



THE STORY BIBLE

This week, read and discuss these stories:

- **The Fall of Jericho**, page 140
- **Deborah the Prophetess**, page 143
- **Gideon & A Sword for the Lord**, page 148
- **Samson & The Lord Makes Samson Strong**, page 153
- **Ruth Goes Home with Naomi & A Blessing for Ruth**, page 159

When children are little, we teach them to count using anything around you, like silverware, toys or pillows. Find your old small Catechism and teach yourself or your kids the 10 Commandments. Do one or two at a time, whenever you can. Make it fun. It's a great part of learning about the Christian Faith.

Know the Bible Now (including Scripture references)

THE FALL OF JERICO — [Joshua 6](#) & [24:14-18](#) | KtBN page 90

- After the Israelites literally crushed and overcame the city of Jericho, why do you think Joshua reminded them to “Fear the Lord. Serve him in sincerity and faithfulness.”?
- Joshua chose for him an this house to “serve the Lord.” What do you think this would mean for your family?

Prayer: *Dear God, we pray that you would be Lord and Savior of our home today. Keep our eyes fixed on your promises and help us to be faithful to you. Amen.*

DEBORAH THE PROPHETESS — [Judges 2:10-15](#) & [4:1-5:3,12](#) | KtBN page 96

- Again we see God's people doing evil. After all of this, why do you think God offered them help against their enemy?
- How does God promise to help us even when we sin?

Prayer: *Lord, help us when we are reluctant to trust in you. Fill us with faith, trusting in your goodness and mercy for us. Amen.*

GIDEON DEFEATS MIDIAN — [Judges 6:1-7:23](#) | KtBN page 98

- Gideon felt like God wasn't with them like He was in the past. Have you ever felt like this? How?
- What do you think God was trying to show them by using only 300 men to defeat such a large Midian army?

Prayer: *Lord, your power, faithfulness and love for us is even more than we could ever imagine. Thank you for sticking with us, even when we are weak. Amen.*

GOD MAKES SAMSON STRONG — [Judges 13:1-5, 24](#) & [15:9-16:31](#) | KtBN page 100

- Why do you think the people of Israel often fall into unbelief and evil in God's eyes? How do you see this in your life?
- Samson was captured by his enemies and carried away into prison. In spite of this, how did God use him?

Prayer: *Lord, when I am weak, you are strong. Keep me faithful to your promises*

RUTH'S STORY — [The book of Ruth](#) | KtBN page 102

- Ruth called Boaz “one of our redeemers” (the person who could protect her inheritance). He is a picture, or type, of Christ, symbolizing His kindness, care, and deliverance of God's people. Talk about the meaning of the word “redeemer.”
- Near the end of Ruth's story, we find out that Ruth's great-grandson was King David. Jesus is from the line of David. How is Jesus our redeemer?

Prayer: *Lord, you are our redeemer. You protect our inheritance of heaven by paying for our sins. Amen.*