



Bible Character Study



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We suggest that you print pages 2 - 5 and distribute them to your students.



Topic:

Deborah – an example of a courageous person.



Read the Bible References:

The Bible references can be read by different children if possible. Or the teacher can read them.



Goal of Lesson:

- To encourage students to be bold and strong.



Lesson Takeaway:

Though you might be young, you can be bold and strong. You can do amazing things for God.



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Bible References:

Judges 4: 4 – 16.



Who was Deborah?

Deborah was a prophetess, a messenger of God. She was the only female judge mentioned in the bible and she led Israel at the time. She was also married to a man named Lapidoth. In Judges 5: 1 – 31, she wrote a song of victory which she and Barak sang together.



What did Deborah do?

Deborah played a lot of roles during her time. She was a prophetess, a wife, a judge, and a songwriter.

As a female judge in Israel, she would sit under the Palm Tree of Deborah, and people would come to her so she could tell them what was right and wrong. Whenever people had misunderstandings, they would go to Deborah, so she could settle their misunderstandings. Through the wisdom of God, love, patience, and kindness, Deborah brought peace to the people of Israel whom she led.

We understand from Judges 4: 1 – 3 that the Israelites did evil in the sight of God and God allowed Jabin, a king in Canaan, to treat them badly for 20 years. When the Israelites cried out to God for help, God heard their cries and showed them mercy.





What did Deborah do? - Continued

In Judges 4: 6 – 7, God gave Deborah a strategy to defeat Jabin. So, Deborah sent for Barak, a warrior in Israel. She told him to get 10,000 men from the tribes of Naphtali and Zebulun so they could fight Sisera and Jabin's army. Sisera was the commander of Jabin's army.

Barak was afraid. He said, "If you go with me, I'll go. But if you don't go with me, I won't go" (see Judges 4:8). Deborah agreed to go with Barak and the 10,000 men.

They fought Sisera and Jabin's army and God gave them victory. At last, they were free from the evil and unkind treatment they got from Jabin (see Judges 4:16).



What can we learn from Deborah?

First, even though she was a woman, she did not look down on herself. Some people think that girls are weak and not strong to do some things, or that because they are girls, they cannot lead.

If God is asking you to do something, and you are a girl, do not be afraid – go and do what God is asking you to do because He has given you the spirit of boldness and power.

Maybe you are young, and you look down on yourself because of that. Well, look up! You are never alone.

God is with you. God can make use of anybody – young boys and girls, old men and women – to do amazing things for Him.



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What can we learn from Deborah? - Continued

Second, when Barak was afraid and could not face Jabin's army, Deborah was bold and offered to go with him. In Judges 4:14, she kept encouraging him. "Go, the Lord will hand over Sisera to you today", Deborah said. When we are bold, we can encourage those who are afraid.

God is looking for people who would be bold, courageous and strong today. There are many amazing things that God wants to do through us.

Think about it. Who would tell people about His awesome love? Who would tell people about His mighty power and How great He is? Who would share about the many ways He cares and loves us? Who will tell people about the peace and forgiveness He has come to give to those who are hurt and feeling guilty because of sin? Who will tell people that Jesus can save them from addictions? Who will tell people that Jesus can heal and do miracles even today? Who will tell people that Jesus gives true hope when it seems they feel lost and in a dark place? Who will help to bring the peace of Jesus into your classrooms? Who will be bold to save someone from making a bad choice like taking their own lives? Who will encourage someone who is confused to make a wise and godly choice when other friends are telling them to make a wrong choice?

YOU! God wants you to be His voice and tell them. But you need to be bold and strong.

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).



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Memorize:

2 Timothy 1:7 - For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.



Scenario review:

During lunch break at school, you saw George, a bully in your school, talking to Sharon, a new student in your class. You look closely and George was raising his fist, shouting at Sharon, and teasing her because she wore eyeglasses. You know that George would stop being mean to Sharon if someone would walk to him and ask him to stop. In the past, you saw Alex, a younger student, stop George from bullying another student by asking him to stop. You could always report him to a teacher if he refused to stop – someone just needs to do something. But George is bigger and stronger than you. What will you do? Why did you make that choice?



Remember:

It does not matter that you are young. You can be bold and strong. God wants to do amazing things through you.



Let us pray:

Dear God, thank You because You are bold and powerful. Nothing can ever make You afraid. Thank You for giving me the spirit of power, love and sound mind. But sometimes, I am afraid. When I am afraid, help me to trust that You can make me bold and strong Lord. I ask this in Jesus' name, amen!



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