

# THE ISRAELITES FORGET GOD

## *Judges 2:6-21*

### **Judges 2**

<sup>6</sup>After Joshua had dismissed the Israelites, they went to take possession of the land, each to his own inheritance. <sup>7</sup>The people served the LORD throughout the lifetime of Joshua and of the elders who outlived him and who had seen all the great things the LORD had done for Israel.

<sup>8</sup>Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died at the age of a hundred and ten. <sup>9</sup>And they buried him in the land of his inheritance, at Timnath Heres in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash.

<sup>10</sup>After that whole generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation grew up, who knew neither the LORD nor what he had done for Israel.

<sup>11</sup>Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD and served the Baals. <sup>12</sup>They forsook the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of Egypt. They followed and worshiped various gods of the peoples around them. They provoked the LORD to anger <sup>13</sup>because they forsook him and served Baal and the Ashtoreths. <sup>14</sup>In his anger against Israel the LORD handed them over to raiders who plundered them. He sold them to their enemies all around, whom they were no longer able to resist.

<sup>15</sup>Whenever Israel went out to fight, the hand of the LORD was against them to defeat them, just as he had sworn to them. They were in great distress.

<sup>16</sup>Then the LORD raised up judges, who saved them out of the hands of these raiders. <sup>17</sup>Yet they would not listen to their judges but prostituted themselves to other gods and worshiped them. Unlike their fathers, they quickly turned from the way in which their fathers had walked, the way of obedience to the LORD'S commands.

<sup>18</sup>Whenever the LORD raised up a judge for them, he was with the judge and saved them out of the hands of their enemies as long as the judge lived; for the LORD had compassion on them as they groaned under those who oppressed and afflicted them.

<sup>19</sup>But when the judge died, the people returned to ways even more corrupt than those of their fathers, following other gods and serving and worshiping them. They refused to give up their evil practices and stubborn ways.

<sup>20</sup>Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel and said, "Because this nation has violated the covenant that I laid down for their forefathers and has not listened to me, <sup>21</sup>I will no longer drive out before them any of the nations Joshua left when he died.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) How old was Joshua when he died?
5		2.) What did the people start doing after Joshua died?
5		3.) What did the Lord do because the people worshiped other gods? (Verse 15)
5		4.) Why do you think the Lord was so upset with the Israelites?

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“Jesus answered, <b>“It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Luke 4:8</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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*The Israelites forget about God and worship other gods*

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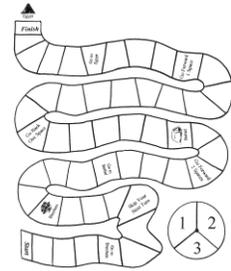
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## CRAFT/ACTIVITY: GAME BOARDS

Students will make a game board to remind them of how the Israelites moved forward and backwards in their obedience and worship of God.

### MATERIALS

1. White 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Game Board Pattern
3. Paper Brads
4. Small Paper Clips
5. Gummy Bears
6. Markers, Crayons, or Colored Pencils



### DIRECTIONS

1. Copy a game board pattern for each student on 67 lb. Cardstock.
2. Have students color each of the boxes different colors.
3. Pass out one paper clip and one brad to each student.
4. Push the paper brad through the small end of the paper clip and through the black hole in the middle of the spinner circle.
5. Pass out two gummy bears to each student to use as markers.
6. Have students play the game with a partner by spinning the spinner (paper clip). If the paper clip lands on “2”, for example, that player moves ahead two spaces.
7. If the student lands on a box with directions, the directions must be followed.
8. The first player to make it to the last box wins. Students can take turns using each other’s game boards.

### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are coloring their game boards, remind them how the Israelites were warned to obey the words of the Lord and to worship Him only. Once Joshua died, the Israelites began worshipping other gods. When the Israelites stopped worshipping the one true God, the Lord’s favor was not with them. Help students realize that we are children of the Lord. We need to worship God and no other.

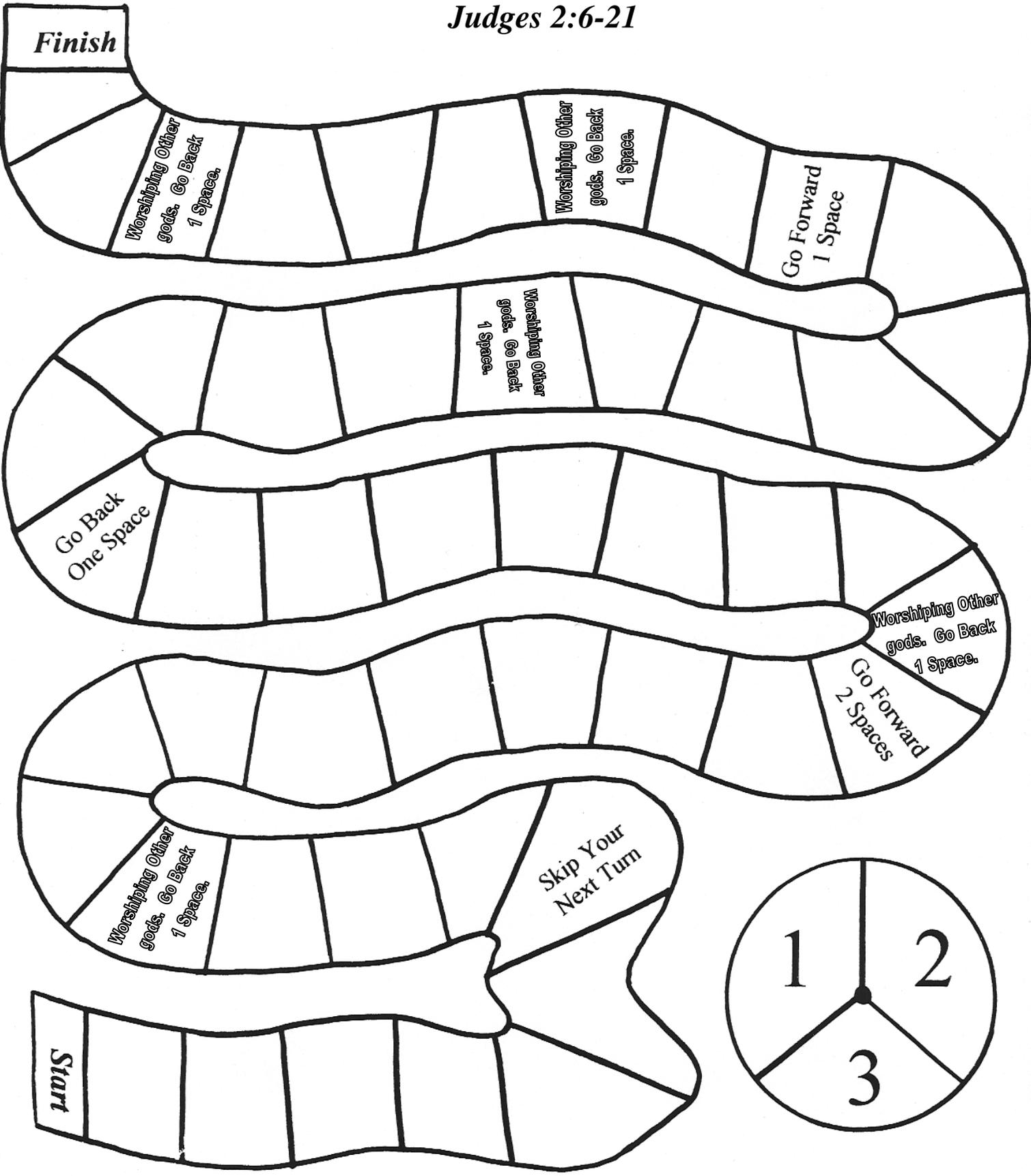
**TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:** Approximately 20 minutes

### MEMORY VERSE

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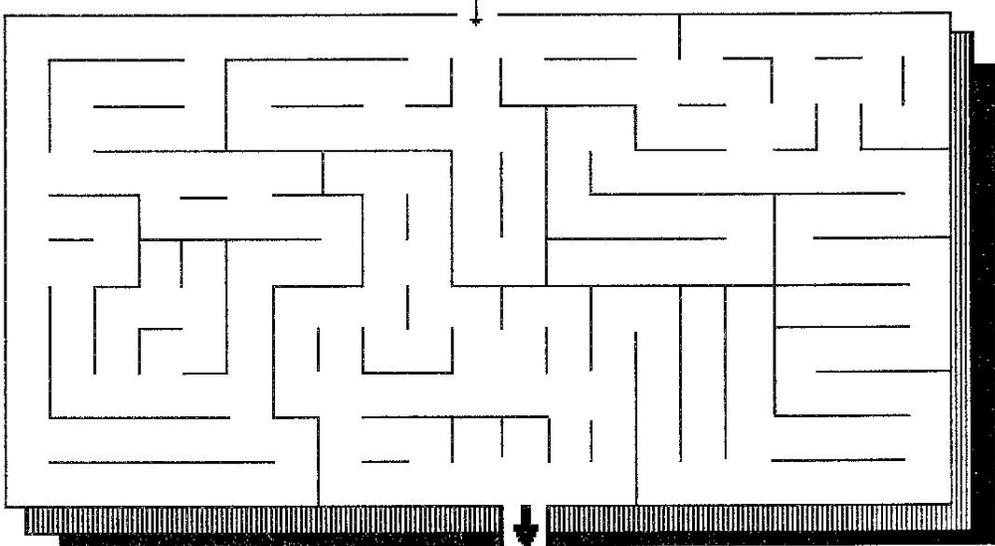
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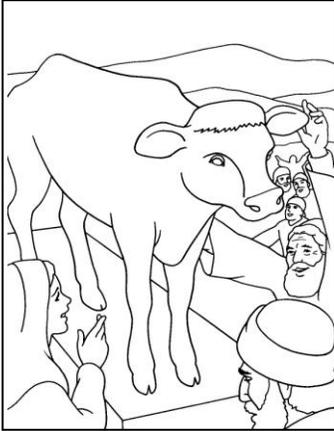
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While Joshua was alive, the Israelites served the Lord. But, at the age of 110, Joshua died.

Over time, the Israelites began to forget about God. The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord. They began to worship other gods which made the Lord angry.

The Lord allowed bad things to happen to the Israelites because of their disobedience. The Israelites began losing battles to their enemies. The Israelites were not pleasing God.

The Lord then raised up judges to help the Israelites, but the Israelites eventually would go back to worshipping other gods.

To find out more, read Judges 2:6-21 in your Bible.

## QUESTIONS

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## MEMORY VERSE

“Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’” Luke 4:8

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