

07 – GOD IS GOOD AT VICTORY!

PARENT TEACHING GUIDE

God wins the victory! We are studying Old Testament battle stories. These stories show us over and over again that God has the power and God wins the victory for His people when they follow His commandments (have faith in Him). We will study Jesus' triumph over death, which brings us the victory of salvation. We can be victorious if we remain faithful to God and to the sacrifice of His son. God never promises that our lives will be easy. He does promise us victory through Christ if we trust Him.

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LESSON 6. DEBORAH & JAELENT JABIN

Memory Verse: Psalm 73:26 My mind and my body may become weak. But God is my strength. He is mine forever.

Text: Judges 4

God sent judges to Israel to deliver them from the nations around them. God's people fell into sin and when they repented, God delivered them. Deborah helped God's people defeat Jabin, the king of the Canaanites and Sisera, the captain of the Canaanite army. When Sisera escaped the battle, he took refuge with Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite. She killed him with a tent nail. God is a mighty protector!

PRAISE & PRAYER Show pictures of victory (people succeeding, winning contests, overcoming obstacles, etc). Praise God who makes the minds, legs, muscles, eyes, etc that make earthly victories possible. Remind your child of our spiritual victory from God, through Christ!

FACTS TO KNOW

WHERE: JUDGES; Hazor, Ramah, Bethel, Ephraim, Naphtali, Zebulun, and Mt. Tabor

WHO: GOD, King Jabin, Sisera, Deborah, Barak, and Jael

WHEN (Purple Card): Joshua and Judges

Praise Passage: **Psalm 9:9** Have your child write the verse down into a small notebook of their own ("Praise Journal"). Praise God & discuss the meaning as they write it down. The point of the praise passage is for your child to learn how to praise God – learn how to say nice things about God and to God in prayer.

Victory Psalm: Psalm 136*

Victory Songs: The Battle Belongs to the Lord* & Faith is the Victory*

WHEN WALL/ TIMELINE Use the "When Wall – Purple Cards Key"* to do the When Wall cards at home. Review the Historical Heading cards ("purple cards") that tell the story of the Bible. For Kindergarten and up add in the Famous People cards (white cards) and for 2nd grade and up add in the Books of the Bible cards (yellow cards).

LESSON As you introduce the lesson, talk about where in the Bible timeline this lesson occurs (which purple card this lesson falls under). See the Victory-When Wall* answer key for guidance (a copy is also provided in the student folder). "Deborah & Jael" go under the "Joshua and Judges" purple card. Tell carefully or read dramatically today's lesson using the Bible, your child's lesson folder, or the preschool family story within this guide. Here are the lesson 6 visuals* created by Renee to help you teach this lesson. Remember to emphasize how God is the hero of the story!

ACTIVITIES Use the activity packet for lesson 6 provided in your child's student folder. Students in the 2nd -5th grades have a cover page for the packet where they can begin learning their memory verse by writing it down and writing what they are thankful for and what they will pray for this week.

Open my eyes that I may see....God the Hero of History!

Additional Activities:

- Invite an active Christian woman (or women) to talk to your child(ren). Ask her to describe the work she does for the Lord. Older children might interview these women.
- Brainstorm and list things women can do for the Lord and write them on a white/chalk board or piece of paper.
- Send thank you notes to women who have helped the church in some way.

SING The Judges Song; Books of the Old Testament; My God is so Big; The Lord's Army, Soldiers of Christ Arise, Stand Up Stand Up for Jesus



The Judges Song (to the tune of 10 Little Indians)

God set judges over Israel;
One brave woman, fourteen men.
They helped Israel fight their battles;
Led them back to God from sin.

Othniel, Ehud, Shamgar, Deborah,
Gideon, Abimelech, Tola, Jair,
Jephthah, Ibzan, Elon, Abdon,
Samson, Eli, Samuel.

FAMILY/PRE-K STORY:

Deborah & Jael Judges 4

This is the Bible, God's written word. It tells how God made us and it tells how God loves us. Listen carefully and keep God's words in your heart so that you will never forget how good and wonderful our God is. God loves us and takes care of us....Jehovah is my shepherd; and I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Psalm 23:1-3

Oh give thanks unto Jehovah for He is good; for His loving kindness endures forever. Oh give thanks unto the Lord of lords; For His loving kindness endures forever: To Him who alone does great wonders; for His loving kindness endures forever. Psalm 126:1-4

Joshua was a brave leader and he conquered the nations and led the people until he grew old and died. But it wasn't long until the people began to forget God's mighty strength. Everyone began to go their own way. When they turned away from God and began to worship the idols of the land, God allowed the nations around them to trouble them and cause them to serve them. When the people cried out to God for help, he chose mighty men and women to judge people and fight battles against their enemies. There were 15 judges in all. The fourth one was a woman named Deborah who was a prophetess. This means that God spoke to the people through her. She sat under a palm tree and the people of Israel would come to her for guidance and help from God.

Deborah sent for Barak and told him to gather an army. There was a battle that God wanted him to fight against two evil kings. But Barak said he would only go into battle if Deborah would come. Because he asked this God said that he would give the victory to a woman. This was an unusual thing since God had sent men into battle. So they went into battle and God gave them victory. But one of the kings, Sisera, got away. He ran and hid in the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber, the Kenite. Israel had peace with this family because they were relatives of the Israelites. Sisera thought he would be safe. Jael covered him with a blanket. He asked her to watch at the door and tell him if anyone came. He then fell asleep.

But Jael was on God's side. She took a tent nail and hammered it through his head and into the ground. Deborah's prophecy came true. The battle was won by a woman. Jael was wise. She chose to help God's people. She knew that being friends with the evil kings was not a wise thing to do and fighting on God's side was the right thing to do. She helped God's people to victory. God is good at Victory. He can win the battle using men, woman, and children. Will you choose as Deborah, Barak and Jael? God will win the battle against evil, Satan, and death. Will you choose to fight for right in the Lord's army?

Family - Teen & Adult Questions:

Read Judges 4

1. Verse 24 of Psalm 136 speaks of God rescuing the people from their enemies. This lesson is the first of several from the time period of the Judges. Write or draw the cycle of the Judges on a piece of paper. Hint: Remember the R's.
2. Had God promised to drive out the nations of Canaan?

What had God instructed the Israelites to do after taking the Promised Land?

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6. How many Judges were there?
- Which Judge was Deborah?
7. Was Barak ready to go into battle?
What was his condition?
Deborah's response indicated that this would be an unusual victory for God's people. Why is this? (Judges 4)
8. Who were the heroes in Judges 4?
- But who was the great Hero of the battle? (Judges 4:20)
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10. Study the chart above. If you are not on God's side, then whose side are you on? Is there a middle ground? (Matthew 6:24; 12:30; Joshua 24:15)
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