



## The Judges

**BIG IDEA:** God's way is perfect, so I can find peace in Him.

**BIBLE BASIS:** Judges 3–21

**KEY VERSE:** "God's way is perfect. The word of the LORD doesn't have any flaws. He is like a shield to all who go to him for safety." Psalm 18:30 (NIV)

### ★ BIBLE STORY

Watch the "Journey Today Show" on JAM Family Church. Have your Bible ready to look up the story!

### ★ APPLICATION ACTIVITIES

#### COLORING OR ACTIVITY PAGE & QUESTIONS

As you color, use the questions to unpack the story.

1. What was your favorite part of that story? Why?
2. Why do you think the Israelites kept forgetting about God and wandering away from Him?

#### DOING THINGS GOD'S WAY (Application Activity)

Today we learned that when we don't follow God it leads to trouble, but when we do follow God it leads to peace. We're going to do an activity that will help us to think through what that looks like in our own lives.

Print and cut out the playing card attachment. Lay down the two piles of cards. One pile will have various situations that a kid might encounter. The other pile will have cards that say either "God's way" or "Not God's way." Take turns flipping over one card from the top of each pile. If, for example, the situation card says, "Your little brother sneaks into your room and takes your favorite video game without asking" and the other card says, "God's way," then talk about what God would want you to do in that situation. How would that action help create peace in your life? If a "Not God's way" card is flipped over, talk about the wrong way to deal with that situation. How would that action destroy peace and cause trouble?

**Question:** What is one thing you need to stop doing this coming week because it's not God's way?

#### BEACH BALL PRAYERS (Prayer Activity)

Sit in a circle. Use a beach ball, soft ball or balloon for this activity. Begin by throwing the beach ball to someone across the circle from you. When they catch the ball, have them look to see what color their right thumb is touching (if a beach ball) or pick their favorite color. Depending on the color, share one of the following:

**Yellow:** What are you thankful to God for?

**Red:** What is something you are sorry for?

**Blue:** Does someone you know need prayer? What for?

**White:** What is something you need God's help with?

**Other:** What is a reason you can praise God?

When the first person is finished sharing, have them toss the ball to someone else in the circle and repeat. Continue until everyone has had a chance to share. Encourage everyone to remember the requests so you can pray for one another throughout the week. Finally, pray together. Allow anyone who would like to pray for themselves or someone else in the group to do so.