Deborah Obeys God

Judges 1:1-16

Fall Unit 3: God's People Make Good Choices

Bible Verse:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." Mark 12:30

God's Word & Me (Bottom Line): I can choose to love and obey God.



Tell the Story

Open your Bible to Judges 4. Tell the story using the pictured motions (keywords in bold) or show Bible Story 20 pictures.

What happens in a very big rainstorm? Listen to hear what happened to God's people during a very big rainstorm.

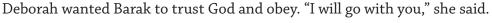


Deborah was a woman who loved God and listened to Him. God told Deborah messages to give to His people. God loved His people, but they were not listening to Him. They were not obeying Him. They were not praying. Because they disobeyed God, the people had big trouble! An army with many **strong** soldiers and 900 chariots wanted to fight them! (A chariot is a cart pulled by a horse.) The leader of the army was named Sisera.



Finally, the people of Israel remembered to pray to God. God gave Deborah a message for a man named Barak. Deborah told Barak, "God has an important job for you. God says: 'Take 10,000 men to Mount Tabor. I will bring Sisera with his chariots and army to the river there. I will help you get rid of Sisera."

But Barak was **afraid**! Barak said, "Deborah, if you go with me, I will go. But if you don't go, I won't go."





Soon 10,000 men went with Barak and Deborah up Mount Tabor. Sisera was getting ready to fight, too. He and his army rode toward Mount Tabor. Sisera was sure he would win. But Sisera didn't know the Israelites had GOD'S help!

Deborah and Barak **looked** down from the mountain. They could see out across the big flat land. The chariots were coming closer and CLOSER. Soon the whole valley was FULL of chariots!



Deborah smiled at Barak. "Go!" she said. "God will help you. You will win!"

Barak and his men started down the mountain. Just then, God sent a thunderstorm! Lightning flashed. Rain poured. Sisera and his men ran away. Barak's army **chased** them until there was no one left to chase! Deborah and Barak were glad they had obeyed God.

