

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

MAIN POINT: The People Kept Sinning

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: What is the fair payment for sin?

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

- 1. If we are sorry for our sins, will our sins still have consequences? Why?
- 2. Why is it important to remember what God has done?
- 3. Does God always keep His promises?

CHRIST CONNECTION:

The judges saved the people from the consequences of their sin, but not the cause of it. 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.

Throughout this story, we saw how the Israelites continued in their pattern of sin and disobedience to the Lord. Despite this, God remained faithful. God didn't leave the people of Israel to suffer in their sin forever; He promised to care for them. God always keeps His promises. This truth is good news for us! God doesn't leave us to pay the penalty for our sins; we can't! So God sent His Son, Jesus to deliver us and save us from sin forever.

ANSWERS

Big Picture Question: The fair payment for sin is death.

- 1. Even when we repent of our sins, we may still face the consequences of that sin. For example, a parent might take away a privilege as a consequence of disobeying. Christians have to remember that after receiving salvation, sin no longer has power over us. Jesus broke the power of sin. Through Jesus, we can have victory over sin in our lives. When you are tempted to sin, you can pray and ask God to help you say no to sin. (read Gal. 6:7.)
- 2. Throughout the Bible, we are told to remember the works of the Lord. Through His deeds, we can understand God's character and recognize that nothing else compares to Him. He alone is worthy of our worship and our obedience. (read John 14:26.)
- 3. God always keeps His promises. God promised to care for them as His people and asked that they would love and obey Him as their God. God never once failed in keeping His promise, even though the people of Israel failed many times. He is always faithful to keep His promises, even when we are unfaithful. (read Heb. 10:23.)