### **God Is Sovereign**

Judges 4:1-5:3

Before Israel had kings, God gave Israel judges to lead them, help them follow God, and solve their problems. Our judge for today is a woman named Deborah, who loved God deeply, and she chose God's way instead of her own. After Deborah followed God's instructions to have Barak get the Israelites ready for battle, she got a front row seat to watch Israel defeat their enemies. Deborah worshipped God after the battle because she knew that God is sovereign.

Talk about these questions at home:

- Can you worship God at home, school, or practice?
  How?
- What does it mean for God to be sovereign? (Having all the power and control)

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### **God Is All Powerful**

Judges 7:1-25

Gideon was a judge in Israel who was nervous about doing what God asked him to do. Yet Gideon still listened to God as He told him to send most of his soldiers home. The Israelites defeated the Midianites with an army of 300 men. The only way a victory like this could be possible is through our all-powerful God! Gideon chose God's way, and it was better than anywhere he could go on his own.

Talk about these questions at home:

- Do you think it's okay to ask God for help when you're afraid?
- Where do you need God's power the most in your life—in school, with friends, or at home? What does that look like?

#### **God Is Patient**

Judges 16:4-31

Samson had a head full of hair, but he also had a secret. If he cut his hair, he would lose his incredible strength. God had a plan for Samson's strength—that Samson would use it to rescue the Israelites from their enemies. Unfortunately, instead of choosing God's way and living a life of righteousness, Samson chose his way. One fateful day, Samson told the women he loved, Delilah, about his secret, and she cut his hair while he was sleeping. Samson lost all of his strength.

Talk about these questions at home:

- Do you think God stops listening when you make mistakes? Why or why not?
- When life is hard, what are some ways you can trust God and His way instead of going your own way?

### **God Hears Our Prayers**

1 Samuel 7:2-17

Samuel was the last judge in Israel. The Israelites had once again turned away from the Lord, and Samuel instructed them to get rid of their false gods and serve the Lord only. As the Israelites gathered to pray, their enemies came to attack. But Samuel kept praying, and the Lord defeated their enemies, just like He promised. God heard Samuel's prayers. He hears ours, too, and helps us figure out which way to go!

Talk about these questions at home:

- What is one thing you need God's help with right now?
- Pray as a family (at a meal, before bed, etc.) and ask God to help you with your answer to the first question.

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