- 11 DOWN The elders of Israel said, "Let us bring the ____ of the covenant of the LORD from Shiloh to us, that when it comes among us it may save us from the hand of our enemies." **1 SAMUEL 4:3**
- 5 DOWN "When the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel shouted so loudly that the ____ shook." **1 SAMUEL 4:5**
- 8 DOWN "So the Philistines were afraid, for they said, '____ has come into the camp!' And they said, 'Woe to us! For such a thing has never happened before.'" **1 SAMUEL 4:7**
- 10 ACROSS "The ark of God was ____; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died." **1 SAMUEL 4:11**
- 12 ACROSS "And when the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of ____ and set it by Dagon." **1 SAMUEL 5:2**
- 9 ACROSS "When the people of Ashdod arose early in the morning, there was Dagon, fallen on its ____ to the earth before the ark of the LORD." **1 SAMUEL 5:3**
- 3 DOWN "The hand of the LORD was heavy on the people of Ashdod, and He ravaged them and struck them with ____, both Ashdod and its territory." **1 SAMUEL 5:6**
- 4 ACROSS "Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go back to its own place, so that it does not ____ us or our people." **1 SAMUEL 5:11**
- 2 DOWN "And the men of Beth Shemesh said, 'Who is able to stand before this ____ LORD God?' " **1 SAMUEL 6:20**
- 7 ACROSS "So they sent ____ to the inhabitants of Kirjath Jearim" **1 SAMUEL 6:21**

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Session 4: Freedom from the Philistines 1 Samuel 7



Sunday, June 1

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Before you read...

- ▶ Last week, we read how God's people tried doing things their own way and sinned against God. God's people realized that following the ways of the nations only led to misery.
- ▶ This week, we will read about how Samuel cried out to the Lord to save the Israelites.



Read 1 Samuel 7:2-4

- ▶ How long was the ark at Kiriath Jearim?

- ▶ What did Samuel tell the people they needed to do if they were returning to the Lord with all of their hearts?

- ▶ Did the Israelites obey?

Tuesday,
June 3

SESSION 4



Before you read...

- ▶ Last week, we read how God's people tried doing things their own way and sinned against God. God's people realized that following the ways of the nations only led to misery.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Samuel told the Israelites to return to the Lord with all of their hearts by getting rid of the foreign gods and serving only the Lord.



Read 1 Samuel 7:5-6

- ▶ Where did Samuel tell the people to meet?

- ▶ What did Samuel do for the people?

- ▶ What did the people say?



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Samuel interceded with the Lord for the people. The people confessed that they had sinned against God.



Read 1 Samuel 7:7-11

- ▶ What did the Philistines do when they heard the Israelites were at Mizpah?

- ▶ What did Samuel do to cry out to God?

- ▶ What did the Lord do when the Philistines came near?

Thursday,
June 5

SESSION 4



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that the Philistines tried to attack when the Israelites were at Mizpah. But Samuel cried out to the Lord and offered a sacrifice to Him. Then the Lord caused a great panic among the Philistines so that they were defeated by the Israelites.



Read 1 Samuel 7:12-14

- ▶ What did Samuel do when the Philistines were gone?

- ▶ How long was the hand of the Lord against the Philistines?

- ▶ Look up the word, "Ebenezer." What does it mean?



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Samuel set up a stone and named it Ebenezer to show that the Lord helped them. God provided victory over the Philistines throughout Samuel's lifetime.
- ▶ Samuel called the people to turn away from false gods and to worship God, and God gave them victory over their enemies. God calls us to turn away from sin and to trust in Jesus who gives us victory over our enemies of sin and death.



Read 1 Samuel 7:15-17

- ▶ How long was Samuel a judge?

- ▶ Deep thinking: What does it mean to worship God with all your heart?

- ▶ More deep thinking: What idols do you need to turn away from?

Quiz Time! | Circle the correct answer to each question from today's Bible story.

1.

_____ said Israel must stop worshipping the false gods from the nations around them.

- a. David
- b. Samuel
- c. Noah

2.

The people needed to be rescued from the _____.

- a. Philistines
- b. Amorties
- c. Amdekties

3.

The people obeyed and removed the _____ that were used to worship the false gods.

- a. ark of the covenant
- b. stone tablets
- c. statues and poles

4.

The Israelites fasted and confessed their _____ to God.

- a. sins
- b. hunger
- c. jokes

5.

Samuel made a _____ to God and cried out to Him, and God answered his prayer.

- a. statue
- b. burnt offering
- c. dance

6.

Israel took back the _____ and cities that the Philistines had taken from them.

- a. money
- b. animals
- c. land



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