



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
Kings & Kingdoms Part 2: Judges - Esther
Unit 7, Lesson 33

Deborah Leads the Israelites

Lesson Aim: To understand the role of judges in our lives.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: Who do you watch over?

GAME: Battleball

THE WORSHIP THE KING WHO WATCHES OVER US

Read Worship Scripture: Judges 5:1-3.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform King City Chronicles script or read storybook.

THE WORD GOD GAVE DEBORAH THE VICTORY

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Parable of the Good Samaritan.

Today, we will hear how God sent Deborah to be a judge for the Israelites. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Judges 4:1-9, 13-16. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Judges 4:4-5. Pray. Read.

THE WAY GOD GIVES US JUDGES

How did God help the Israelites when they cried out to Him? (Gave them Deborah as a leader, gave them the victory over their enemy.) **In what two ways did Deborah lead the Israelites?** (Helped them in their disagreements; led Barak and the army against Sisera and the Canaanites.) **Deborah listened to God, so she faithfully represented Him as she settled disagreements and led the army. Do you need help with a disagreement at home, at school, or with your friends? Has God put someone in your life who can help decide what is right and fair? Ask God to send you someone who listens to Him.**

The Israelites had no king, so God gave them judges to lead them. During those years, the events below were repeated many times:

1. The people did wrong in God's eyes.
2. God let them suffer the consequences of their wrongdoing.

3. They cried out to God for help.
4. God gave them a judge to lead in doing things God's way.
5. After the judge died, they returned to doing wrong.

What does consequence mean? (A result of an earlier action.) **What were the consequences of the Israelites' actions?** (God allowed the Canaanites to make them slaves for 20 years.) **What are some consequences you have faced for wrongdoing?** (For example: When you mistreat a friend, you might lose that friend. When you don't do your schoolwork, you might receive a poor grade. When you disobey, you might be punished.)

God watched over the Israelites even when they did wrong. When they were suffering the consequences of their wrongdoing, God heard their cries and He helped them. When have you done wrong in God's eyes, and then cried out to God for help? This week, look for any patterns or habits of wrongdoing that you have in your life. Ask God to watch over you and to keep you from returning to them. The Bible promises that God watches over us. Let's read our Bible Memory Verse promise about that together out loud. Together, say Psalm 121:1, 2, 4, 8 from the Bible Memory Verse poster or Bible.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

The people needed a leader, so God sent Deborah. He gave Deborah authority to make war and judge Israel. Even though we have judges that help make things fair, we still have unfairness in our world. One day, God will send the perfect and all-powerful Judge to make everything right and fair. Let's find that promise from God in the Bible. Reveal Revelation 19:11. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Palm tree bookmark
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #33
- OFFERING OF ART: Deborah and Barak chasing Sisera's army
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Judge and Gavel Snack

GAME: You Be the Judge

CRAFT: Deborah's Palm Pinwheel

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Watch Tag, Hot Potato Scramble

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW