





CONVERSATION

Deborah Judged the People

JUDGES 4:1-16,23-24; 5

Because the people of Israel sinned against God, God let the enemy, King Jabin, rule over the people for 20 years. This foreign king had many horses and chariots. God's people were afraid of him. They begged God to send help.

During this time, Deborah served as judge for God's people.

One day, Deborah sent for Barak.

She told Barak that God wanted him to fight King Jabin and the leader of his army, Sisera. Deborah explained that

God would bring the enemy to a certain place to fight and would help Barak win the battle.

Barak agreed to go fight, but he asked Deborah to go with him. Deborah said, "I will go, but you will not get the credit for winning. God is going to use a woman to be rid of Sisera."

Barak called the army together. When Sisera learned that Barak had gone up the mountain, he gathered his chariots and soldiers to go after Barak's army.

Deborah said to Barak, "Go! God is leading you. He will lead you to victory today."

When Barak attacked, God caused the enemy army to get so confused they could not tell how or where to fight! Barak won the battle over King Jabin and Sisera!

Deborah and Barak broke into song. They sang praises to God for His might and how He won the battle. The people also sang praise to Deborah and to Barak for obeying God.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Psalm 20:7

LIFE POINT: People can use their abilities to obey God's plans for them.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Your child heard that people can use their abilities to obey God's plans for them. Deborah was a judge of the Israelites, and she used her abilities to help the Israelites defeat their enemy.



LIVE IT OUT

Explain that Deborah used her abilities to serve God. Invite your child to name some special abilities she has. Help her name ways she can use her abilities to serve and honor God.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God wants people to use their talents and abilities in ways that please and honor Him.



DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Psalm 20:7 Monday: 1 Peter 4:10

Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 10:31 Wednesday: Ephesians 2:10 Thursday: Colossians 3:23-24 Friday: 1 Corinthians 12:5-6 Saturday: Deuteronomy 30:20