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BIBLE STORYLINE
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Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're talking about a famous woman named Deborah. She was a prophet and judge. In our last lesson, we learned that judges weren't like judges we have today. A judge spoke for God and helped the Israelites defeat their enemies. Here's what's cool about Deborah. She was powerful because she was chosen by God to lead the people but she was also a woman. Back in those times, women weren't usually seen as leaders. But God used men AND women and Deborah goes down in history as one of the most famous women ever! In Deborah's story, the Canaanites were their enemy and they had been super mean to the Israelites for a long time. They were really powerful. But God told Deborah to go to war with the Canaanites. So, Deborah told one of her leaders to gather an army and she challenged the leader of the Canaanite army to a battle. And, Deborah was right there in the thick of the battle! She was brave because she knew God was on her side. The Israelites defeated the enemy and Deborah and another woman got all the credit.

Big Idea

God loves to work through women, not just men

Key Question

Why did God want Deborah to get the credit?

Memory Verse

Judges 5:2 "Israel's leaders took charge, and the people gladly followed. Praise the Lord!"

Classroom Agenda

- (5 min) Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
- (5 min) WARM UP: Who is the strongest and bravest woman you know? Explain.** (Tip: Women are heroes, too. Your Mom might be your hero because she works hard and still makes dinner every night. Or, maybe your aunt is your hero because she has fought through cancer. God loves to use women, not just men.)
- (5 min) PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
- (20 min) LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
- (2 min) RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
- (3 min) KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **Because God likes to remind people that he's in charge.** (Back in Deborah's day, women weren't important and men were the ones in charge. But, God chose Deborah to be a judge which meant she was God's mouthpiece. He gave her power and authority and the Israelites followed her lead. He could've used a man but he chose to use a woman because he's God and he can use anyone.)
 - Bonus Questions:** Who is really in charge? Why was Deborah so brave? **4-5th** How do you think the men in Israel responded to Deborah's power and authority?
- (5 min) EXPLORE: Read 1 Timothy 4:12. God chose to use women in powerful ways. What does this verse say about young people like you? How can you be a good representative of God in your life?** (Answer: Deborah was probably surprised that she could be used to defeat an army, but with God, anything is possible. As young people, you are an important part of God's team, too. Be a role model, love your friends and share Jesus.)
- (10 min) PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
- (5 min) CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGODkids.org to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: STORY REVIEW MATCHING GAME

Instructions:

- Divide the class into groups of 4. Give each group a set of Matching Cards. (page 5-6) Have the groups place them face down on the floor or table. Choose one kid to go first. Have them turn over 2 cards looking for a match. If they find a match, they keep those cards and go again. If not a match, they turn the cards over and the kid to the right gets a chance. Keep playing until all the matches are found. Kid with the most cards at the end, wins.

Supplies needed: Matching Cards (pg. 5-6, precut, 1 set per group)

OPTION 2: THE STORY OF DEBORAH CRAFT

Instructions:

- Give each kid a half piece of construction paper and a Deborah template (page 7).
- Have the kids color Deborah and the palm tree. Then have them glue all the items onto their construction paper in the following order:
 - Deborah: Prophet and Judge
 - Palm Tree in the middle and Deborah sitting under the tree
 - Big Idea and memory verse at the bottom of the paper.
- As they work, read part of Deborah's story from Judges 4:1-9. Remind the kids that God chose Deborah to lead the people to victory even though women weren't seen as leaders back then. God wants to use young people, too!

Supplies needed: Construction paper (cut into 1/2 sheets, 1 per kid), Deborah template (pg. 7, precut, 1 set per kid), Crayons, Glue

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Deborah shows us that God loves to use women to lead his people, not just men!

Key Points:

- Deborah was a _____ and a _____ in Israel.
- Deborah told Barak to get an army ready to go against _____.
- Deborah went to battle, and a _____ got the credit.
- God loves to work through _____, not just men.

Memory Verse:

Judges 5:2 Israel's leaders took charge, and the people gladly followed. Praise the Lord!

Talk About It

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *Who is the strongest and bravest woman you know? Explain.*
3. *Who was Deborah and what was her job?*
4. *Who did Deborah get credit for defeating? Why do you think God used women, not just men, to do great things?*
5. *Read 1 Timothy 4:12. God chose to use women in powerful ways. What does this verse say about young people like you? How can you be a good representative of God in your life?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Instructions: Color the picture.

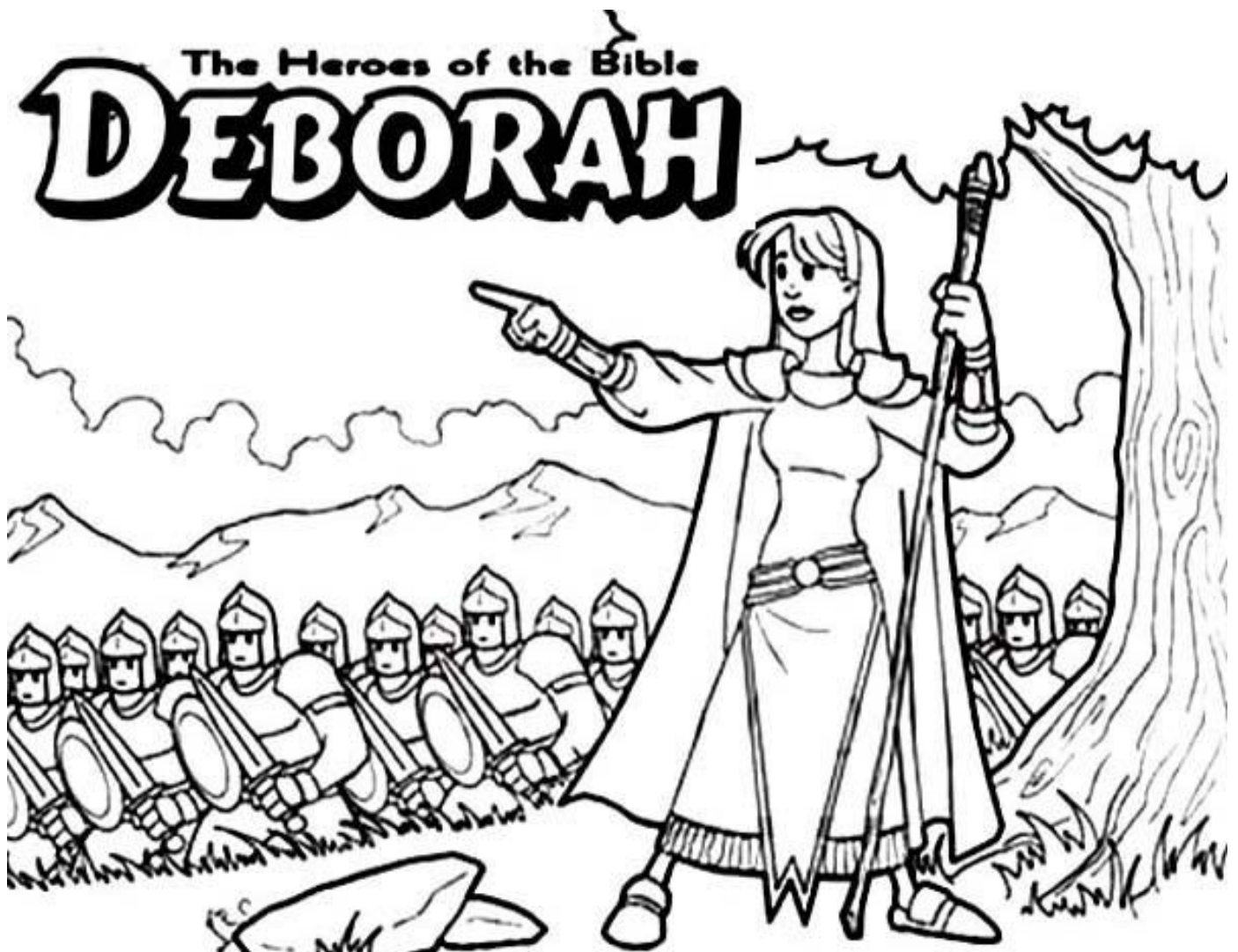
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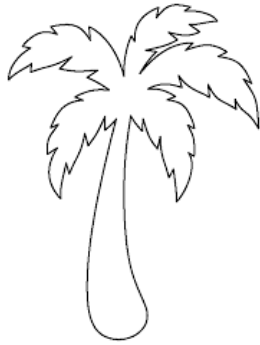
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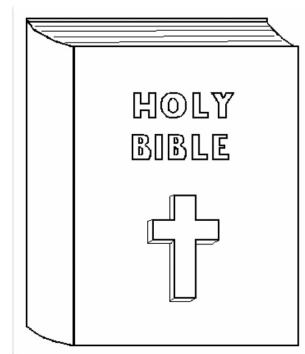
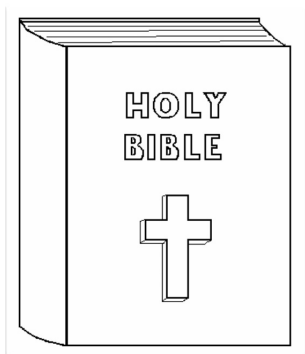
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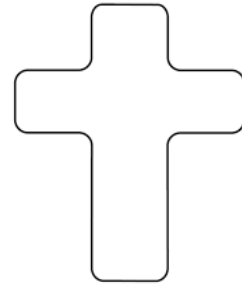
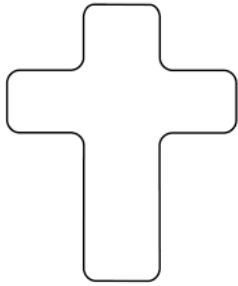
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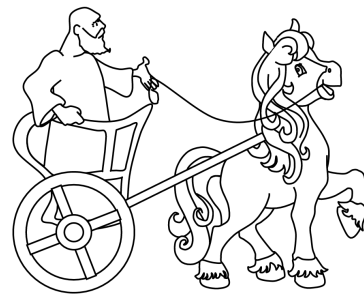
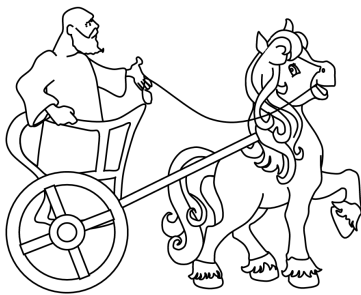
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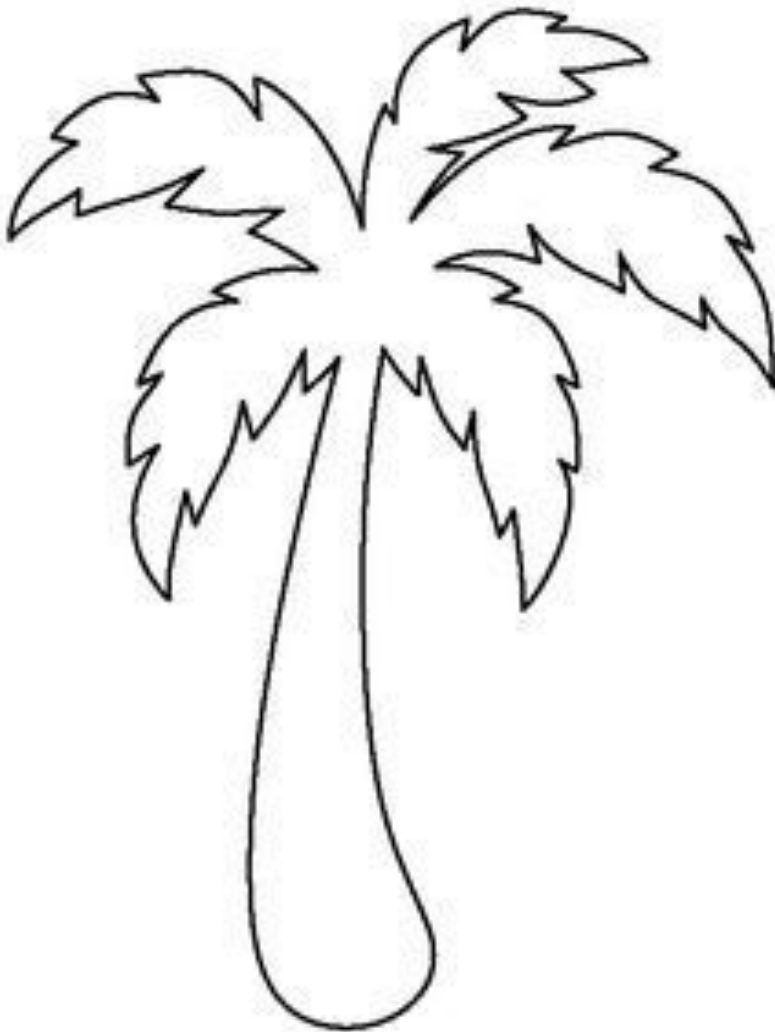
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DEBORAH: PROPHET AND JUDGE

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