

PARENT TAKE-HOME SHEET
Reach Community Church — Children's Ministry

1 THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE	
Big Idea	When we forget God and fall into trouble, He still hears and rescues us. Jesus is the greatest rescuer of all.
Passage	Judges 2, 3, 6, 16
Remember	God raised up judges to rescue Israel over and over. Each judge pointed forward to Jesus, who rose from the dead and whose rescue never ends.

2 MEMORY VERSE

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Judges 3:9

Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord, and He raised up a deliverer for them.

What It Means: A deliverer rescues you from danger. God heard Israel's cry and responded every time.

Practice: Say it in two parts each morning or bedtime: (1) *Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord,* (2) *and He raised up a deliverer for them.*

Ask: What is a deliverer? **Guide toward:** Someone who rescues you. Jesus is the ultimate Deliverer whose rescue never ends.

3 WHAT YOUR CHILD LEARNED

We walked through the book of Judges, right after Joshua. A new generation grew up that did not know the Lord. They turned to false gods. God allowed enemies to oppress them, but every time Israel cried out, He raised up a judge to rescue them. Your child met Othniel, who showed the pattern clearly; Gideon, hiding in fear when God called him; and Samson, whose final prayer God still answered. Every judge was temporary. Jesus rose from the dead. His rescue never ends.

4 SAY THIS TO YOUR CHILD

"The people in Judges kept forgetting God. But every time they called out to Him, He sent someone to help. That is what God is like. And Jesus is the helper He sent for all of us."

5 DEFENDING THE TRUTH

If your child hears: "Why would God keep helping people who kept messing up?"

"That is one of the best things about God. He does not give up on people. The whole Bible shows that. And that is why He sent Jesus too." (Judges 2:18; Romans 5:8)

6 TALK ABOUT IT AT HOME

Use one or two during dinner, bedtime, or in the car.

What is a judge in the book of Judges?
A leader God raised up to rescue Israel from enemies. (Judges 2:16)

What was the Judges Cycle?
Israel followed God, forgot God, suffered, cried out, God rescued, repeat. (Judges 2:18-19)

Why did God choose Gideon when he was afraid?
God was not looking for someone powerful. When God is with you, that is enough. (Judges 6:14-16)

Did God give up on Samson?
No. Even at the very end, when Samson prayed, God answered. (Judges 16:28-30)

How is Jesus different from the judges?
The judges died and the cycle restarted. Jesus rose from the dead. His rescue never ends. (John 3:16)

What do we do when we feel far from God?
Cry out to Him just like Israel did. He still hears. He still rescues. (Judges 3:9)

7 TRY THIS AS A FAMILY

The Cry Out Practice

Once this week at dinner or bedtime, have each family member name one thing that felt hard or worrying. Pray together and cry out to God about it, just like Israel did. *God heard Israel's cry. He hears ours too.*

8 WHEN YOUR CHILD FORGETS GOD

When you notice your child drifting, try this instead of a lecture:

"Remember Judges? Israel forgot about God too. But when they called out to Him, He always answered. Want to do that right now? Let's talk to Him together."

9 PRAYER TO PRAY TOGETHER

Lord, thank You for always hearing us when we call out to You. Thank You that You never got tired of rescuing Israel, and that You sent Jesus to rescue all of us. Help us remember You when life feels easy. And when we forget, remind us to cry out. You always hear. Amen.

10 A FINAL THOUGHT FOR PARENTS

You do not have to be a Bible scholar to disciple your child. Small, honest conversations at the kitchen table matter more than you know. God is at work in your child's heart, and He will use your faithfulness even on the days it feels small.