

READ IT

This week's Bible story is

Deborah

from Judges 4:1—5:31.

Both women and men work for God.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Deborah
- Barak
- Judge
- Israelites

In the Bible, judges were people who worked with God to lead God's people and keep them on track doing God's will.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 106-109

Spark Bible pages 264-267

Family Prayer

For our leaders - women and men, boys and girls - for those who keep us on track, and for all who help to settle disagreements and difficulties, we give you thanks, O God. AMEN.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 Who are some leaders we follow?
- 2 What kind of arguments do we have in our family? How can God help us settle those arguments?
- 3 Are there some jobs that should just be reserved for men or women? Explain your answer.
- 4 Write a job description for a good leader of God's people. What sorts of qualifications or gifts might such a person have? Do the leaders who help God in the Bible show these traits?



Eye Spark

When you see a "D," say, "Deborah helped God. I can too!"



Ear Spark

When you hear someone leading others at church, remind them that they are helping God, just like Deborah.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Hold a family meeting. Are there disagreements or things that need to be discussed? Take time to listen to all family members. How can you make good decisions together? How can God help?

For younger kids

Listen to someone's problem or disagreement. How can you help them with some ideas to solve the problem or argument?

For older kids

Find out the names of judges in your community, county, state, province, or country. How many of them are women? How many are men?