



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Teaching English as a Foreign Language

Ready-to-Teach Lesson: Everyone Did What Was Right in His Own Eyes

Judges 17:1-6; 18:18-19, 27 (English Standard Version)

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When Preparation Time Is Short

This lesson has been selected from the complete Teacher Lesson and is ready to use. Begin with the two warm-up questions, read or play Judges 17:1-6; 18:18-19, 27, and continue through the activities in order. The writing task may be completed in class or assigned as homework. Teacher Awareness: This passage includes idolatry, theft, betrayal, and violence against an unsuspecting people. Use age-appropriate care and focus on the choices people made and their consequences.

1) Warm-Up Questions

1. Why do people need a trustworthy standard for right and wrong?
2. Can a choice seem right to someone and still be wrong? Why?

2) Vocabulary

Word/Phrase	Meaning	Teacher Prompt
dedicate	Set apart for a special or religious purpose.	What did the mother say she would dedicate?
carved image	An idol shaped by cutting or engraving.	What did the silversmith make?
household gods	Small idols kept and worshiped in a home.	What did the Danites take from Micah?
unsuspecting	Not expecting danger or harm.	How does the passage describe Laish?

3) Bible Text Comprehension

1. What had Micah taken, and to whom did it belong?
2. What did Micah's mother say she would do with the silver?
3. What statement in Judges 17:6 describes Israel at that time?
4. What did the Danites take, and what did they do at Laish?

4) Scripture Discussion

1. Why is dedicating silver to the LORD by making idols a contradiction?
2. Why is Judges 17:6 a key verse for understanding these events?

5) Speaking Practice

1. Retell Judges 17:1-6; 18:18-19, 27 in your own words.
2. Put these events in order: stolen silver, images, shrine, theft, Laish.

Language Coaching Tip

If a student gives a short answer, invite a complete sentence: 'Can you tell me more?' 'What happened next?' or 'Can you say that in a complete sentence?' Correct gently and model the sentence when needed.

6) Writing Task

Writing

Summarize Judges 17:1-6; 18:18-19, 27 in 6-8 sentences. This may be completed during class or assigned as homework.

7) Wrap-Up

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Micah's mother used silver to make idols, and Micah established a private shrine. The Danites later stole the objects and priest, then burned Laish. These events show the harm of doing what is right in one's own eyes. Remember: "God's truth, not our own desires, must guide what is right." Final Question: Why do we need God's truth to decide what is right?