

# EHUD THE JUDGE

## *Judges 3:12-30*

### **Judges 3**

<sup>12</sup>Once again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD, and because they did this evil the LORD gave Eglon king of Moab power over Israel. <sup>13</sup>Getting the Ammonites and Amalekites to join him, Eglon came and attacked Israel, and they took possession of the City of Palms. <sup>14</sup>The Israelites were subject to Eglon king of Moab for eighteen years.

<sup>15</sup>Again the Israelites cried out to the LORD, and he gave them a deliverer—Ehud, a left-handed man, the son of Gera the Benjamite. The Israelites sent him with tribute to Eglon king of Moab.

<sup>16</sup>Now Ehud had made a double-edged sword about a foot and a half long, which he strapped to his right thigh under his clothing. <sup>17</sup>He presented the tribute to Eglon king of Moab, who was a very fat man. <sup>18</sup>After Ehud had presented the tribute, he sent on their way the men who had carried it. <sup>19</sup>At the idols near Gilgal he himself turned back and said, “I have a secret message for you, O king.”

The king said, “Quiet!” And all his attendants left him.

<sup>20</sup>Ehud then approached him while he was sitting alone in the upper room of his summer palace and said, “I have a message from God for you.” As the king rose from his seat, <sup>21</sup>Ehud reached with his left hand, drew the sword from his right thigh and plunged it into the king’s belly. <sup>22</sup>Even the handle sank in after the

blade, which came out his back. Ehud did not pull the sword out, and the fat closed in over it. <sup>23</sup>Then Ehud went out to the porch; he shut the doors of the upper room behind him and locked them.

<sup>24</sup>After he had gone, the servants came and found the doors of the upper room locked. They said, “He must be relieving himself in the inner room of the house.”

<sup>25</sup>They waited to the point of embarrassment, but when he did not open the doors of the room, they took a key and unlocked them. There they saw their lord fallen to the floor, dead.

<sup>26</sup>While they waited, Ehud got away. He passed by the idols and escaped to Seirah. <sup>27</sup>When he arrived there, he blew a trumpet in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went down with him from the hills, with him leading them.

<sup>28</sup>“Follow me,” he ordered, “for the LORD has given Moab, your enemy, into your hands.” So they followed him down and, taking possession of the fords of the Jordan that led to Moab, they allowed no one to cross over. <sup>29</sup>At that time they struck down about ten thousand Moabites, all vigorous and strong; not a man escaped. <sup>30</sup>That day Moab was made subject to Israel, and the land had peace for eighty years.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) Why did the Lord allow the Israelites to be attacked? (Verse 12)
5		2.) How long were the Israelites ruled by a king that was not their own?
5		3.) What did Ehud do to the king of Moab?
5		4.) Why do you think the Israelites had peace again for 80 years?

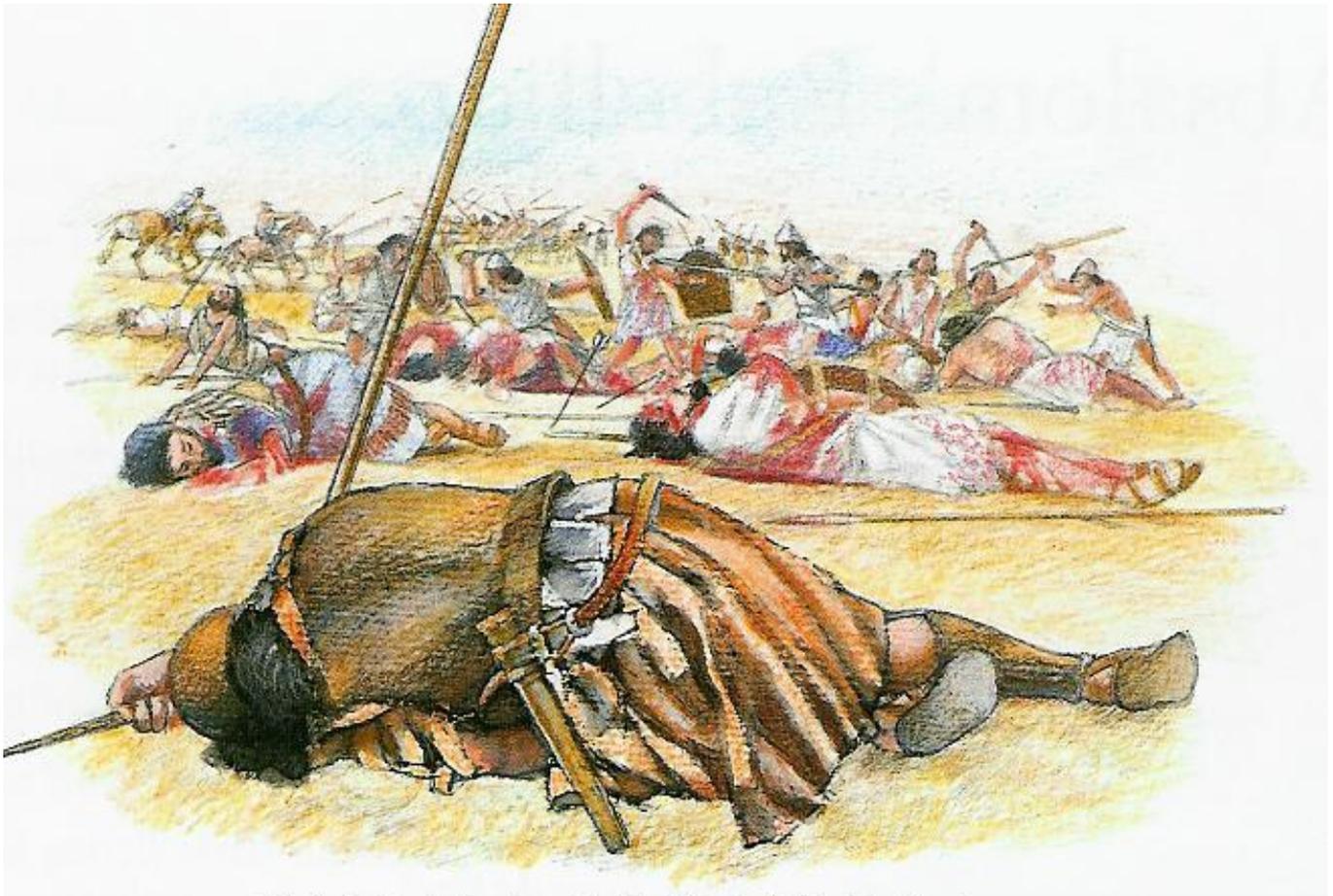
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through...”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1 Thessalonians 5:23</p>

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 killed 10,000 Moabites and there was peace in the land*

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## CRAFT/ACTIVITY: HEADBANDS

Students will make headbands to remind them that Ehud was chosen as the judge over Israelites.

### MATERIALS

1. 67 lb. White Cardstock
2. Headband Pattern
3. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
4. Tape
5. Scissors



### DIRECTIONS

1. Make a copy of the “Headband Pattern” on 67 lb. white cardstock for each student.
2. Have students color the headband with crayons, markers, or colored pencils.
3. Instruct students to cut out the headband on the solid black lines.
4. Tape the thin rectangle to the headband to extend its size.

### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are coloring their headbands, remind them that the Lord chose Ehud to help lead them to victory over the Moabites. Under his command, the Israelites killed 10,000 Moabites. There was peace again in the land for 80 years. The Lord heard the cries of Israelites and had mercy on them once again.

### TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

### MEMORY VERSE

*“May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through...” 1 Thessalonians 5:23*

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HEADBAND PATTERN

New Leader of the Israelites

Ehud

Tape



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A SPECIAL REPORT ON JUDGES 3:12-30

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The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord. Because of this, the Israelites were attacked and the king of Moab ruled over them for 18 years.

The Israelites cried out to the Lord for help. The Lord sent Ehud to the

king of Moab with a gift.

Ehud made a double-edged sword, about a foot and a half long. He strapped it to his right thigh under his clothing.

Ehud gave the gift to the king and said, "I have a secret message for you, O king."

The king said, "Quiet!" And all his servants left him.

As Ehud approached the king, he pulled out his sword and plunged it into the king. The king was a very fat man. The sword went all the way into the king and fat closed in over the sword.

Ehud locked the doors and left. When the king's servants found the door locked, they thought the king was using the restroom.

When the servants finally unlocked the door, they found the king dead.

Ehud got away. Ehud blew a trumpet to gather together the Israelites.

"Follow me," Ehud said, "for the Lord has given Moab, your enemy, into your hands." The Israelites killed about 10,000 Moabites. The Moabites were ruled by the Israelites and there was peace for 80 years.

For more details, please read Judges 3:12-30 in the Bible.

## QUESTIONS

1. Why did the Lord allow the Israelites to be attacked?
2. How long were the Israelites ruled by a king that was not their own?
3. What did Ehud do to the king of Moab?
4. Why do you think the Israelites had peace for again for 80 years?

## MEMORY VERSE

"May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through..."

1 Thessalonians 5:23

## HELP EHUD FIND THE KING OF MOAB

