OPENING ACTIVITY

FOR 4 AND UNDER:
PLAY “FOLLOW THE LEADER.”
Have children line up behind you and lead them around the room, moving in different ways. Examples:
- Hop like a bunny
- Slither like a snake
- Tiptoe like a cat
- Swing your trunk (arms) like an elephant
- Waddle like a duck
- Pant like a dog
- Leap like a deer
- Walk like a penguin (hands at sides)
You may have children take turns leading. Another alternative is to lead this activity from the front of the room and have children mimic your motions at the front of the room.

FOR 5 AND UP:
PLAY “WHAT JUDGE AM I?”
SUPPLIES: Judge postcards (provided)
SAY: We are going to spend some time learning about the Judges from the Bible. (Give 1 Judge Postcard to each child.) There were 12 judges. Let’s say their names together. Othniel, Ehud, Shamgar, Deborah, Gideon, Tola, Jair, Jephtah, Ibzan, Elon, Abdon, and Samson. Let’s play a game! I will tape a picture of a Judge on your back. Your job is to guess which Judge is on your back. When I say, “Go,” walk around the room asking each other for clues. Someone else can look at your back, and then you can ask that person a question. You can ask questions like “Am I a boy or a girl?” “Does my name start with at “T?” “Am I wearing a green shirt?” If you are giving a clue, your answers can only be “Yes” or “No.” Once you think you have it figured out, come to me and tell me who you think you are.

WATCH THE VIDEO

PLAY WEEK 6 VIDEO: Judges
Find this video on Disc 1.

DISCUSSION TIME:
1. What was God’s holy nation of Israel going to do for the world?
   (Israel would bless the entire world.)
2. Why did God choose the land of Canaan to be the Israelites’ land?
   (Canaan was in the center of the known world. It was a good place to spread a blessing to the whole world.)
3. What were the 12 judges of Israel supposed to do?
   (Lead the Israelites and help them to obey God’s law.)
4. After the judges, Israel would get a king, who was supposed to be different from the kings of other people. What was the king of Israel’s number 1 job?
   (A king’s number one job was to follow God’s law and help Israel follow God’s law too.)

COLOR THE STORY

In the remaining time, have the children color the included coloring page.
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