

Week 6 Weekly Recap • The God Who Meets Us and Teaches Us to Abide

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Annual Theme: God's Unchanging Hand

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Week 6: Judges — God Meets Us

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Sunday School Lesson: [Judges 13:1–7, 24–25, KJV](#)

Memory Verse — Judges 13:5, KJV

“For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.”

We began this week considering circumstances we did not choose. Samson's mother had not arranged the circumstances of her life or designed the calling announced for her son. Yet God met her there, spoke into her situation, and entrusted her with instructions that would shape her response.

Our daily readings carried us through Israel's worship and communal responsibilities, the Psalms' language of dependence, and the early ministry of Jesus. Each journey gave us its own witness. Together, they helped us consider how God's presence shapes ordinary life—and how abiding becomes a daily response to His grace.

The week leaves us with this truth:

God meets us within circumstances we did not choose, calls us to serve His purposes, and invites us to respond with obedient dependence.

The Sunday School Lesson • God's Purpose Begins Before We Understand It

In Judges 13, Israel is again experiencing the consequences of doing evil in the Lord's sight. Within that troubled setting, the Lord's angel visits a woman whose name the passage does not give and announces the birth of a son.

Samson will be a Nazarite from the womb. His calling carries particular instructions, and his mother receives responsibilities before she sees the promised child.

The announcement also establishes the scope of his work: he will **begin** to deliver Israel from the Philistines. That word helps us keep his calling in perspective. Samson has an entrusted part in God's purpose; the whole work does not rest upon him.

We can carry that perspective into our own responsibilities. Faithfulness does not require us to accomplish everything. It requires attention to what God has actually entrusted to us.

The passage does not tell us all that Samson's mother felt. It does show her receiving the message and reporting it to her husband. God's promise enters family life through a concrete call to respond.

What we carry forward: We can obey the light God gives while trusting Him with the parts of His purpose we cannot yet see.

The Sunday School Journey • God's Presence Shapes Our Shared Life

Our readings moved from [Leviticus 14–15](#) through [Numbers 1–4](#).

We encountered cleansing, atonement, moral responsibility, priestly service, appointed times, justice, covenant warnings, vows, and the organization of Israel's camp.

These chapters asked us to consider how belonging to God affects the whole of life. Worship involves the way people approach Him, but it also reaches their treatment of neighbors, use of resources, handling of responsibility, and willingness to obey.

The Day of Atonement in [Leviticus 16](#) brought the seriousness of sin and the provision for cleansing into view. Read alongside [Hebrews 9:11–14](#), it deepens our gratitude for Christ's sufficient sacrifice.

The commands of [Leviticus 19](#) brought holiness into relationships—with the poor, the stranger, the vulnerable, and the neighbor. The Sabbath and Jubilee provisions of [Leviticus 25](#) challenged assumptions about possession and control.

By Sunday, Numbers placed the tabernacle at the center of the camp and assigned different responsibilities around it. We finished this journey considering our own entrusted portion within a community that belongs to God.

What we carry forward: Abiding bears fruit in reverent worship, honest conduct, generous relationships, and faithful service.

The Psalms • Learning to Seek, Wait, and Trust

Our Psalm readings deserve remembrance in their own right.

[Psalm 24](#) began with the Lord's ownership of the earth and led us toward the question of approaching His holy presence. Its closing proclamation directed our attention to the King of glory.

[Psalm 25](#) gave us the prayer of someone asking to be taught. Guidance, forgiveness, humility, and covenant faithfulness belong together in this psalm. We learned to ask God for direction while remaining willing to receive correction.

[Psalm 26](#) invited examination and expressed love for the place of God's dwelling. It pressed us to consider integrity beneath outward religious activity.

[Psalm 27](#) held confidence and urgent prayer together. The Lord is light, salvation, and strength; the worshiper still asks to be heard and taught. Waiting upon Him includes courage within unresolved circumstances.

[Psalm 28](#) brought the journey to a communal prayer. David's cry for help became praise and then a request that God save, bless, shepherd, and carry His people.

What we carry forward: We can speak honestly to God, receive His instruction, remember His help, and widen our prayers to include others.

The Chronological Journey • Recognizing the Lord Who Has Come Near

Our chronological readings followed Jesus through temptation, teaching, signs, calling, controversy, and personal encounters.

We saw Him resist temptation through faithfulness to the Father, call people into discipleship, and reveal His glory. In [John 2–4](#), conversations about new birth and living water brought us beneath outward religious familiarity into the need for life from God.

[Mark 2](#) revealed His authority to forgive and His willingness to call a tax collector. [John 5](#) confronted us with His life-giving authority and the danger of searching Scripture while refusing to come to the One to whom it bears witness.

The Sabbath encounters challenged responses to human need. The Sermon on the Mount in [Matthew 5–7](#) carried discipleship into motives, relationships, prayer, trust, discernment, and obedience.

Sunday brought us to people whose needs differed greatly: a man seeking cleansing, an officer seeking help for his servant, a grieving widow, a questioning prophet, and a woman expressing love at Jesus' feet.

Through these encounters, we saw the Lord's authority joined with compassion.

What we carry forward: Abiding includes coming to Jesus, listening to Him, receiving His mercy, and practicing His teaching.

The Growth We Celebrate

This week gave us opportunities to grow in several directions:

- **From managing everything to receiving an entrusted portion:** We can serve faithfully without assuming the whole outcome belongs to us.
- **From outward observance to inward integrity:** God's word reaches our motives as well as our actions.
- **From private concern to communal prayer:** Our dependence upon God can deepen our care for His people.
- **From familiarity with Scripture to responsiveness to Christ:** Reading bears fruit as we come to Him and obey.
- **From remembering someone's reputation to seeing the person:** Jesus teaches us to recognize dignity and the possibility of grace.

These are places to notice God's work with gratitude. Growth may appear in a more honest prayer, a repaired conversation, a quieter act of service, or a willingness to trust Him with an unresolved question.

Reflection for the Week Ahead

1. **Biblical Understanding:** Which passage helped you see more clearly how God meets people within their circumstances?
2. **Theological Insight:** What did you learn about the relationship between God's holiness and His mercy?
3. **Community Reflection:** Whose burden or faithful service became more visible to you this week?
4. **Personal Application:** What response to God's word needs to continue beyond this week?
5. **Spiritual Formation:** Where are you learning to serve obediently while depending more deeply upon Christ?

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for meeting us through Your word this week. Thank You for instruction that corrects us, promises that steady us, and mercy that welcomes us. Keep Your presence at the center of our lives. Help us fulfill our entrusted responsibilities with reverence and love. Teach us to pray honestly, wait faithfully, and see others with compassion. Through Jesus Christ, deepen our abiding and bring lasting fruit from what we have received. Amen.

The week's takeaway: God meets us where we are and forms us as we receive His mercy, trust His word, and faithfully serve the people He places before us.

Our continuing posture: Lord, keep me near, make me teachable, and help me walk faithfully with You.