

THE STORY

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CHAPTER 8

Timeless Truth: Spiritual compromise can be overcome by turning back to God.

Bible Basis: Judges 2-4; 6-8; 13-16

Key Verse: [Samson] said, "Lord and King, show me that you still have concern for me. God, please make me strong just one more time." Judges 16:28, NIV

Parent Tips: Use the Table Talk questions to start a discussion around the dinner table at some point this week, and/or use the questions inside your books. Pick the questions that work best for your family. The Living Faith section (on the back) is a fun activity for you to do.

GET THE POINT

Preschool/Elementary: God helps those who turn to him. I can depend on God.

Middle School/High School: Just like the Israelites, God calls us to be set apart. Live that way.

TABLE TALK

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Middle/High School

(Other side)



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Living Faith

Break your family into two teams. Gather masking tape, a package of 100 straws, and several eggs. Work in teams to create a casing that will protect an egg when it's dropped. Each team can only use tape and straws. When you've finished your designs, go outside and see which egg protector works best. You may need to get a ladder or chair to stand on as the eggs are dropped on a hard surface. The losing team has to clean up the mess.

Explain that the Israelites followed God as long as Joshua and the elders lived (Judges 2:7). God's people were like the egg surrounded by the protective casing of God's commands. The casing protects the egg. Without protection, the egg breaks. Chapter 8 of The Story shows what happened to the Israelites after they strayed from God's commands by worshipping idols and following the world's customs instead of God's. God judged his people and they had to suffer the consequences of their actions.

Ask:

- Could the egg survive the fall without the protection of the straw casing?
- How does God's Word protect us?
- Why is it important to know and follow God's commands?
- What happens to us when we decide to get outside the protection of God's commands? (We sin and have to suffer the consequences.)