



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5
Kings & Kingdoms Part 2: Judges - Esther
Unit 7, Lesson 33

Deborah, the Judge

Lesson Aim: To know God gives us judges.

THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "Judge fairly."

THE WORSHIP THE KING WHO WATCHES OVER US

Sing Bible Memory Verse and other related songs.

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to God as our King who watches over us. He watches over everyone in the whole world!
Sing: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands."

He is watching now as we sing and give our offering to Him. Let's give our offering now. As the offering basket is passed, listen to our new Bible Memory Verse Song. Later, we will sing it together. Play: "I Can Do Everything" as background music while collecting the offering.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

How do we know God is watching over us? We know because, in the Bible, God promised He is watching over us! Let's sing about His promise now. Sing: "I Am with You."

God watches over His people and gives us what we need. Long ago, when His people needed a leader, He gave them Deborah as their judge. A judge makes fair and right choices. That reminds me of our Whisper Verse. Let's whisper, "Judge fairly." Review the Whisper Verse together: "Judge fairly." Include sign language.

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

Can you imagine being an important judge like Deborah? God helped Deborah and God helps us in everything we do. That's what the Bible says! Listen to our new Bible Memory Verse Song. Sing along when you are ready. Sing: "I Can Do Everything."

THE WORD DEBORAH, THE JUDGE CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we learned we should show kindness to others. Today, we will hear how God gave Deborah to judge His people. Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Judges 4:5.

WATCH THE WORD: JUDGES 4:4-5; 5:7

Read poem. Display visual.

- God watched over His people;
- They needed a judge and leader.
- God sent Deborah to be like their mother,
- At the palm tree they would meet her.

- Whenever God's people disagreed,
- On who was wrong or right;
- They always came to her palm tree,
- And Judge Deborah would decide!

God gave judges to his people. One judge was a wise woman named Deborah. What did God send Deborah to do? (Judge fairly.) Our Whisper Verse tells us the answer. Let's say it together: "Judge fairly." Include sign language or hand motions.

Where did Deborah sit when she judged? (Under a palm tree.) Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read Judges 4:5 from the teacher's Bible.

THE WAY GOD GIVES US JUDGES

CRAFT: Deborah's Tree

GAMES: Judge Fairly, Pray for Our Judges

SNACK: A Fair Snack

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Judges 4:4-5; 5:7

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Jesus Gives Me Strength!, "God's Strength" Memory Pass

STORY TIME