**Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

**Book of JUDGES Read Intro pg. 347**

The Israelites have settled in the Promised Land among other people who do not know the one true God. They still needed to remain f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to their C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with God. Many times they failed and turned away from God, but God, true to the Covenant, was always ready to r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them.

There was a roller coaster cycle to life- always ups and downs:

1. Life was going well and the people forgot God (at top on the way down)

2. The people were conquered by others and treated poorly (at bottom)

3. The people turned to God for help (on the way up)

4. God sent a military leader or hero (called a Judge) who won over the enemy, and brought peace. (at top) Then the cycle repeated itself over and over again.

Let’s meet two Judges: first Deborah, a woman judge; then Samson.

**Judges 4: 1, 4, 6-9, 12-24 &/or CatholicBrain.com video-bible stories-OT #80 and Deborah interview pg. 354.** What did Deborah do? She c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and w\_\_\_\_\_ w\_\_\_\_\_\_ Barak (who was scared to go without Deborah) to lead the Israelite army to victory over the enemy.

**Judges 16: 4-30 &/or CatholicBrain.com video-bible stories-OT #87 and #88 and PRAY IT pg. 372, Samson interview pg. 373**

Samson was dedicated to God from birth to save the people from the P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He had certain rules-not to drink wine or cut his h\_\_\_\_\_\_. Samson was physically strong. He learned that true strength (doing the right thing) comes from l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God.

**Book of RUTH Read intro pg. 384, Ruth 1: 1-17, 22; Ru 2: 1-23; Ru 3: 16-17;**

**Ru 4:1-6, 9-11, 13, 17 &/or CatholicBrain.com video-bible stories-OT # 90 &**

**91; and LIVE IT pg. 385, 386; Catholic Connections pg. 387; Ruth interview**

**pg. 388.** Ruth, who was not an Israelite, became the great-grandmother of David, Israel’s greatest king and was an ancestor of Jesus**.**

One theme in the book of Ruth is that God’s love extends to those of other f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The theme for all the stories in Judges and the story of Ruth is that faithfulness to God is r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL Read intro pg. 392**

Childless Hannah prayed for a child. When Samuel was born, Hannah dedicated him to God. When he was old enough, Samuel was in the service of the Lord under the priest, Eli.

**Read 1 Sm 3:1-21 and PRAY IT pg.396.**

Samuel heard his name called and thought it was \_\_\_\_\_ . After 3X

Eli told Samuel to say, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

The next time, God told Samuel that God condemned Eli’s house because of the behavior of his sons. As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and Samuel did as the Lord wanted. Samuel became a trusted p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Lord’s words.

**1 Sm 8:4-22, LIVE IT 402,**

**(CatholicBrain videos # 95-99 are about Saul)**

The people want a k\_\_\_\_\_. Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Did Samuel agree? ­­­­­­ \_\_\_\_ Who are the people rejecting? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ What did God tell Samuel to do? l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but also w\_\_\_\_\_ t\_\_\_\_\_. Name 2 rights Samuel said a king would have. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**1Sm 9:1-2; 9:15 - 10:1; 10:10; 10:14-17; 10:20-24**

Saul was reluctant to be King. He said he was from the smallest tribe. He never told his uncle that Samuel anointed him king. He hid when it was time to present him to the people.

**STUDY IT pg. 404** Anointing with oil means you are c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by God. It is an ancient symbol of strength and h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The words Messiah in Hebrew and Christ in Greek mean “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” In our faith, oil is used for 4 sacraments. Name them. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**LIVE IT pg. 408** It wasn’tlong before Saul made bad choices.