



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: The LORD Raised Up a Deliverer Judges 3:15-23, 30 (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 3:15-23, 30, and continue through the activities in order. The writing task may be completed in class or assigned as homework. Teacher Awareness: This passage contains graphic violence. Use age-appropriate care and keep the lesson focused on the LORD's deliverance and Israel's resulting rest.

1) Warm-Up Questions

1. What qualities help a person act courageously?
2. How do people ask for help when they are in trouble?

2) Vocabulary

Word/Phrase	Meaning	Teacher Prompt
deliverer	A person who rescues others from danger or oppression.	Whom did the LORD raise up as a deliverer?
left-handed	Using the left hand more naturally or skillfully than the right.	Which hand did Ehud use?
tribute	Money or valuable goods given to a ruler or nation.	To whom did Israel send tribute?
subdued	Brought under control or defeated.	What nation was subdued that day?

3) Bible Text Comprehension

1. What did the people of Israel do before the LORD raised up a deliverer?
2. Who was Ehud, and from which tribe did he come?
3. What did Ehud make, and where did he hide it?
4. What happened to Moab, and how long did the land have rest?

4) Scripture Discussion

1. Why is the phrase 'the LORD raised up' important in this account?
2. How does the passage move from oppression to deliverance and rest?

5) Speaking Practice

1. Retell Judges 3:15-23, 30 in your own words.
2. Put these events in order: tribute, secret message, sword, locked doors, rest.

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 3:15-23, 30 in 6-8 sentences. This may be completed during class or assigned as homework.

7) Wrap-Up

Wrap-Up

The people of Israel cried out to the LORD, and the LORD raised up Ehud as their deliverer. Ehud carefully prepared and carried out a dangerous plan against Eglon, king of Moab. Moab was subdued under Israel, and the land had rest for eighty years.

Remember: "When God's people cried out, the LORD raised up a deliverer; when the deliverer obeyed with courage, the land found rest."

Final Question: What can this passage teach us about crying out to the LORD and responding courageously when He gives us work to do?