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For use with the First Lesson

Adapted from *The Vocabulary of the Church* (1960):

E'phraim	EE-fray-im
Za'phon	ZAY-fahn
Jeph'thah	JEF-thuh
Am'monites	AM-ah-nights
Gil'eadite	GIL-ee-uh-dight
Gil'ead	GIL-ee-ad
E'lon	EE-lawn
Zeb'ulunite	ZEB-yuu-luhn-ite
Ai'jalón	IGH-juh-lahn
Zeb'ulun	ZEB-yuu-luhn
Pir'athonite	PIR-uh-thuh-nite
Pir'athon	- PIR-uh-thahn
Amal'ekites	uh-MAL-uh-kights

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Judges

The men of E'phraim were called to arms, and they crossed to Za'phon and said to Jeph'thah, “Why did you cross over to fight against the Am'monites, and

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did not call us to go with you? We will burn your house over you with fire.” And Jeph'thah said to them, “I and my people had a great feud with the Am'monites; and when I called you, you did not deliver me from their hand. And when I saw that you would not deliver me, I took my life in my hand, and crossed over against the Am'monites, and the LORD gave them into my hand; why then have you come up to me this day, to fight against me?” Then Jeph'thah gathered all the men of Gil'ead and fought with E'phraim; and the men of Gil'ead smote E'phraim, because they said, “You are fugitives of E'phraim, you Gil'eadites, in the midst of E'phraim and Manas'seh.” And the Gil'eadites took the fords of the Jordan against the E'phraimites. And when any of the fugitives of E'phraim said, “Let me go over,” the men of Gil'ead said to him, “Are you an E'phraimite?” When he said, “No,” they said to him, “Then say Shibboleth,” and he said, “Sibboleth,” for he could not pronounce it right; then they seized him and slew him at the fords of the Jordan. And there fell at that time forty-two thousand of the E'phraimites. Jeph'thah judged Israel six years. Then Jeph'thah the Gil'eadite died, and was buried in his city in Gil'ead. After him Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel. He had

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thirty sons; and thirty daughters he gave in marriage outside his clan, and thirty daughters he brought in from outside for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years. Then Ibzan died, and was buried at Bethlehem. After him E'lon the Zeb'ulunite judged Israel; and he judged Israel ten years. Then E'lon the Zeb'ulunite died, and was buried at Ai'jalon in the land of Zeb'ulun. After him Abdon the son of Hillel the Pira'thonite judged Israel. He had forty sons and thirty grandsons, who rode on seventy asses; and he judged Israel eight years. Then Abdon the son of Hillel the Pira'thonite died, and was buried at Pira'thon in the land of E'phraim, in the hill country of the Amal'ekites.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to John the son of Zeb'edee, "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung round his neck and he were thrown into the sea. And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than with two

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hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched. For every one will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The Reader concludes

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