

**Year 2**

**Week 56**

## **Deborah and Barak**

**Scriptures: Judges 4, 5**

**Key Verse: Judges 4:15 And the LORD routed Sisera and all his chariots and all his army with the edge of the sword before Barak**

### **Key Points:**

1. The Israelites worshipped idols after Ehud died, so God allowed Jabin, king of Canaan, to oppress the Israelites for twenty years.
2. Deborah was the judge who helped them return to God.
3. Deborah called for Barak and told him that the Lord would deliver Jabin's army into the hands of Barak and his 10,000 men.
4. Barak wanted Deborah to come with him. She agreed to go, but predicted that Sisera, the leader of the Canaanite army, would be killed by a woman.
5. After God helped Israel destroy the Canaanites, Deborah and Barak sang a song to praise God for their deliverance.



# Deborah Judges Israel

# DEBORAH THE JUDGE & BARAK THE COMMANDER



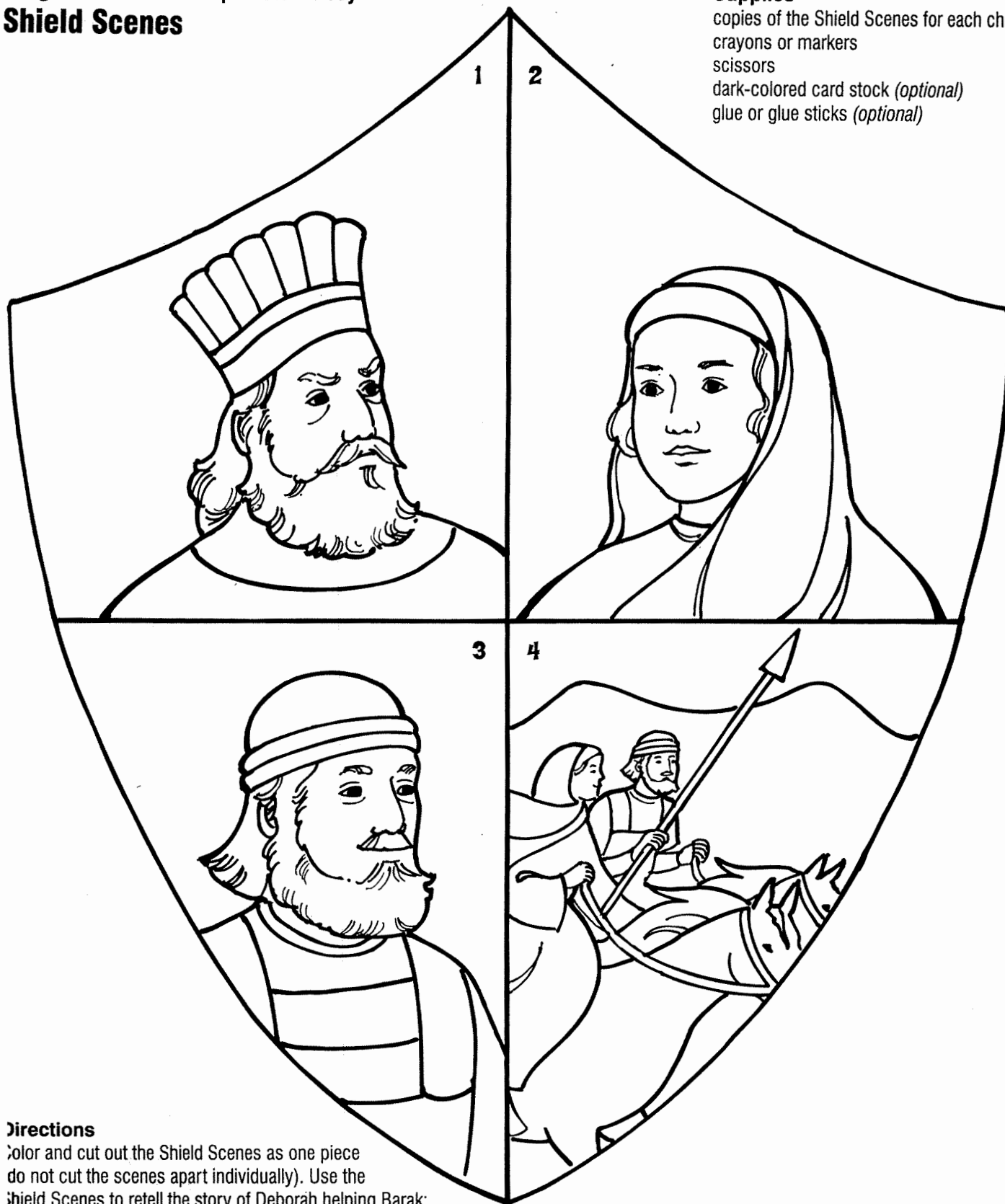


Deborah Helps Barak  
*Judges 4*

## Shield Scenes

### Supplies

copies of the Shield Scenes for each child  
crayons or markers  
scissors  
dark-colored card stock (*optional*)  
glue or glue sticks (*optional*)



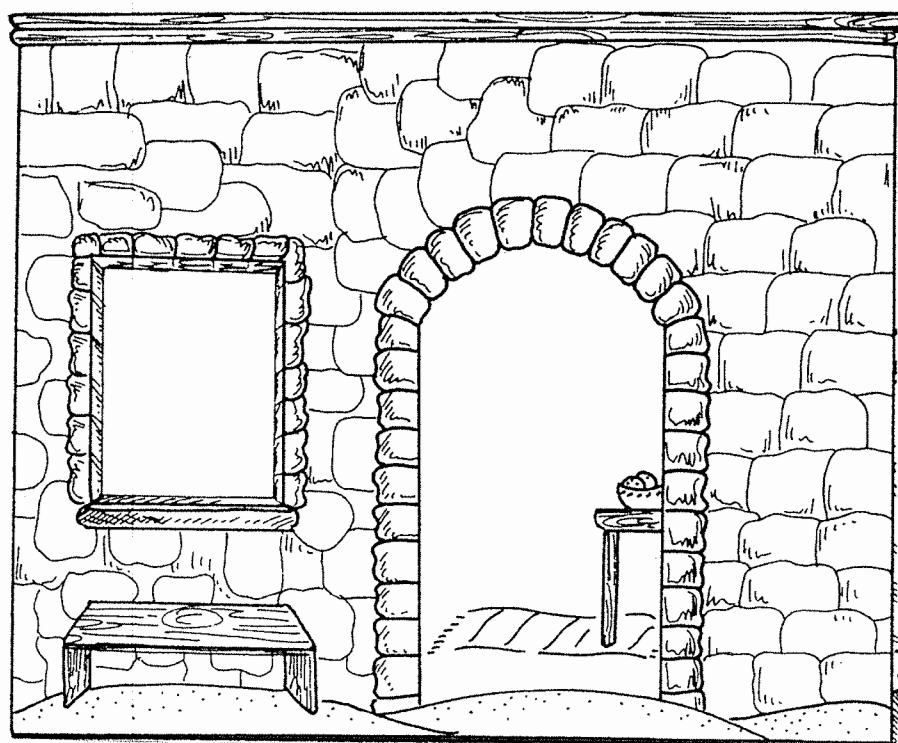
### Directions

Color and cut out the Shield Scenes as one piece (do not cut the scenes apart individually). Use the Shield Scenes to retell the story of Deborah helping Barak:

- 1) King Jabin was cruel to God's people.
- 2) God sent a message to Deborah who was a judge.
- 3) Deborah sent a message to Barak telling him what God said.
- 4) Deborah and Barak went together to defeat King Jabin's army.

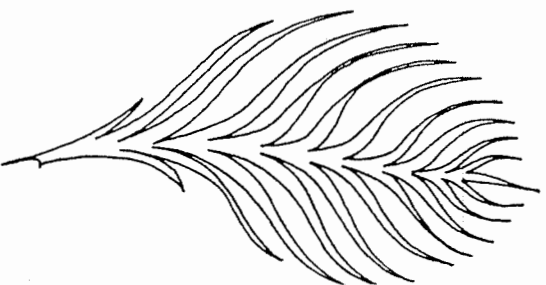
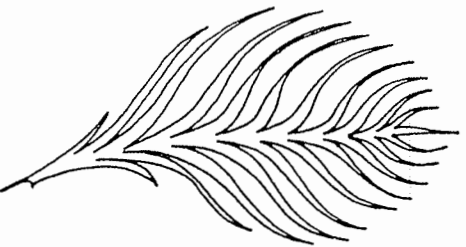
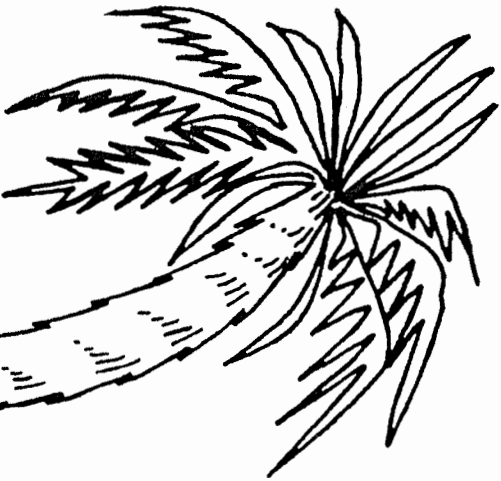
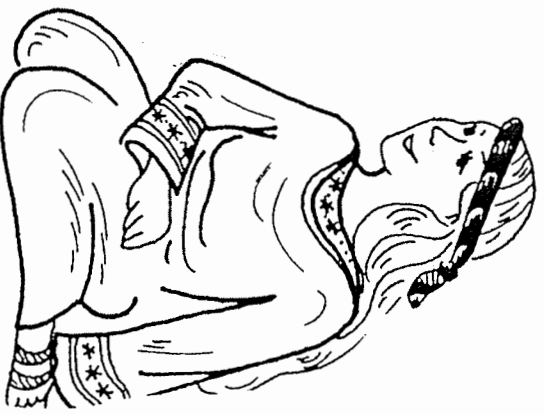
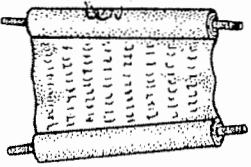
*Optional: Mount the shield on a piece of card stock for a more durable shield.*

To make a scene of Deborah, a prophetess, copy the items and then glue them onto cardstock or colored paper. Make the tree trunk and palm leaves out of colored paper, then glue on to complete the scene.



## Judges 4:4-5

Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, was judging Israel at that time. And she would sit under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the mountains of Ephraim. And the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.



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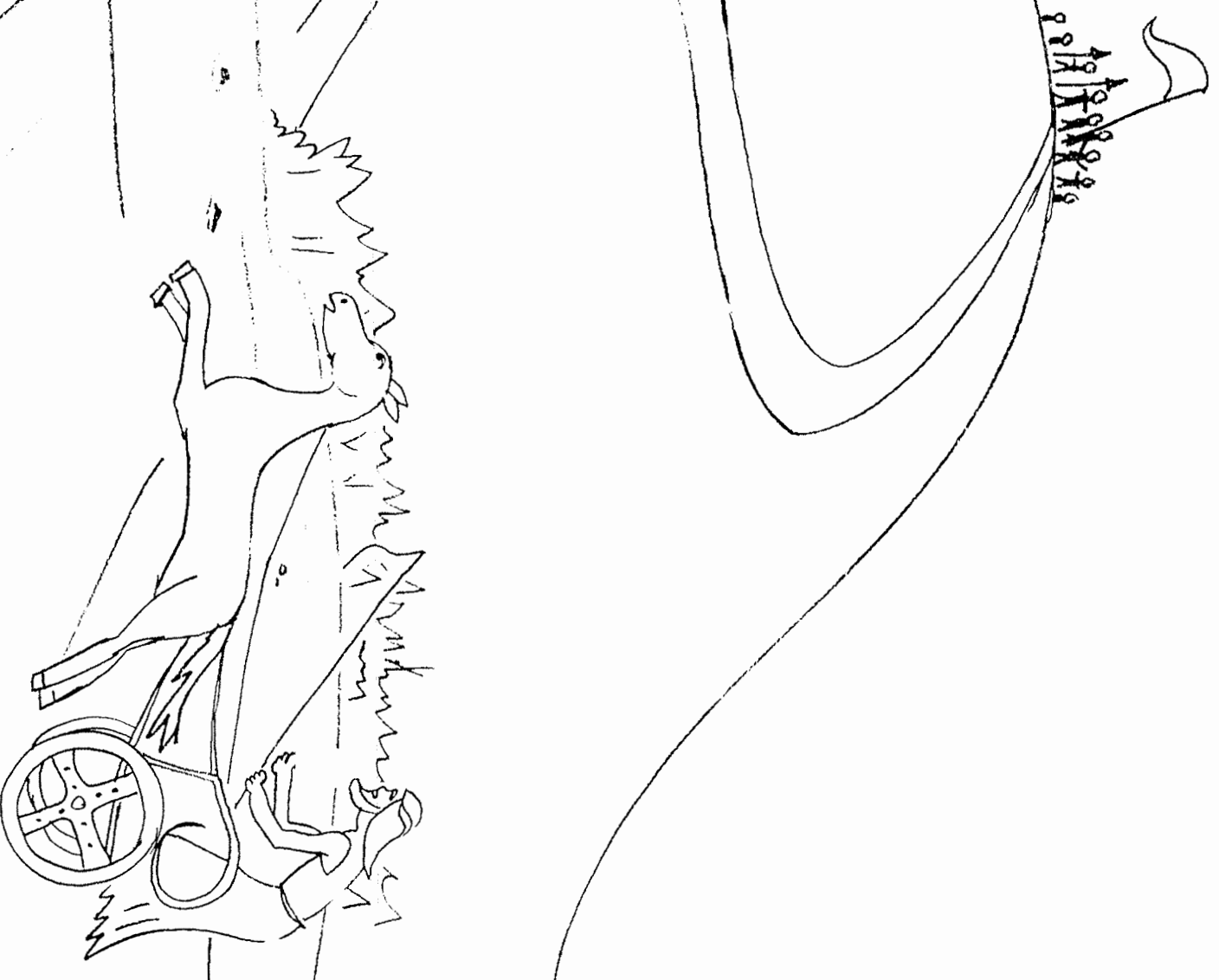
If you will go with me, I will go, but if you will not go with me, I will not go.

I will go with you. Nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.

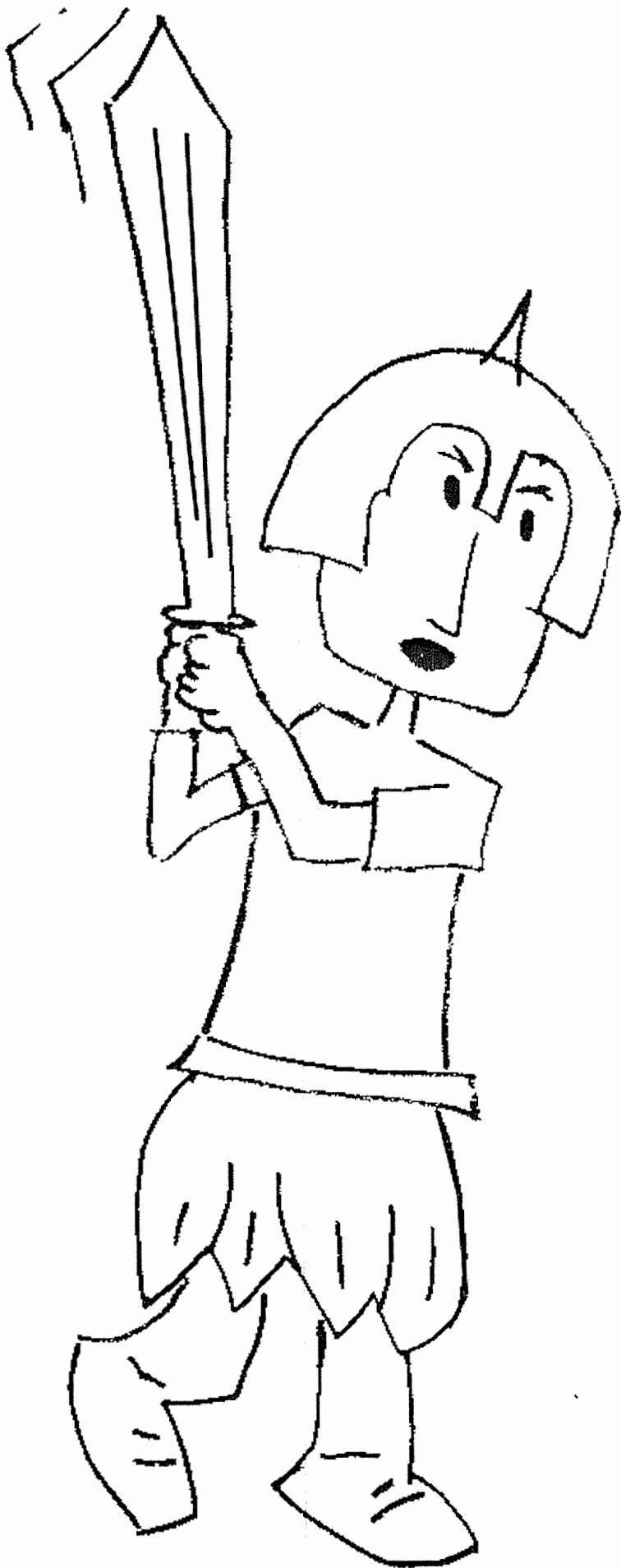




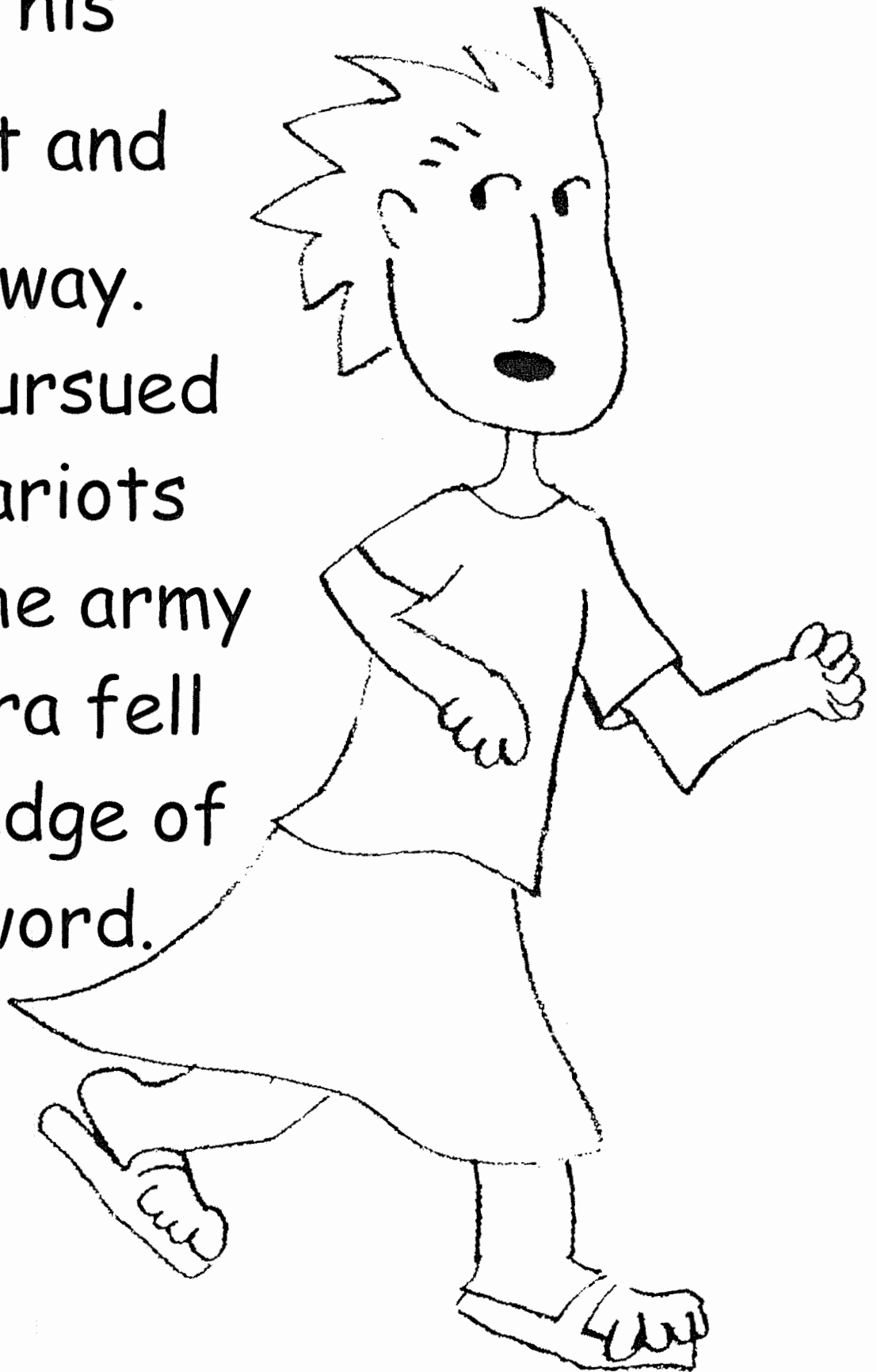
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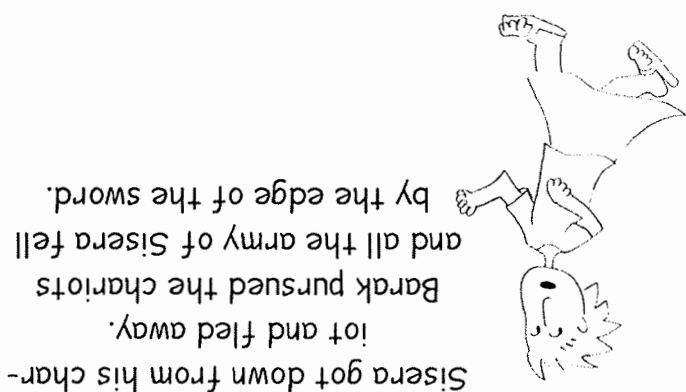


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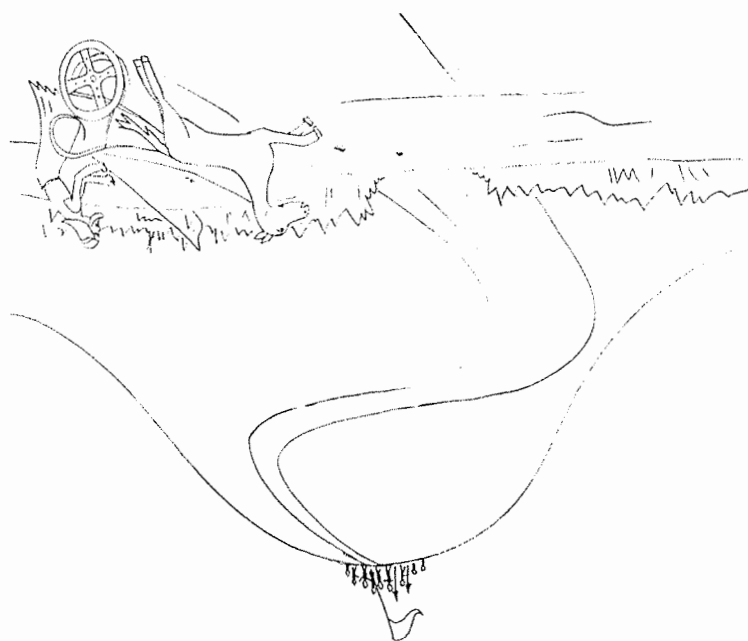


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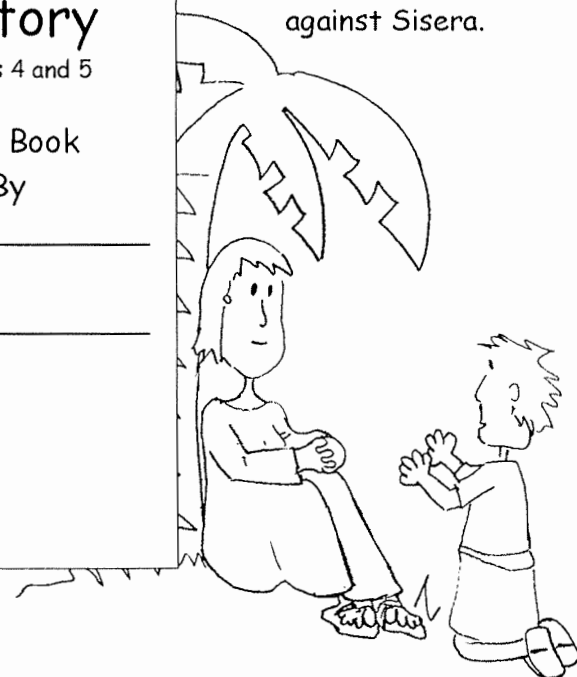
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Judges 4 and 5

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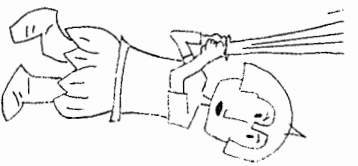
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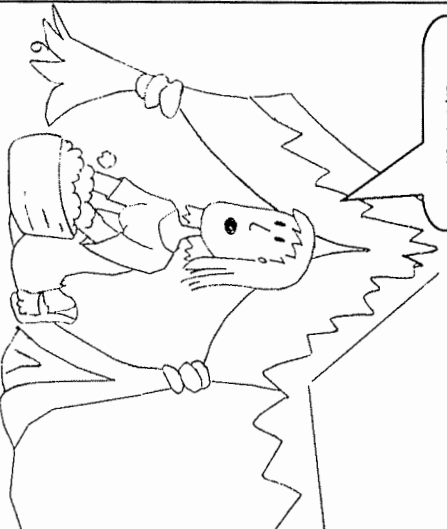
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Sisera routed Sisera and all his chariots before Barak by the edge of the sword

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Sisera tied on toot to the tent of Jael. She took him in, gave him a drink of milk and covered him with a rug.

Please come in. Do not be afraid.



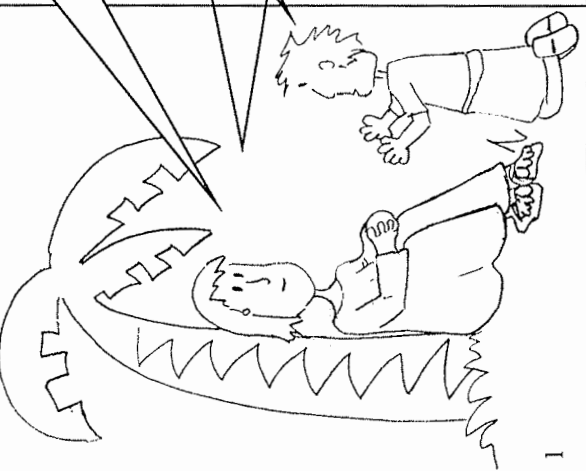
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# Deborah Leads Israel



people



Israel



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Deborah



army



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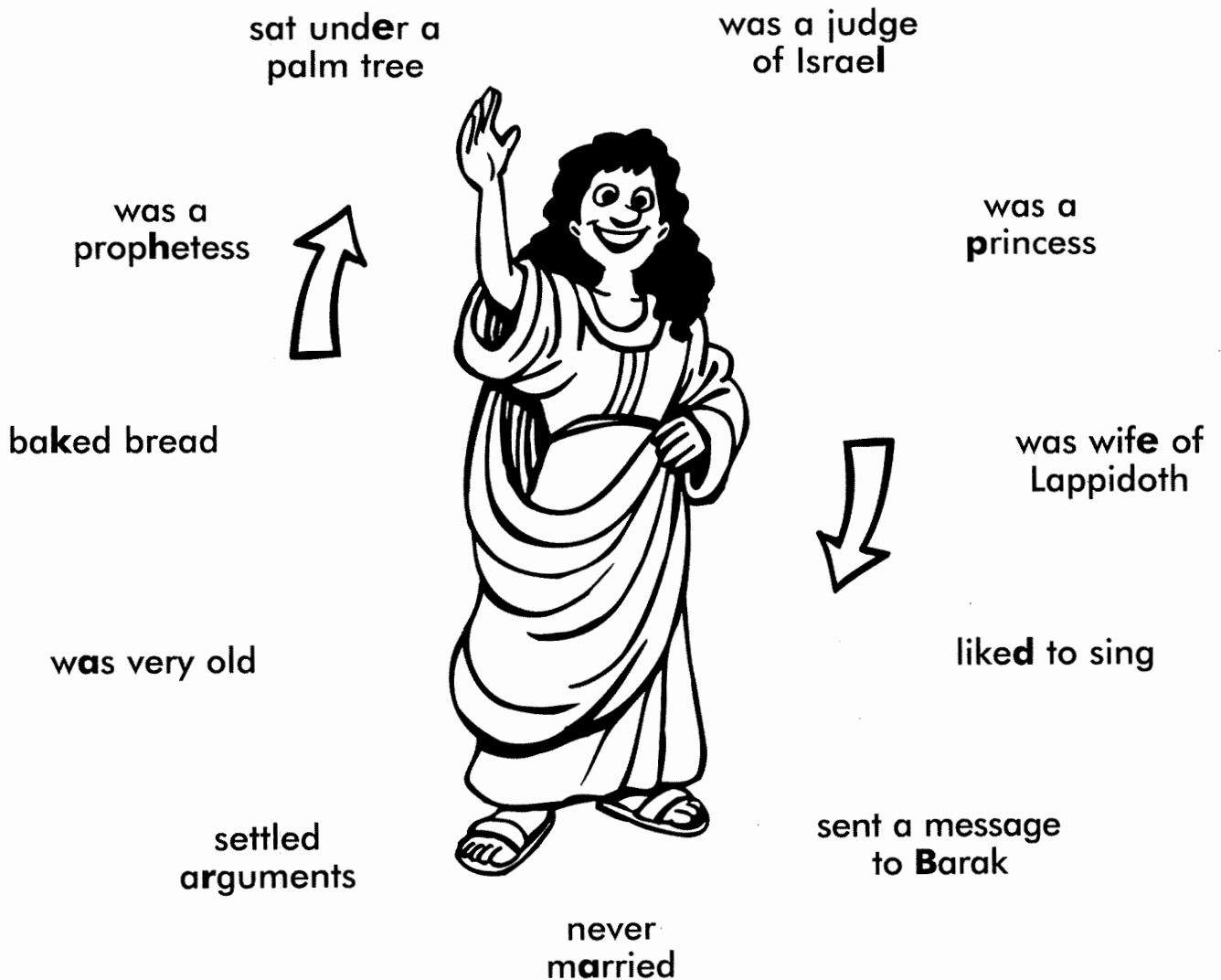
Often the  of  did not  God. When they didn't , they lost their wars. Then they came to God. They ed to God for help. God sent s. The s helped the ites fight their enemies. When the ites ed God, they won. One  was a woman. Her  was . Her helper's  was Barak. Barak led 's . 's enemies were the  of Canaan. The Canaanites came to fight . God told  what to do.  told Barak. Barak told the . The  ed. Because they ed, God helped them. God gave them the land of Canaan.  and Barak sang a poem with  to God.



# Deborah and Barak Judges 4


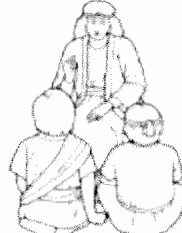



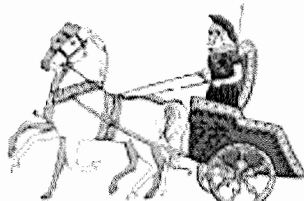


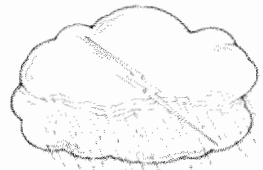
# Deborah Goes to Battle!

Circle the words that tell about Deborah. Look in Judges 4 if you need help.  
Then, starting with "prophetess," follow the arrow around the circle of words.  
Take every big, bold letter and copy them in order onto the lines below.



Deborah \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ .

# UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS FROM THE STORY

 <p><b>REASIS</b> _____</p>	 <p><b>OHDEBAR</b> _____</p>	 <p><b>KABRA</b> _____</p>
 <p><b>ETNT</b> _____</p>	 <p><b>ABAL</b> _____</p>	 <p><b>CHATROI</b> _____</p>
 <p><b>PAML</b> <b>ETRE</b> _____</p>	 <p><b>EJAL</b> _____</p>	 <p><b>ARIN &amp; IHAL</b> _____ &amp; _____</p>

## WORD BANK

**JAE**      **SISER**      **DEBORAH**      **TENT**  
**CHARIOT**      **RAIN & HAIL**      **BARAK**  
**PALM TREE**      **BAAL**

# Deborah

The story of Deborah is found in Judges 4 and 5. Deborah is the only female judge mentioned in the Bible. She was also a prophetess.

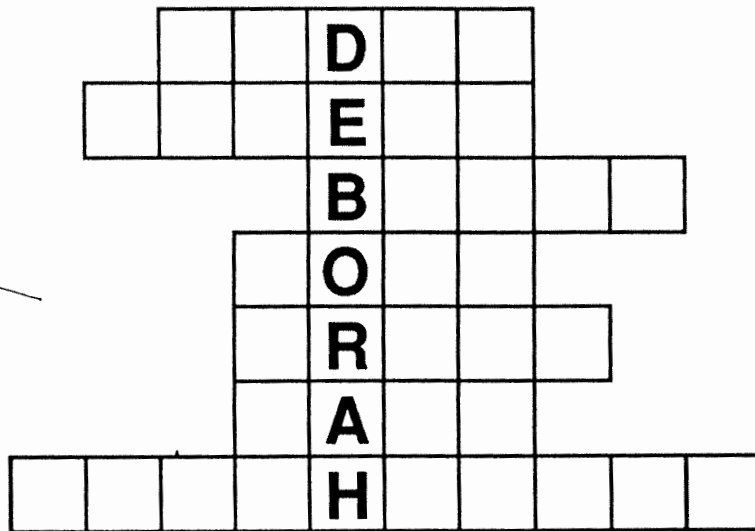
Deborah helped Barak go to battle against Sisera, the captain of the Canaanite army.

Sisera and his men ran away. Sisera hid in the tent of a woman named Jael. She gave him a drink and let him sleep. Then she killed him.

When Barak came he found Sisera dead.

Judges 5 is the song that Deborah sang about the battle.

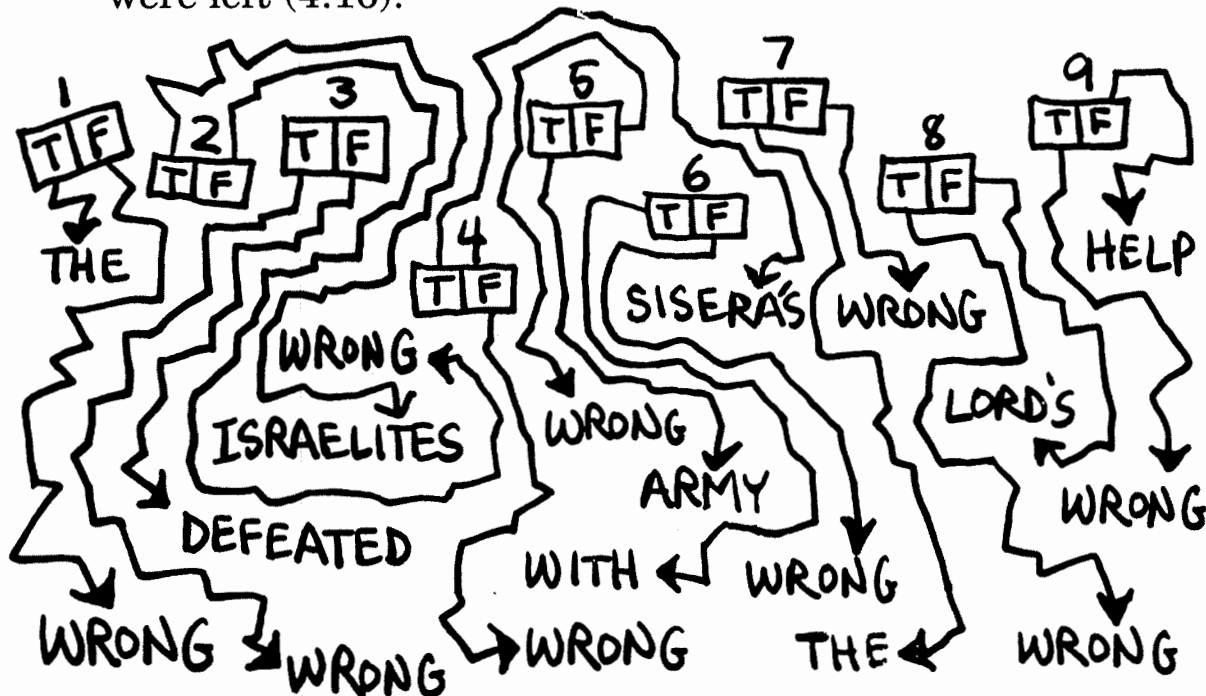
Fit the underlined words into the acrostic puzzle.



# Lead the Way

Read these statements from Judges 4. If the statement is true, follow the T path. If it is false, follow the F path. Write the word at the end of each path in the blank space.

1. The Israelites once again did evil (4:1).
2. The Lord sold them into the hands of Jabin (4:2).
3. Jabin cruelly oppressed them for 100 years (4:3).
4. Deborah was leading Israel at that time (4:4).
5. Sisera was the commander of Jabin's army (4:7).
6. Israelites came to Deborah to decide their disputes (4:5).
7. Barak led 10,000 men against Sisera (4:6).
8. Barak said he would never go (4:8).
9. All the troops of Sisera fell by the sword. Only two men were left (4:16).



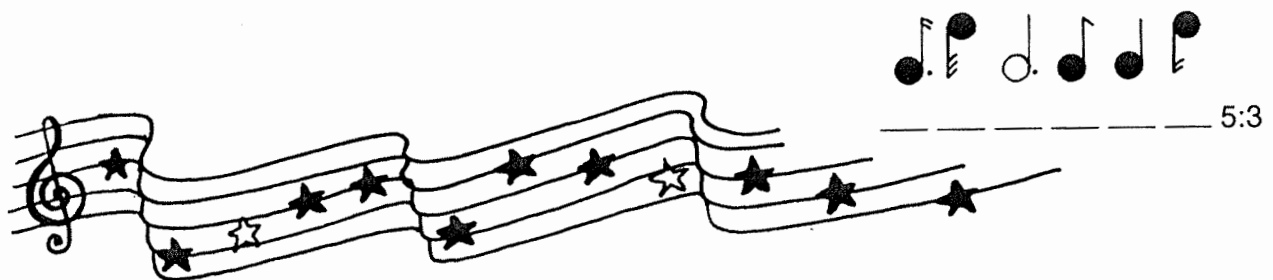
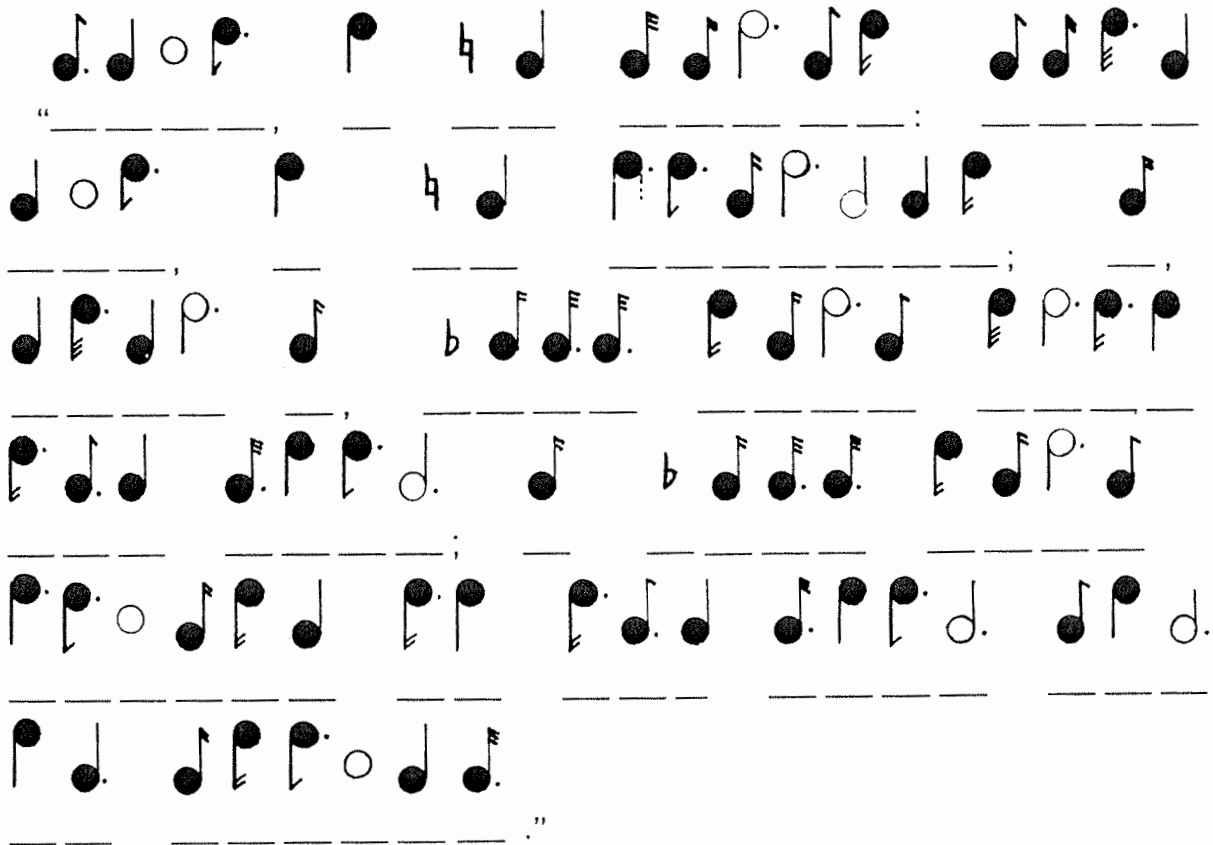
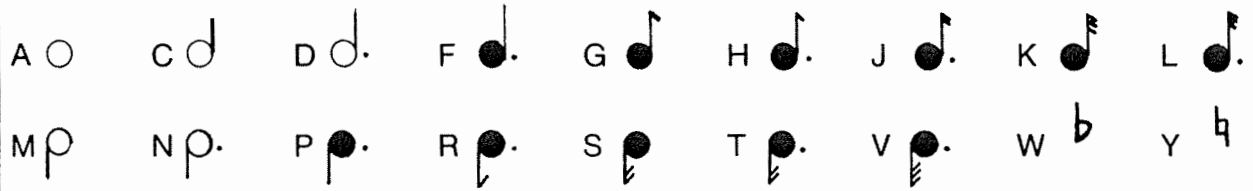
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# \*\*\*\*\*JUDGES\*\*\*\*\*

After Joshua, the children of Israel were ruled in a "theocracy." This means God was the direct ruler of the country. However, the people continually fell away from God. Deliverers, called Judges, were sent by God to free the people from their enemies. Decode Deborah's Song of Thanksgiving over the wicked Captain Sisera. Make up a song of thanksgiving for something that happened in your life.



## 61. DEBORAH

(JUDGES 4:1-23)

### MEMORY VERSE:

*"When the leaders lead in Israel, when the people willingly offer themselves, bless the LORD!" JUDGES 5:2*

### FILL IN THE BLANK:

1. "The children of Israel cried out to the LORD; for Jabin had nine hundred \_\_\_\_\_ of iron, and for twenty years he harshly oppressed the children of Israel." **JUDGES 4:3**

### CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

2. "Now (**DANDELION, DEBORAH**), a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, was (**JUDGING, VISITING**) Israel at that time." **JUDGES 4:4**
3. "And she would sit under the (**PINE, PALM**) tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the mountains of Ephraim." **JUDGES 4:5**
4. "And the children of Israel came up to her for (**JUDGMENT, FOOD**)." **JUDGES 4:5**
5. "She sent and called for (**BARBAR, BARAK**) the son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'Has not the LORD God of Israel commanded, saying, "Go and deploy troops at Mount Tabor; take with you ten thousand men of the sons of (**THUNDER, NAPHTALI**) and the sons of Zebulun?" ' " **JUDGES 4:6**
6. "And against you I will deploy (**SISSY, SISERA**), the commander of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude at the River Kishon; and I will deliver him into your hand?" **JUDGES 4:7**

### TRUE OR FALSE:

7. "Barak said to her, 'If you will go with me, then I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.' " **JUDGES 4:8**

TRUE OR FALSE

8. So she said, "I surely will not go with you!" **JUDGES 4:9**  
TRUE OR FALSE

### FILL IN THE BLANK:

9. "So on that day \_\_\_\_\_ subdued Jabin king of Canaan in the presence of the children of Israel." **JUDGES 4:23**

# Deborah

Judges 4:4-10

Deborah, a \_\_\_\_\_, the wife of  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ under the Palm of \_\_\_\_\_ between  
 Ramah and Bethel in the hill \_\_\_\_\_ of Ephraim,  
 and the \_\_\_\_\_ came to her to have their  
 \_\_\_\_\_ decided. She sent for Barak son of  
 Abinoam from Kedesh in \_\_\_\_\_ and said to him,  
 "The \_\_\_\_\_, the God of Israel, \_\_\_\_\_  
 you: 'Go, take with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and lead the way to Mount \_\_\_\_\_.  
 I will lure Sisera, the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jabin's  
 \_\_\_\_\_, with his chariots and his troops to the  
 \_\_\_\_\_ River and give him into your hands.'"  
 \_\_\_\_\_ said to her, "If you go with me, I will go; but if  
 you don't go with me, I won't go."  
 "Very \_\_\_\_\_," Deborah said, "I will go with you. But  
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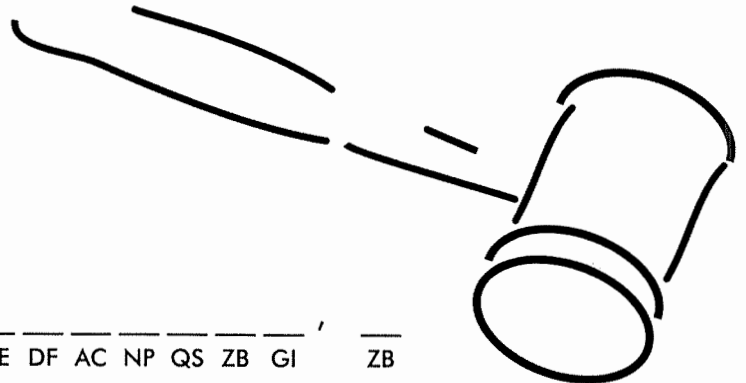
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**Deborah  
and Barak**  
Judges 4, 5

# A Special Task

Deborah was a prophetess  
chosen by God to lead and  
guide the children of Israel.  
Write the letter that comes  
between the two letters given  
to discover the special task  
Deborah did for the people.



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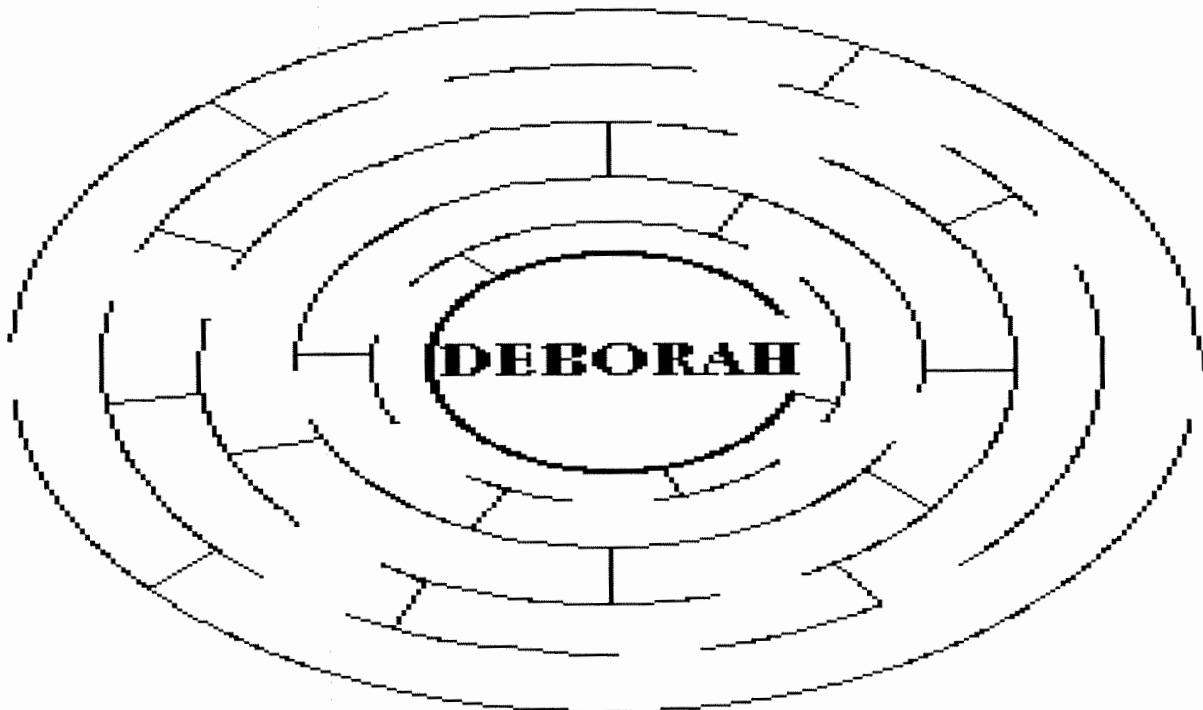
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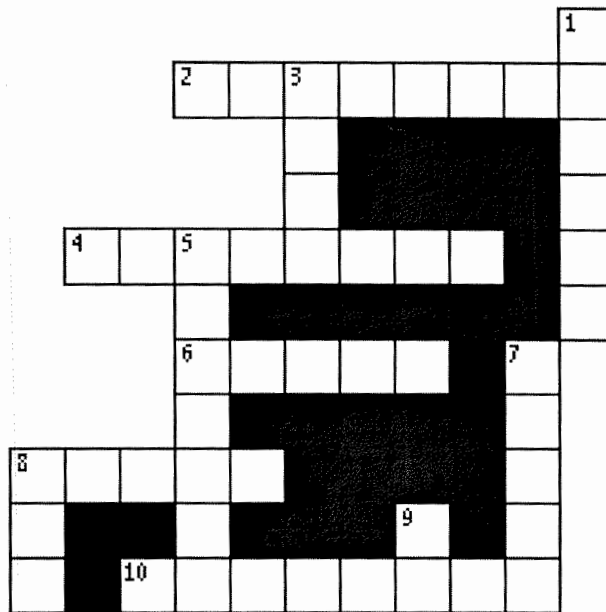
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