

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 8, 2018



BIBLE STORY:

Judges 2:11-19 ; 3:7-31

BIBLE VERSE:

Judges 2:16

BABIES–PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

*God wanted the people to love Him. (BT)
God wanted the people to love and worship
Him. (P)*

YOUNGER KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

Sin breaks our relationship with God.

OLDER KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

*The consequence of sin is that our world and
our relationship with God are broken.*

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

1 Corinthians 11:17-29

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

1 Corinthians 11:26

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *1 Corinthians 14:13-19*

MONDAY: *1 Corinthians 14:20-25*

TUESDAY: *1 Corinthians 14:26-32*

WEDNESDAY: *1 Corinthians 14:33-40*

THURSDAY: *1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

FRIDAY: *1 Corinthians 15:12-19*

SATURDAY: *1 Corinthians 15:20-28*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study *Judges* and *1 Corinthians* together as a family:



- **Remember Me.** God's plan for Israel was to have Him as their king, though nations around the Israelites had earthly kings. God had set His people apart, different in that they followed Him alone. Once Joshua died the people of Israel struggled without a leader. The Bible tells us that the people started to follow their own ways instead of the ways of God. The people did not remember the laws God had given them for living holy lives.
- **Going in circles.** When the people of Israel forgot God, they slipped into a continuous cycle of sin and repentance. Once the Israelites sinned, God would send oppressors as a consequence. The people would realize their mistake, cry out to God, and God would send a deliverer in the form of a judge. These judges were typically military leaders who led the Israelites to defeat their enemies. The Judges also refocused the people's attention on God by reminding the people of God's past faithfulness. Once the victory was won, God allowed the land to have peace until the people again forgot God. And the cycle repeated.
- **Remember the sacrifice.** Paul wrote to the Corinthians long after the events recorded in Judges. Even though there was a great expanse in time, the message was the same—remember! Paul was inviting the Corinthians to remember Christ's sacrifice on the cross as they took part in the Lord's Supper. The Corinthian church was not treating the observance of the Lord's Supper with the importance it needed. The Lord's Supper was set aside to remember the sacrifice of Christ so the church would always remember the mission God had called them to complete. The Israelites' inability to remember God as their King led them down a path that led to oppression from other nations. The Corinthians' misuse of the Lord's Supper led them down a path that destroyed their witness to those who needed faithful examples of a Christian life. Both groups were called to remember. As Christians we need to remember God's blessings of the past and Christ's sacrifice.