



DEBORAH LEADS

BIBLE PASSAGE (JUDGES 4-5)

Summary: Deborah was a judge in Israel. Because of their disobedience, Israel had been taken over by the king of Canaan and his general, Sisera. Deborah told Barak to go and fight them, but Barak insisted that Deborah had to come too. The Lord caused the Canaanite army to panic, and though Sisera fled he was stopped.

Today's Brite Idea is: God is victorious.



MONTHLY *Memory Verse*

*For nothing will be
impossible with God.*

(LUKE 1:37)



BIG QUESTION

Will God ever fail us? No, never!



God always wins.



God helps us.



God helps me.

LEADER TRAINING: KEEP IT SHORT AND SWEET

Jesus often spoke in simple, memorable ways. He used parables, short phrases and repeatable truths. Following His lead, our instructions can be both clear and kind. Short and sweet is effective and Christlike.

- **Clarity is kindness.** When instructions run on and on, preschoolers get lost or distracted. Keep your words simple so kids can follow easily.
- **Use short, focused phrases.** Instead of: "Okay friends, in just a minute we're going to move over to the rug so we can read our story together, and I need you all to be listening carefully while we do that," try: "Friends, it's story time! Let's walk to the rug." Same goal, fewer words, more impact.
- **Repeat and reinforce.** Young kids thrive when expectations are simple and repeated.
- **Add motion or cues.** Use fun phrases or gestures like: "Eyes on me!" "Hands in lap." "Walking feet." These small signals guide behavior without it being overwhelming.

NAVIGATING A BROKEN WORLD: VIOLENCE

Unfortunately, violence is prevalent in our culture. A recent study revealed that 60 percent of kids had witnessed abuse, violence or crime.* Kids who have been exposed to violence can struggle with emotional and mental-health issues. Some may even engage in troublesome behavior. Media and entertainment have desensitized many to violence and, unfortunately, many kids live with the reality of violence in their everyday lives. In today's Bible story, preschoolers may be confused about why someone gets hurt. Focus on how God never fails even when bad things happen. Help preschoolers start to form a biblical worldview that can be a strong foundation when difficult things happen. God is greater than anything, any bad, evil or violence. God is still bigger and is still faithful. Remember, if a kid mentions abuse or violence that has happened to them, report that immediately and find help for the family.

PRESCHOOL GLOSSARY:

Judge: a person chosen by God to lead His people

Victorious: having won a challenge or battle

*For more resources on this topic, check out: britecurriculum.com/resources

Lesson ROADMAP

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BELONG

Small Group (10 MINUTES)

GOAL: For kids to experience God's love through a welcoming community

LET'S HELP

SUPPLIES: 2 bins, big and small items (crayons, toys, stuffed animals, paper, blocks, stickers)

2

BIBLE TEACHING

Large Group (15 MINUTES)

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SUPPLIES: Bible, Bible story cards

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BELIEVE

Small Group (10 MINUTES)

GOAL: For kids to discover who God is by engaging with the Bible

VICTORY PARADE

SUPPLIES: Musical instruments (1 per kid)

4

BECOME

Small Group (10 MINUTES)

GOAL: For kids to learn to follow Jesus by applying faith to their lives

GOD HELPS ME TROPHY

SUPPLIES: Take-Home page, coloring supplies, printable page, washable ink pad, baby wipes, gold stickers (5 per kid)



LET'S HELP

SUPPLIES:

2 bins, big and small items (crayons, toys, stuffed animals, paper, blocks, stickers)

PREP:

None

ACTIVITY INTRO:

Welcome everyone! My name is _____. *Greet each kid by name and welcome any new kids to the group.*

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Say:** Today we will learn about how God can help us. Let's play a fun game where we all help sort the items.
2. **Say:** We will put all the things into two bins. One bin is for small things. *Hold your hands close together.* The other is for big things. *Stretch your arms above your head.*
3. **Say:** Let's work together to help me get all of these things sorted!
4. *Lead kids to help compare if the item is small or big and then place it into the correct bin.*
5. *Once all the toys are cleaned up, clap and give everyone a high-five.*
6. **Ask:** Do you think God can help us with big and small things?

**ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:**

Nothing is too hard for God. Today we will learn how God helped His people win a battle. We can know that God can help us with anything big or small! Let's learn more about this Bible story together.

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(JUDGES 4–5)

Use the Bible story cards to teach the Bible story or read the script to the kids.

Say: God's people made it to the Promised Land, the place God had promised to His people. But once there, they forgot all that God had done for them. Oh no! Shake your head from side to side. The Israelites did bad things and did not follow God's ways.

Say: So God let another king and his army take over where God's people were. The king was bad and mean. For 20 years, God's people asked God to help them. God sent a woman named Deborah to help. Can you say, Deborah? "Deborah!"

Say: Deborah told a man named Barak, "God has told you to fight this battle. He will help you beat the enemy." Can you clap your hands? Hooray! Barak said he would go only if Deborah came too. Deborah said yes! The leader heard they were coming and got ready for battle.

Say: Deborah told Barak, "Get ready! God will help you win." Let's point up to the sky! When Barak attacked, God made the enemy army afraid. The Israelites had won! Even when the leader tried to get away and hid, he was stopped too! No one is greater than God!

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POINT TO JESUS

Say: God wins every battle He fights. Jesus won the greatest battle of all when He came to rescue us from our sin!

WRAP-UP:



BIG QUESTION

Say: Now it's time to answer our Big Question. Can you all help me do a drumroll?
1, 2, 3.. drumroll!

Show the Big Question Teaching Image and Answer.

Say: Will God ever fail us? No, never!



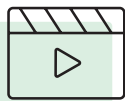
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VERSE VIDEO

*Play Memory Verse
Motion Video after the
verse is read.*

MEMORY VERSE MOTIONS:

Help kids recite and retain the memory verse by teaching it with motions. Before you teach the verse, be sure to explain what it means.

- For nothing (shake finger "no")
- will be (spread arms out again)
- impossible (cross arms in front of you again)
- with God. (point up)
- Luke 1:37 (open hands like a book)



MONTHLY

Memory Verse

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VICTORY PARADE

SUPPLIES:

Musical instruments (1 per kid)

PREP:

None

LEADER TIP: If you have limited space, encourage kids to march in place as you celebrate together.

ACTIVITY INTRO:

The Bible teaches us true stories about God. Today, we learned God always wins. Nothing is impossible for God! Let's celebrate how God is victorious together!

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Say:** We can praise God together and cheer for how good God is. God is the greatest! He will always win!
2. *Line kids up in a single file line. Pass out one musical instrument to each kid.*
3. *Lead them throughout the space as you cheer and encourage them to play their instruments in a victory parade.*
4. *Have other leaders stand on the sides, waving and cheering them on.*
5. **Ask:** Is anything too hard for God to do?

**ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:**

Nothing is too hard for God to do! God can do anything. We can believe in God and know that He will always help us.



GOD HELPS ME TROPHY

SUPPLIES:

Take-Home page, coloring supplies, printable page, washable ink pad, baby wipes, gold stickers (5 per kid)

PREP:

Print the Take-Home page (1 per kid). Print the printable page (1 per kid).

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Say:** When we believe in God, we can know that God will help us. God is victorious! That means God will always win.
2. **Say:** Let's make a trophy craft to remember that God is number one, and nothing is impossible for Him.
3. *Pass out a printable page and coloring supplies to kids. Lead them to color in their pictures.*
4. *Then lay out a washable ink pad and show kids how to press their finger into it, then press their ink finger onto the paper to decorate it with their finger prints.*
5. *As kids do this, remind kids that God can help them. Nothing is too hard for God to do.*
6. *Use the baby wipes to wipe fingers clean.*
7. *Pass out gold stickers for kids to finish off decorating their trophy.*
8. *Write the kid's name on their paper/craft and set aside for parent pick up.*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Is anything too hard for God?
- How did Deborah help in today's Bible story?
- What did Deborah tell Barak?
- Who won the battle?



PRAY TOGETHER:

God, You are so great! Nothing is too hard for You. Please help us, and remind us how You can do anything. Amen.

ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

Give each kid a Take-Home page. With remaining time, kids can play in centers or color the Take-Home page.

CENTERS:

Set up 3–4 centers around the room for kids to explore and learn as they play. While kids explore the centers, leaders can work with individuals or small groups to make the craft. Set up each center in a separate part of the room, making sure all kids are visible at all times. Show the whole group what is in each center and give simple instructions on what kids should do in each center.

- **Creation Station:** Provide cut paper, craft sticks and tape. Share that kids can make a victory flag to remember how God is victorious.
- **Modeling Dough:** Provide modeling dough and people-shaped cookie cutters. Encourage kids to make a person who looks like them. Share how God can always help them.
- **Celebrate:** Provide party hats and party blowers for kids to celebrate God's victory.

BONUS SCRIPT:

Preschoolers learn best through repetition. Use the script below to review the story at any opportunity. You could review the story while kids play in centers, while they work on their craft, during snack time, or while waiting for parents.

Say: God's people forgot about Him and were in trouble. God chose a woman named Deborah to help them. She told a man named Barak to lead the army. Barak agreed, but only if Deborah came too. God helped His people win the battle! God wins every battle He fights. He is always the winner. God is victorious!



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