

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 15, 2018



BIBLE STORY:

Judges 4-5

BIBLE VERSE:

Judges 5:3b

BABIES-PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

Deborah knew God helped the people.

YOUNGER KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

Good leaders obey God.

OLDER KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

We should trust God when He gives us a command to obey.

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

1 Corinthians 12:4-12,21-26

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

1 Corinthians 12:26

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *1 Corinthians 15:29-34*

MONDAY: *1 Corinthians 15:35-49*

TUESDAY: *1 Corinthians 15:50-58*

WEDNESDAY: *1 Corinthians 16:1-4*

THURSDAY: *1 Corinthians 16:5-12*

FRIDAY: *1 Corinthians 16:13-24*

SATURDAY: *2 Corinthians 1:1-7*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study *Judges* and *1 Corinthians* together as a family:



- **Trust God.** Judges 4 highlights Deborah, an important judge in Israel's history. Deborah is described as not only a judge but also a prophetess. Deborah heard messages from God which she delivered to people. One man to whom Deborah spoke, Barak, had heard a message from God, but had neglected to follow through on God's command. Deborah encouraged Barak to trust what God had called him to do and be faithful in following those commands. Barak decided he would do what Deborah said, but only if she would come with him.
- **God delivers.** Deborah warned Barak that his actions would not bring glory to himself; God would deliver the oppressors to a woman. Barak gathered an army of 10,000 men and went against the iron chariots of the Canaanites. God threw the Canaanites into confusion and they scattered. As Deborah had warned, a woman, Jael, killed the oppressor, Sisera, commander of the Canaanite army. Deborah and Barak worshiped God for the victory He brought.
- **Gifted by God.** Deborah and Barak were gifted by God to complete the task He had called them to. In Old Testament texts we see how God commanded people to do things and always provided the resources they needed to accomplish the task. Paul shared with the Corinthians that God gives believers gifts through the Holy Spirit to be used for His kingdom. God gives gifts to people so they will be equipped to fulfill a God-initiated role in the ministry of the church.
- **Use God's gifts.** God, through the Holy Spirit, provides gifts to believers today. God expects these gifts to be used to add value to His church as people accomplish kingdom work. Barak was given a task to do and God provided the gifting Barak needed to complete his task; Barak just didn't use them well. When God calls us to accomplish something for His kingdom, He provides all we need to accomplish those tasks.