

**K-5th Grade**  
**Deborah & Barak**  
*Discussion Questions*

**Session Title:** Deborah and Barak

**Bible Passage:** Judges 4–5

**Story Point:** God used Deborah, Barak, and Jael to rescue His people.

**Key Passage:** 1 John 1:9

**Big Picture Question:** What is repentance? Repentance is turning away from sin and turning to Jesus.

**K - 5TH GRADE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

Ask the following questions:

1. Why did God allow Canaan to overtake the Israelites? (*The people did what was evil in God's sight, so He allowed their enemies to conquer them; Judg. 4:1-2*)
  
2. Why didn't Barak get the honor for defeating Sisera and the army of Canaan? (*He said he would only go where God told him to go if Deborah went with him, Judg. 4:8-9*)
  
3. Who ended up getting the honor for killing Sisera? (*Jael, a woman who was not an Israelite; Judg. 4:22*)
  
4. Why did God keep rescuing His people if they kept turning away from Him? *Guide kids to see that God is faithful and merciful. He loves even those who sin against Him. He still planned to use the Israelites to send Jesus, so He showed His love to them.*
  
5. Whom does God use in His plans? *Guide kids to discuss the fact that God can—and does—use all kinds of people. In the story today, God used a man and two women. He used Israelites and non-Israelites. Remind kids that God is all-powerful and can use anyone in His plans. Help them see that when we have faith, God will do great things in us and through us.*
  
6. Why does God use people in His plans? *Guide kids to see that God doesn't need our help to do anything, but He lovingly includes us in His good work. We are blessed by the chance to participate in His plan to rescue sinners and glorify Him. By using people, He shows His power to do amazing things through ordinary people.*

Say • **God used Deborah, Barak, and Jael to rescue His people.** They defeated Sisera's army, but only Jesus could defeat death and give us freedom from sin.

## **Journal and prayer**

Give a sheet of paper to each child. Ask the kids to write about or draw a picture to answer the following questions:

What does this story teach me about God or about the gospel?

What does this story teach me about myself?

Whom can I tell about this story?