

LOOK UP!

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Lesson Summary: In Judges 2, "The Angel of the Lord" most likely refers to Jesus Himself, who had come to earth due to how terrible the sin problem was. God's nation, the Jewish people, had started to live like their neighbors who didn't follow God. The fact Jesus came to earth to tell this message showed how terrible things had become in Israel. In Joshua 5, the Angel of the Lord appeared to Joshua to bring a message of encouragement. Now in the book of Judges, the Angel of the Lord came to bring a message of discipline. In Deuteronomy 27-28, God had made a covenant with Israel in which He promised blessings for them if they were to obey and promised them discipline if they chose to sin. Here in the beginning of Judges, God's people chose to sin. After Jesus gave this message of discipline, the people felt sadness over their sin. They had obeyed God during the life of Joshua and throughout the lives of those who remembered Joshua, but after this group of people died, they went back to their sinful ways. So, the Lord put judges in place to deliver His people by leading them in battle against their enemies and pointing them to God. The book of Judges shows the cycle of Israel's repeated sin, crying out to God for forgiveness, forgetting about God, and then choosing to sin against Him again. Throughout this entire cycle, though, God remained faithful to His people and the promises He had made. We can always trust God to be faithful to us in keeping His promises.

Series Bible Verse:

Lamentations 3:22-23

Because of the Lord's great love we are not
consumed,
for His compassions never fail.
They are new every morning;
Great is Your faithfulness

Lesson Questions:

1. What did the Israelites do after Joshua and the people who remembered him had passed away?
2. Who did God send to deliver His people?
3. Why is it so important to know God always keeps His promises?

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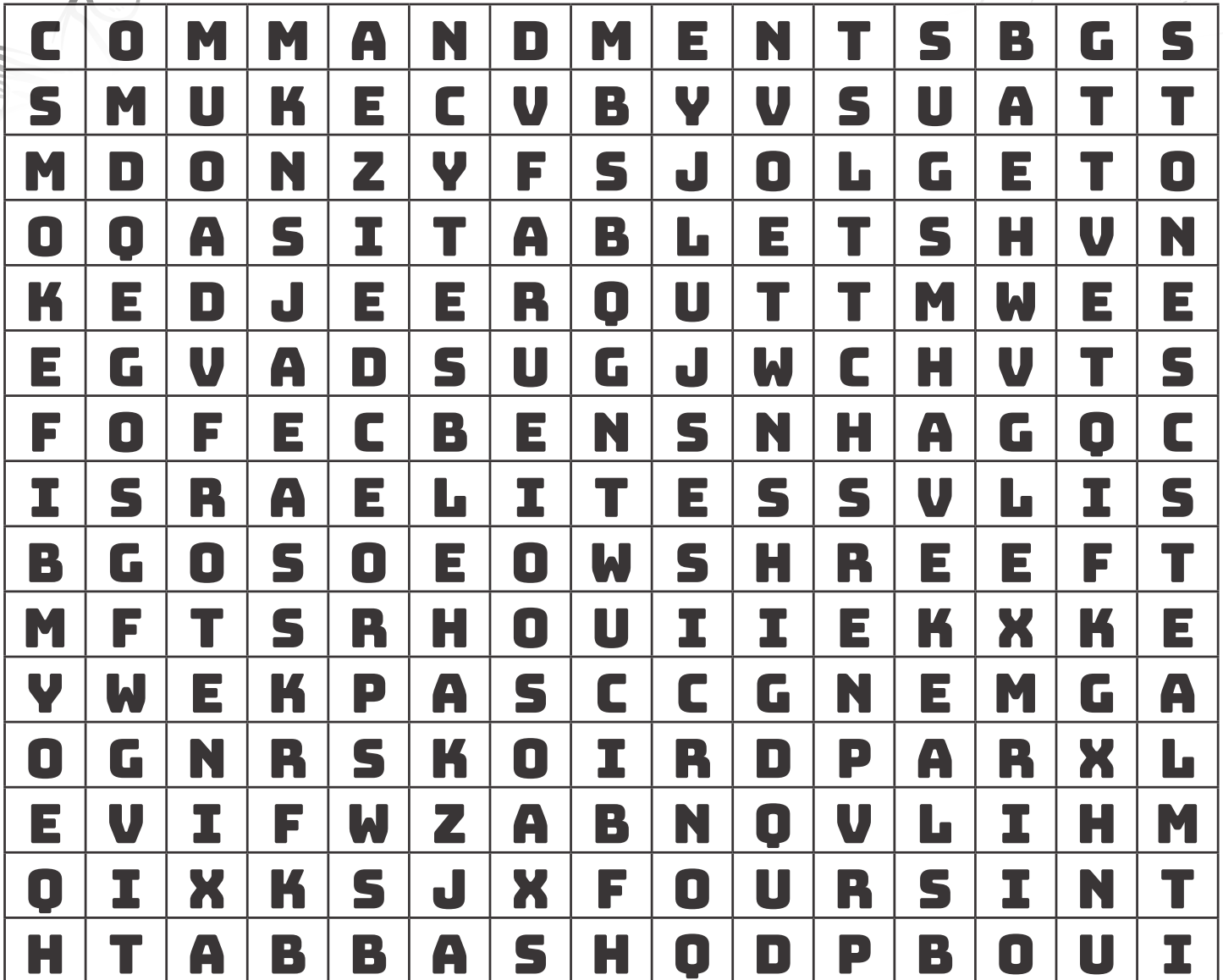
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