



Unit 6, Lesson 22

TODAY'S EPIC STORY: DEBORAH'S COURAGE

JUDGES 4—5

THE STORY @ HOME

The Israelites once again did evil in the eyes of the Lord so Jabin, a king of Canaan, oppressed them for 20 years. The Israelite people went to Deborah, a prophetess, to have their arguments solved. She encouraged people to follow God. One day, Deborah told Barak that God commanded him to take 10,000 men and defeat Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army. Deborah went with Barak. They did defeat the army, praised God, and experienced peace for 40 years.

PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- Why do you think the Israelite people turned away from God?
- What characteristics does Deborah have? Why do you think she had those characteristics?
- What do you think living in peace for 40 years was like? What do you think happened after those 40 years?
- Deborah sang a song telling the story of the battle and praising God. What songs do you sing that tell what God has done and praise God?

TOGETHER @ HOME

Sing a song of praise to God for the things He has done in your lives. You can sing one you already know that seems appropriate or make one up using a familiar tune and contributions from the whole family.

BIBLE MEMORY @ HOME

"I will lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth." (Psalm 121:1-2)

March around the house chanting or singing the verse together. Vary your voices, using loud voices, quiet voices, high and low voices, etc.