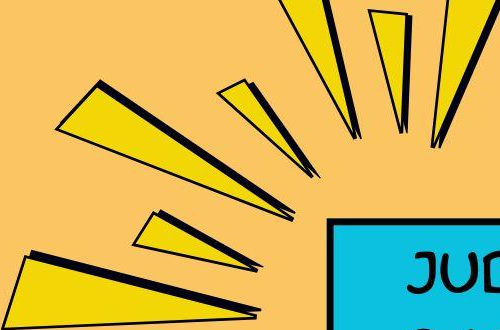
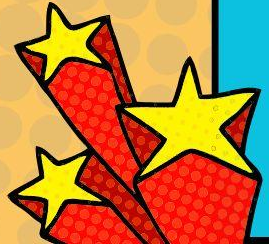


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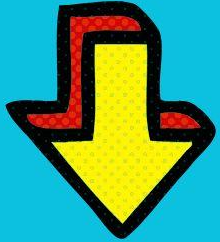


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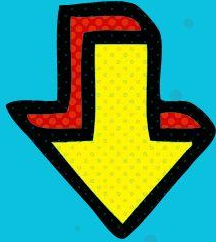
6 AGAIN THE ISRAELITES DID EVIL IN THE EYES OF THE LORD. THEY SERVED THE BAALS AND THE ASHTORETHS, AND THE GODS OF ARAM, THE GODS OF SIDON, THE GODS OF MOAB, THE GODS OF THE AMMONITES AND THE GODS OF THE PHILISTINES. AND BECAUSE THE ISRAELITES FORSOOK THE LORD AND NO LONGER SERVED HIM, 7 HE BECAME ANGRY WITH THEM. HE SOLD THEM INTO THE HANDS OF THE PHILISTINES AND THE AMMONITES, 8 WHO THAT YEAR SHATTERED AND CRUSHED THEM. FOR EIGHTEEN YEARS THEY OPPRESSED ALL THE ISRAELITES ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE JORDAN IN GILEAD, THE LAND OF THE AMORITES.



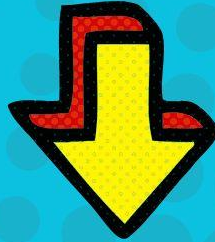
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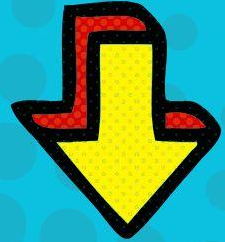
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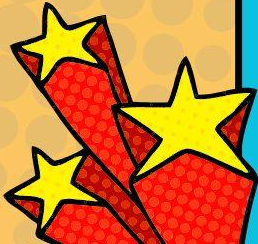
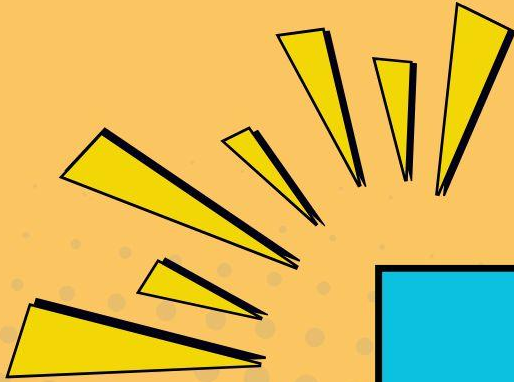
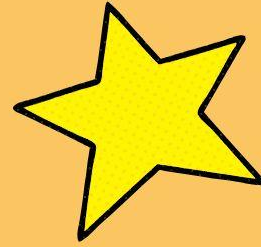
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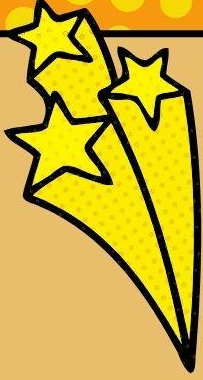
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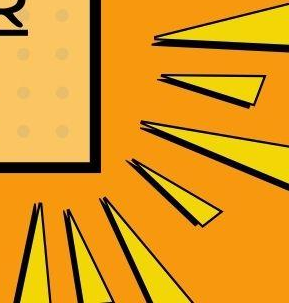


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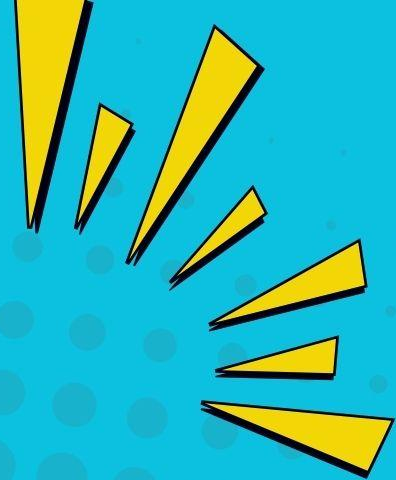
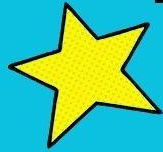
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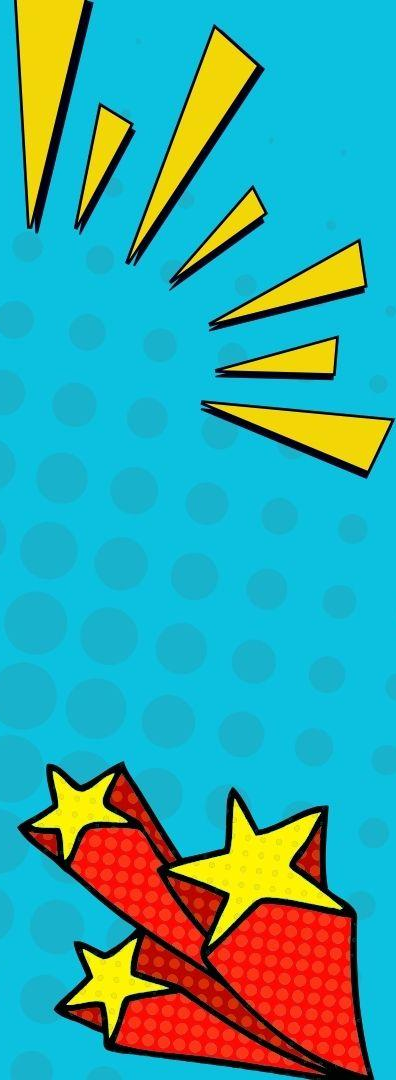
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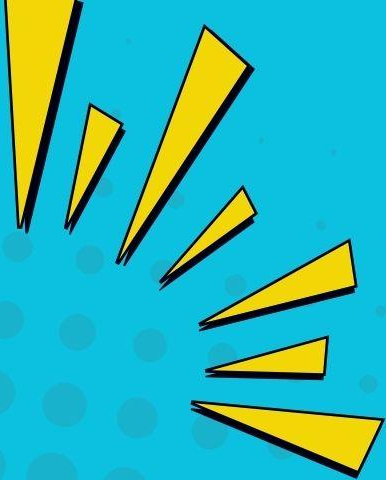


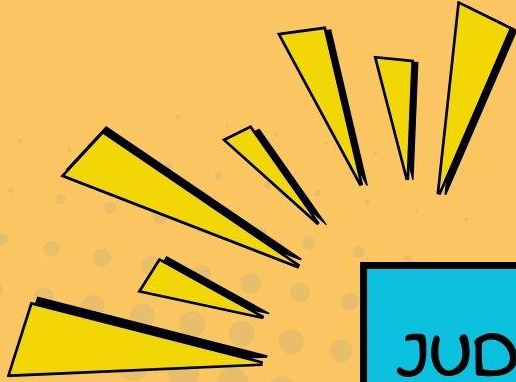
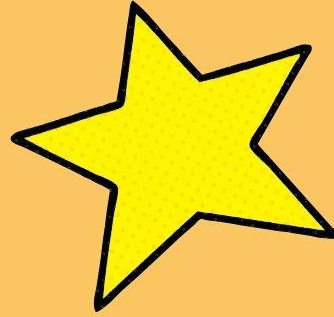


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JUDGES 11:30-31 NIV

30 AND JEPHTHAH MADE A VOW TO THE LORD: "IF
YOU GIVE THE AMMONITES INTO MY HANDS, 31
WHATEVER COMES OUT OF THE DOOR OF MY HOUSE
TO MEET ME WHEN I RETURN IN TRIUMPH FROM THE
AMMONITES WILL BE THE LORD'S, AND I WILL
SACRIFICE IT AS A BURNT OFFERING."



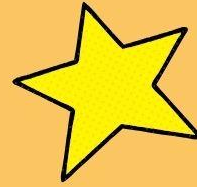
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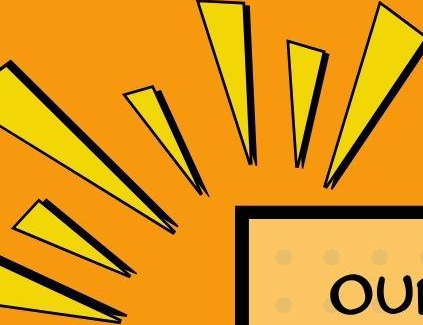


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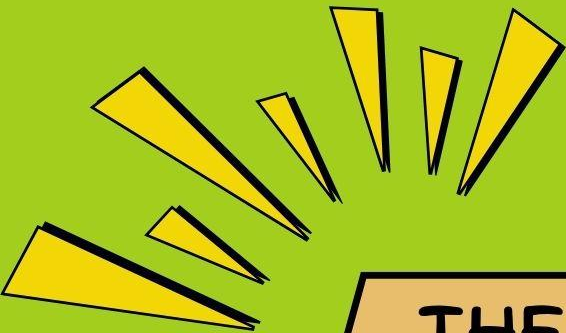
29 THEN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD CAME ON
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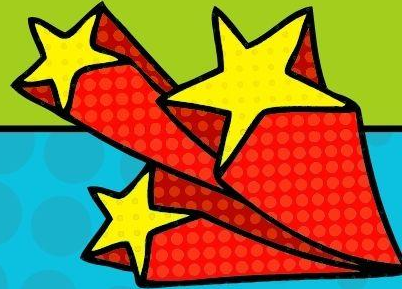


OUR CONDITIONAL
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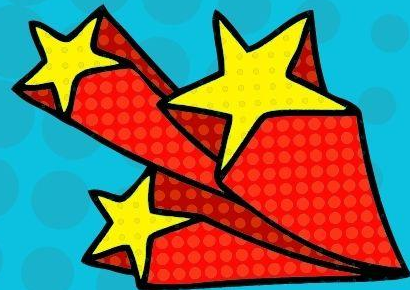
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LIKE WE ARE OBLIGATING
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WHEN WE DO THIS WE ARE
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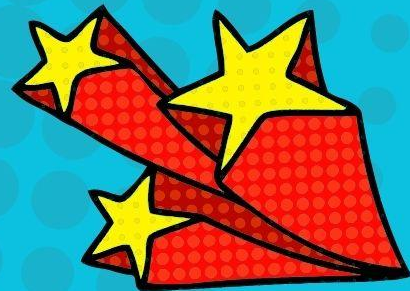
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ME DOING YOUR WILL IS
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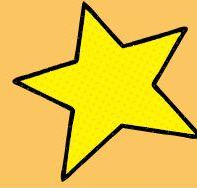
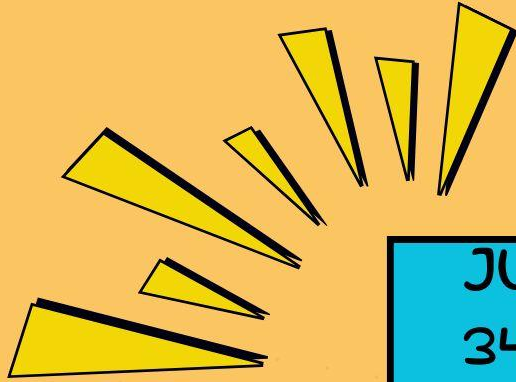




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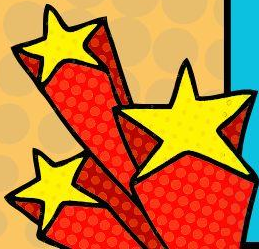


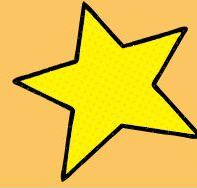
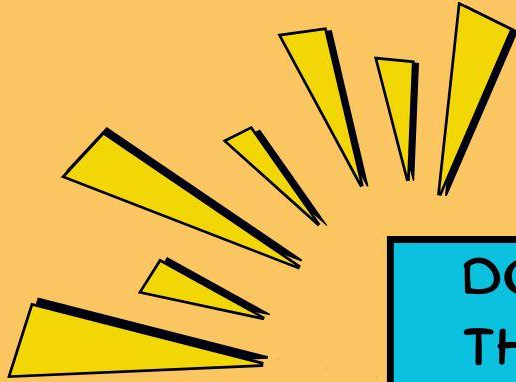
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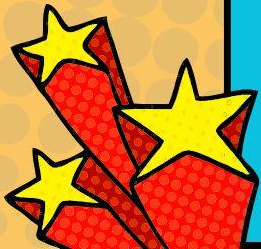
JUDGES 11:34-39 NIV

34 WHEN JEPHTHAH RETURNED TO HIS HOME IN MIZPAH, WHO SHOULD COME OUT TO MEET HIM BUT HIS DAUGHTER, DANCING TO THE SOUND OF TIMBRELS! SHE WAS AN ONLY CHILD. EXCEPT FOR HER HE HAD NEITHER SON NOR DAUGHTER. 35 WHEN HE SAW HER, HE TORE HIS CLOTHES AND CRIED, "OH NO, MY DAUGHTER! YOU HAVE BROUGHT ME DOWN AND I AM DEVASTATED. I HAVE MADE A VOW TO THE LORD THAT I CANNOT BREAK." 36 "MY FATHER," SHE REPLIED, "YOU HAVE GIVEN YOUR WORD TO THE LORD.



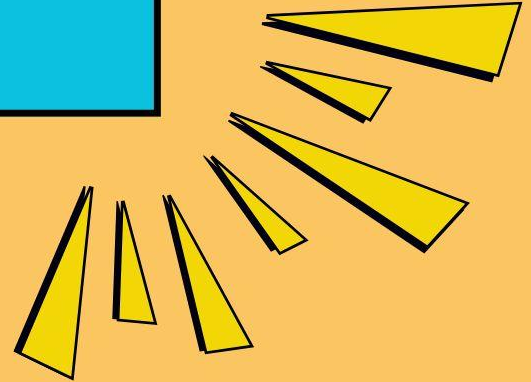
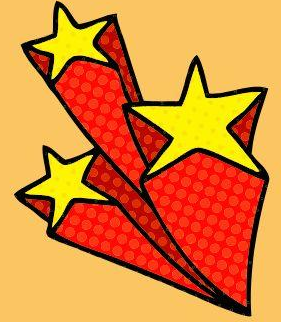


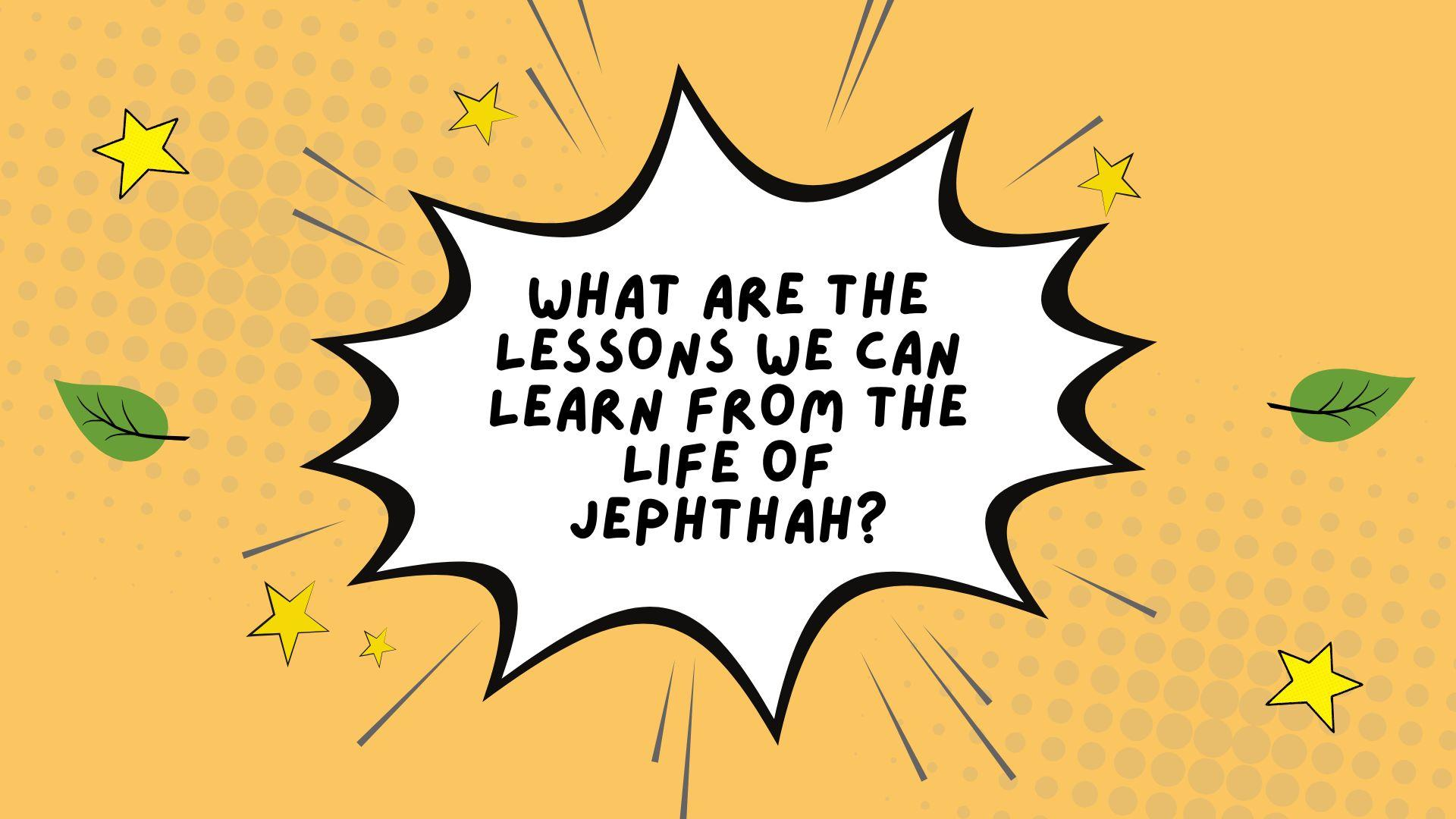
DO TO ME JUST AS YOU PROMISED, NOW THAT THE LORD HAS AVENGED YOU OF YOUR ENEMIES, THE AMMONITES. 37 BUT GRANT ME THIS ONE REQUEST," SHE SAID. "GIVE ME TWO MONTHS TO ROAM THE HILLS AND WEEP WITH MY FRIENDS, BECAUSE I WILL NEVER MARRY." 38 "YOU MAY GO," HE SAID. AND HE LET HER GO FOR TWO MONTHS. SHE AND HER FRIENDS WENT INTO THE HILLS AND WEPT BECAUSE SHE WOULD NEVER MARRY. 39 AFTER THE TWO MONTHS, SHE RETURNED TO HER FATHER, AND HE DID TO HER AS HE HAD VOWED. AND SHE WAS A VIRGIN.



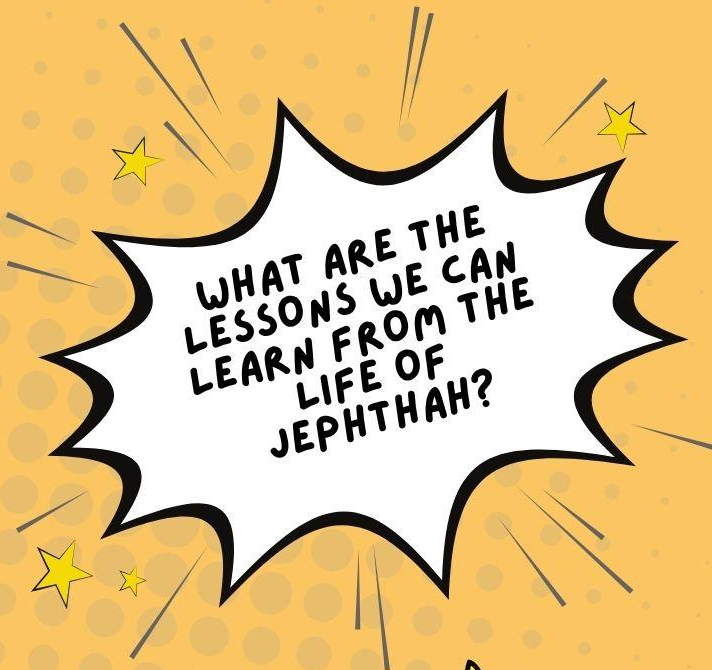
ECCLESIASTES 5:4-5 NIV

4 WHEN YOU MAKE A VOW TO GOD, DO NOT DELAY TO FULFILL IT. HE HAS NO PLEASURE IN FOOLS; FULFILL YOUR VOW. 5 IT IS BETTER NOT TO MAKE A VOW THAN TO MAKE ONE AND NOT FULFILL IT.

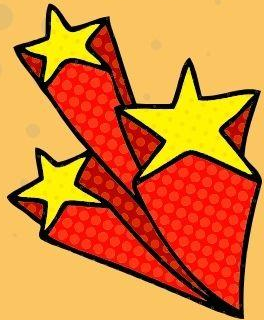




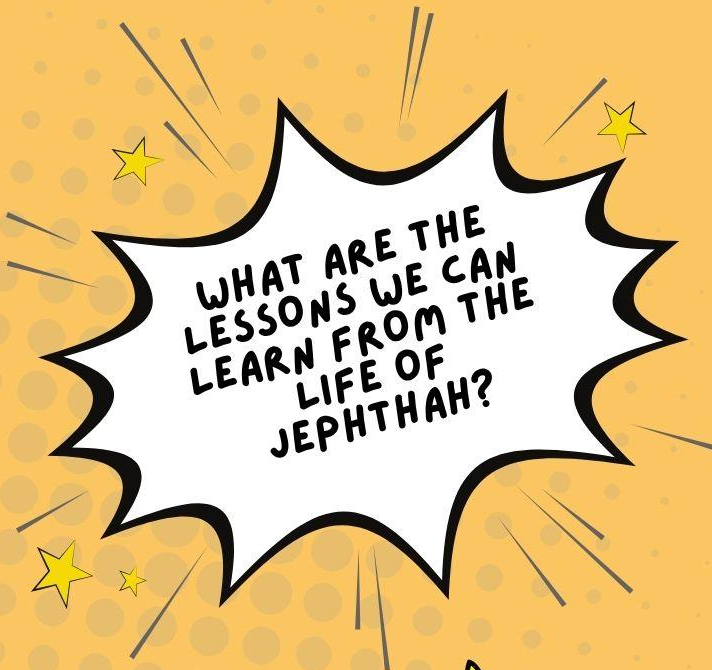
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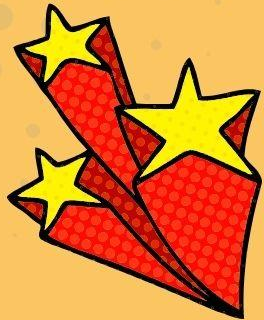
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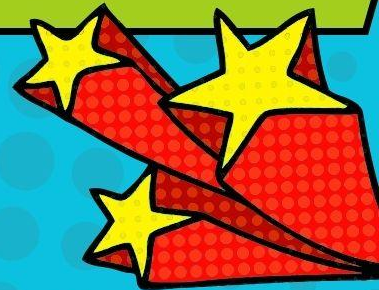
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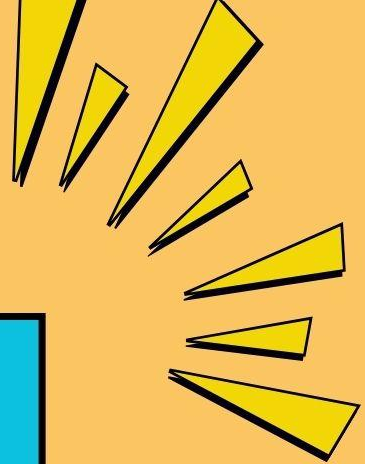


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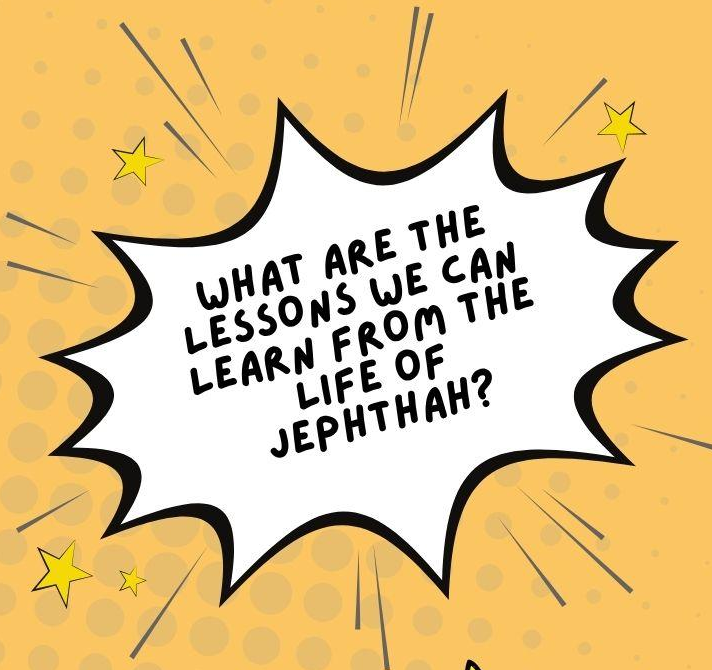
AFTER HE REALIZED HE WAS
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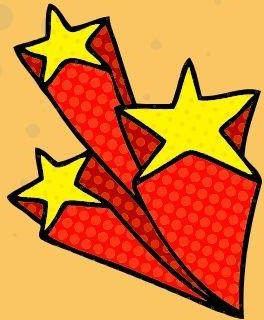


LEVITICUS 27:2 AMP

2 "SPEAK TO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL AND SAY TO THEM, 'WHEN A MAN MAKES A SPECIAL VOW [CONSECRATING HIMSELF OR A MEMBER OF HIS FAMILY], HE SHALL BE VALUED ACCORDING TO YOUR [ESTABLISHED SYSTEM OF] VALUATION OF PEOPLE BELONGING TO THE LORD [THAT IS, THE PRIEST ACCEPTS FROM THE MAN MAKING THE VOW A SPECIFIED AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR THE TEMPLE TREASURY IN PLACE OF THE ACTUAL PERSON]."



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