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WHOM DOES GOD BLESS?
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GENESIS 38

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GENESIS

IN THE BEGINNING...
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27 Come, let’s sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood."
31 Then they got Joseph's robe, slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. 32 They took the ornamented robe back to their father and said, "We found this. Examine it to see whether it is your son's robe."
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13 So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth."
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16 Not realizing that she was his daughter-in-law, he went over to her and said, "Come now, let me sleep with you."
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I. The story of **a Snake**

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II. What does God do with the _______ Judah?

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A. God ____________ him

**WHOM DOES GOD BLESS?**
II. What does God do with the snaky Judah?
   A. God destroys him

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8"Judah, your brothers will praise you; your hand will be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons will bow down to you. 9You are a lion's cub, Judah; you return from the prey, my son. Like a lion he crouches and lies down, like a lioness – who dares to rouse him?
The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his.
II. What does God do with the snaky Judah?

A. God destroys him

WHOM DOES GOD BLESS?
II. What does God do with the _snaky_ Judah?

A. God _blesses_ him

WHOM DOES GOD BLESS?
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A. God **blesses** him

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6 he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished"

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Exodus 34
II. What does God do with the ____snaky___ Judah?

A. God ____blesses____ him

B. How can a ______ God do this?

C. Can I _________ a God who does this?

WHOM DOES GOD BLESS?
II. What does God do with the **snaky** Judah?

A. God **blesses** him

B. How can a **just** God do this?

C. Can I **just** a God who does this?

**WHOM DOES GOD BLESS?**
II. What does God do with the **snaky** Judah?

A. God **blesses** him

B. How can a **holy** God do this?

C. Can I **believe** a God who does this?

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25 As she was being brought out, she sent a message to her father-in-law. "I am pregnant by the man who owns these," she said. And she added, "See if you recognize whose seal and cord and staff these are."
26"It was you who stole my seal and cord and staff," Judah cried. "You must surely die!"
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26 Judah recognized them and said, "She is more righteous than I"
III. Judah's ______________

A. He _______ his sin

B. He lives a _____ life

C. He lives like ________

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III. Judah's *conversion*

A. He ______ his sin

B. He lives a _____ life

C. He lives like ________

WHOM DOES GOD BLESS?
III. Judah's **conversion**

A. He **owns** his sin

B. He lives a ____ life

C. He lives like ______

WHOM DOES GOD BLESS?
26 Judah recognized them and said, "She is more righteous than I"
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26 Judah recognized them and said, "She is more righteous than I, since I wouldn't give her to my son Shelah." And he did not sleep with her again.
III. Judah's *conversion*

A. He *owns* his sin and _______

B. He lives a ____ life

C. He lives like _______

WHOM DOES GOD BLESS?
III. Judah's **conversion**

A. He **owns** his sin and **repents**

B. He lives a _____ life

C. He lives like _______

**WHOM DOES GOD BLESS?**
III. Judah's **conversion**

A. He **owns** his sin and **repents**

B. He lives a **new** life

C. He lives like ______

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Then Judah said to Israel his father, "Send the boy along with me and we will go at once, so that we and you and our children may live and not die. I myself will guarantee his safety; you can hold me personally responsible for him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him here before you, I will bear the blame before you all my life."
Your servant guaranteed the boy's safety to my father. I said, 'If I do not bring him back to you, I will bear the blame before you, my father, all my life!'
32 Your servant guaranteed the boy's safety to my father. I said, 'If I do not bring him back to you, I will bear the blame before you, my father, all my life!'

33 "Now then, please let your servant remain here as my lord's slave in place of the boy, and let the boy return with his brothers."
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B. He lives a **new** life

C. He lives like _______

WHOM DOES GOD BLESS?
III. Judah's conversion

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B. He lives a new life

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IV. Tamar: Pattern for a believer?

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IV. Tamar: Pattern for a believer?

A. Tamar is a ____________ Canaanite

B. Faithful in the face of ________________

C. Courageous ________________

WHOM DOES GOD BLESS?
IV. Tamar: Pattern for a believer?

A. Tamar is a **righteous** Canaanite

B. Faithful in the face of ______________

C. Courageous ____________

WHOM DOES GOD BLESS?
IV. Tamar: Pattern for a believer?

A. Tamar is a **righteous** Canaanite

B. Faithful in the face of **unfaithfulness**

C. Courageous ____________

WHOM DOES GOD BLESS?
IV. Tamar: Pattern for a believer?

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V. For Jesus Followers

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A. God works with __________ of people

WHOM DOES GOD BLESS?
V. For Jesus Followers

A. God works with all sorts of people

WHOM DOES GOD BLESS?
V. For Jesus Followers

A. God works with *all sorts* of people

B. God's grace brings forgiveness and healing to those who will confess their ______ to Him

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V. For Jesus Followers

A. God works with _all sorts_ of people

B. God's grace brings forgiveness and healing to those who will confess their _need_ to Him

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