



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: A Generation Who Did Not Know the LORD

Judges 2:6-15 (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 2:6-15, and continue through the activities in order. The writing task may be completed in class or assigned as homework.

1) Warm-Up Questions

1. Why is it important to tell the next generation about God's works?
2. What may happen when people forget important lessons from the past?

2) Vocabulary

Word/Phrase	Meaning	Teacher Prompt
generation	People born and living during about the same period of time.	How was the new generation different from the earlier generation?
abandoned	Left, rejected, or stopped supporting someone or something.	Whom did the people of Israel abandon?
withstand	Resist or remain strong against someone or something.	Why could Israel no longer withstand its enemies?
distress	Great pain, trouble, fear, or suffering.	What condition were the people in at the end of the passage?

3) Bible Text Comprehension

1. How long did the people serve the LORD?
2. What did the new generation not know?
3. What did the people of Israel do that was evil in the sight of the LORD?
4. What happened whenever Israel marched out?

4) Scripture Discussion

1. How did forgetting the LORD's work lead to abandoning the LORD?
2. What truths about God should believers teach faithfully to the next generation?

5) Speaking Practice

1. Compare the generation of Joshua with the generation that followed.
2. Speak for 30-60 seconds: Why is it dangerous to forget God's works?

Language Coaching Tip

If a student gives a short answer, invite a complete sentence: "Can you tell me more?" "Why do you think that?" or "Can you give an example?" Correct gently and model the sentence when needed.

6) Writing Task

Write a paragraph comparing the two generations described in the passage.

This may be completed during class or assigned as homework.

7) Wrap-Up

Wrap-Up: The people served the LORD during the lifetime of Joshua and the elders who had seen His great work. After they died, another generation arose that did not know the LORD or His work for Israel. The people abandoned the LORD, worshiped false gods, and provoked Him to anger. As the LORD had warned, He gave them into the hands of their enemies, and they were in terrible distress.

Remember: "When one generation forgets the LORD and His works, the next step is often following the gods around them."

Final Question: What can you do to help another generation know the LORD and remember His works?