



Deborah the Judge

Our story begins with the people of Israel, the Israelites. During the time of this story, the Israelites were not behaving well; they were misbehaving. The Israelites were led by an evil king who was from another land, his name was Jabin and he was king of Canaan, a land of Israel. Almost everyone was doing bad things and God was always searching to see that His children were doing everything that is wrong, and God was very

But God found one woman who loved Him as a Heavenly Father. She only followed God and she didn't follow the people that were doing bad things so she was not a follower, she was a leader in her community. She always did the right thing. She always behaved well and was very fair. She loved God and wanted to do what He told her to do. Her name was Deborah and God told her that she would be the judge of Israel

(Define "judge" for the children).

God instructed Deborah to free the Israelites from the evil king. God told her to call a man named Barak to gather the men and go to the king to defeat him. But Barak didn't want to go without Deborah. He felt she was close to God and was a strong leader that

would help them win. So Deborah said she would go with the men and lead them, but that once they won and defeated the evil king all the glory would go to God; they must say that God fought and delivered them through a woman who worked for God. Can you guess what happened next? Yes, they went with Deborah to the king and his men and through her leadership they defeated them, and everyone knew that Deborah was the one who led the men of Israel to victory. Deborah was responsible, she was strong and she trusted God. If we always do what is right, if we are responsible (define or remind the children what “responsible” means) and if we trust God, then nothing is impossible. It doesn’t matter how you feel or who you are, God will use you and give you everything you need to win.

