

Large Group

Deborah Led Israel

Bible Passage | Judges 4-5

Memory Verse | 2 Chronicles 7:14

Story Point | God provided Israel with judges to rescue them.



Countdown Video (3 mins)

Memory Verse Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader connects the lesson to the memory verse, leads the memory verse song with hand motions, and closes in prayer.

Welcome (1 mins)

Large Group Leader tell kids what to expect to happen (1 minute)

- watch the lesson video
- retell the story.
- read the story from scripture

Watch the Lesson Video (4 mins)

Retell the Story (11 mins)

Lead the kids in a fun retelling of the story

Here are some resources to help you formulate this time.

Review what we learned:

The people of Israel continued to sin against the Lord. Because of their sin, God gave them consequences. The people would cry out to God to save them from their enemies. And God showed kindness by sending a judge to rescue them. The people promised to follow God, but then they eventually turned away from Him again. Today, we will see how God used Deborah to encourage Barak and lead God's people to victory over their enemy.

Today's Lesson

Once again, the people of Israel disobeyed God and suffered the consequences of their sin. God allowed His people to be captured by King Jabin and the leader of his army, Sisera. For twenty years the people suffered under this king, but then, as they had done before, they called out to the Lord to help them. Who did God send as a judge to help His people? [Allow responses.] **God used a judge named Deborah to lead and rescue His people.**

Who did Deborah call to lead Israel's army into battle against Sisera? [Allow responses.] Deborah said God told Barak to lead the troops. Barak waited to see if Deborah would go with him. Deborah said she would go, but Barak would not receive the honor in defeating Sisera. Who did defeat Sisera? [Allow responses.] Jael killed Sisera when he came to her tent. Jael displayed faith in God when she killed Israel's enemy. God is always worthy of our trust.

Deborah and Barak responded to this victory by praising the Lord for who He is and all that He has done. God used Deborah to lead Israel in victory over their enemies, and God received the glory. God sent Jesus to reign victorious over sin and death. Jesus is worthy of all honor, glory, and power (Revelation 4:11).

Gospel Discussion | Jael defeated Sisera with a tent peg. Jesus defeated sin and death by being nailed to a cross and rising again. Everyone who trusts in Jesus is saved from their sin forever. Because of what Jesus has done for sinful people, we give Him all the praise. Have you praised Jesus for dying for your sin? Have you trusted in Him for forgiveness?

Read from the Bible (4 mins)

Judges 4:1-23

Remind Kids of Four Questions (1 min)

- What did you like about today's story?
- What did you find confusing?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about God?

Worship Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader briefly introduces self, welcomes kids, leads 1st worship song, and prays for the time.