

WORD HUNT

What did you learn about God?

- Color the names and pronouns of God purple.
God, LORD, He with a capital H
- Underline the sins the people committed (their disobedience) in red.
- Underline what God did because of their sin (His discipline) in purple.
- Mark these words. judge↑ judges↑ saved
- Underline how God saved them (their deliverance) in pink.

11 The Israelites did what was evil in the sight of the LORD. 12 They deserted the LORD, the God of their people. He had brought them out of Egypt. But now the Israelites served other gods and worshiped them. 14 The LORD handed the Israelites over to their enemies all around them. 15 When the Israelites went out to fight, the LORD's power was against them. He let their enemies win the battle over them. The LORD had warned them that it would happen. And now they were suffering terribly.

16 Then the LORD gave them judges. The judges saved them from the power of those enemies.

18 When the LORD gave them a judge, He was with that judge. The LORD saved the people from the power of their enemies.

19 But when the judge died, the people returned to their evil ways. The things they did were even more sinful than the things their people before them had done. They refused to give up their evil ways.

The Downward Spiral



Over and over again, the Israelites disobeyed God. God disciplined them by allowing other people to make them suffer. God's people cried out to God. God raised up judges (military leaders) to deliver His people. But then His people disobeyed again. Each time they did this, things got worse and worse. Their sin grew deeper and deeper. Even the judges got more and more sinful. Their pattern of **disobedience**, **discipline**, and **deliverance** got worse and worse. It was a terrible downward spiral.



The Downward Spiral Write each bold word by its definition.

_____ : not obeying; in this case, not doing what God said to do

_____ : training that corrects wrong thinking, attitudes, or actions

_____ : the state of being saved; rescued

Hidden Words

Circle the words from the Word List. Think about what the words mean.

Word List	Q	B	B	P	A	A	S	L	I	S	C	Q	L	D	I	T
deliverance	K	A	B	J	J	A	Z	E	E	L	D	C	I	T	B	J
discipline	I	E	P	G	I	F	B	Z	J	C	G	S	D	E	S	S
disobedience	R	G	N	R	U	M	R	A	U	Z	O	Z	M	F	F	S
God	X	U	V	I	E	H	I	Q	H	B	Z	W	T	P	W	E
judges	T	L	L	W	L	N	H	S	E	J	U	D	G	E	S	L
Israel	O	Y	E	H	G	P	Y	D	R	G	O	G	Z	O	C	T
people	C	R	N	Q	F	W	I	H	P	A	T	K	L	P	W	N
	V	I	D	P	Q	E	L	C	W	U	E	G	F	L	S	E
	D	G	O	D	N	I	X	Z	S	D	Q	L	L	E	S	L
	J	U	E	C	N	A	R	E	V	I	L	E	D	R	Z	E
	V	S	E	E	Z	O	S	Y	P	L	D	J	L	C	B	R