

Parents Connect

Bible Story:

God Helped Deborah
Lead the People
(Judges 4-5:5)

Bible Phrase: "I will sing
praise to the Lord God of Israel"
(Judges 5:3).

Bible Truth: I will praise God
because He is my Helper.



God's Unfolding Story



1. God created everything.



2. People disobeyed God.



3. God chose a special people.



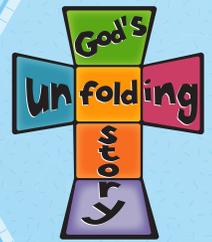
4. God sent Jesus to help us.



5. Jesus began the Church.



6. Jesus is preparing heaven for us.



Unfolding God's Story For Parents

There was a time in the Old Testament that God used leaders called judges to lead the people. In this passage we discover how well God provides for His people. This story is of a Judge named Deborah who fearlessly followed God's leadership. Along the way she discovered His provision.



the top of a mountain. They could look down the mountain and see all 900 iron chariots, and they were getting closer! Deborah told the commander, "Go. God will help you win!"

The commander obeyed and started down the mountain. Then something amazing happened. God caused a big thunderstorm to occur! It happened so fast and there was so much water that it confused the enemy.

Ask, "What kind of people does God use to do His work on Earth?" (listen to responses and discuss that in the Bible used all kinds of people. Say, "Sometimes we only think that men, or big people can be used by God. Listen to today's story to hear the name of the person God used to win the battle." Tell the story.

The soldiers tried to run, but their chariots got stuck in the mud. God's people were able to win the battle!

Deborah and the commander of the army sang a song of praise for the victory God had given them. They sang, "I will sing to the LORD; I will sing praise to the LORD God of Israel" (Jud. 5:3).

Bible Story

God Helped Deborah Lead the People (Judges 4, 5:1-5)

The Israelites were living in the land of Canaan, but they were not obeying God's laws. Because of their disobedience, God's people were in trouble. There was a very large army trying to fight them. The army had 900 iron chariots!

The Israelites remembered how much God loved them. They prayed and asked God to help them fight. God had chosen a woman named Deborah to be a judge among the people. Deborah loved God, and she often spoke to the people about what God wanted them to do. God gave Deborah a message to give to the commander of the Israelite army. Deborah delivered the message, but the commander at first was too afraid to go and fight. He knew how many chariots they had. He asked Deborah to join him in the effort. Deborah knew God would be with them and help them win. She agreed to go with the commander.

The commander gathered his army and met Deborah at

Ask, "What was the woman's name who lead God's people?" (Deborah)

Pray thanking God for His provision of help, as we need it.

Activity Suggestion

Make a Chariot

One key element of this story is the enemy had iron chariots. That would have been a great advantage in that day. But God overcame the advantage with rain. Help your preschooler use a shoebox to make a chariot. Cut wheels from the top and cut down the box to resemble a chariot. Let your preschooler glue paper to it and color it. Add toy horses.

Enhancement Idea - Use a box large enough for your child to sit in. Let him color pretend wheels on the side of the box. Your preschooler can sit in the box and pretend to be a chariot driver.

