

INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY

UZZAH AND THE ARK

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For use in *Animated/Engaged Learning*.

NOTE: For additional information on this study, see Supplementary Teaching Material 3

1. Why didn't the ark of the covenant save the Israelites in their battle with the Philistines?

2. Why didn't the Philistines flee when the ark showed up in battle?

They probably didnt believe that God existed

3. Was Uzzah the first to die in relation to the ark?

No

4. The people of Gath were afflicted with tumors when the ark showed up. Yet, how did they show they respected the God of the ark more than the ark itself?

They gave glory to God and not to the ark,

5. The Philistines placed the ark on a cart, which God led back to Israelite territory in Beth Shemesh just twenty miles from Jerusalem. (1 Sam. 6:12) What sin did the Israelites commit as soon as the ark arrived? (1 Sam. 6:19)

They looked directly into it

6. Can you see any hint of the gospel in the story so far? What does this tell us about the way God deals with sinners?

7. Had Uzzah ever been near the ark before the time he touched it and died?

8. How can you find a balance between viewing the Lord as your best Friend as well as your Almighty King?

by looking at god as someone to respect like how you would befriend someone older or with more respect than you.

9. Ahio and Uzzah placed the ark in a cart pulled by oxen. Ahio led the ark, while Uzzah walked alongside as a safety precaution. Why was Israel celebrating and so happy to see the ark even though so many of them had died in relation to the ark? (2 Sam. 6:5)

many of the Israelite looked to the ark instead of God for their deliverance, since God was with the ark

they rejoiced Gods presence

10. Then something went horribly wrong. The oxen stumbled and Uzzah put out his hand to keep the ark from falling, and "God struck him there for his error and he died." (2 Sam. 6:6, 7) Did David understand what Uzzah had done to deserve that punishment?

11. Is it possible to trust God even if we don't understand why He allows bad things to happen in our lives? Can you give an example of people in the Bible who kept trusting God no matter what happened to them?

Yes, God is letting us choice, Abraham , Jobe

12. What helped David return to trusting God again?

when God helped the house God saw that God will help and that if not it is caused by demons

13. Had the Israelites been taught how to treat the ark?

God was very clear, how to carry it

14. Why, then, did they use an oxcart instead?

perhaps they saw that it would be easier

15. How do you keep your relationship building with God from becoming a burden?

taking breaks from the world, find ways of worship which you want to do

16. What was Uzzah's real sin?

gave more emphasis to the ark than to God

17. Why did Uzzah die?



Rescued Chilean miners wear sunglasses at a press conference after being trapped underground for 69 days.

18. Since we are not holy, what hope is there for us?

our hope is in Jesus

19. How can this story further illustrate the gospel?

our relationship relies on faith

20. Why did David dance with all his might and joy when the ark returned?

God will be with the people again,

21. Is there anything we can learn about the gospel from this story?

If we are not saved because of our goodness, then why is holiness still so important to God?