LESSON 10

GOD LETS THE ISRAELITES DEFEAT SISERA



Aim: **To show the children that obedience to God is a stronger weapon than violence and might; it can overcome even the strongest enemy.**

Scripture Reading: **Judges 4:10-16; 5:19-22**

Memory Verse: **Psalm 62:6**
[The Lord] alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I shall not be shaken.

Presenting the Lesson

Starting Point

Describe how we feel when we have something difficult to do and we are very nervous. Your mouth goes dry, you have an uncomfortable feeling in your stomach and you perspire. Perhaps you find it difficult to speak.

Main Points of the Lesson

1. Barak, the leader of the Israelite army, must have felt like this when he led his small group of soldiers to Mount Tabor to battle with the enemy under Sisera's command (4:7). The Canaanite enemy had many more soldiers than Israel had, as well as 900 chariots. The only weapons the Israelites had were swords.
2. Nevertheless Barak and Deborah the prophetess obeyed God's instructions to fight this mighty army. Deborah went along to encourage Barak and his soldiers (4:12-14).
3. Sisera and the Canaanites rode to the valley of the Kishon River near Mount Tabor in their chariots, but there the chariots' wheels could not go over the rough paths of the hills. Then God sent a rainstorm. The river flooded and some of the chariots were washed away; others got stuck in the mud (4:10; 5:21). **Show Picture 10.** Do you see Deborah up on the hill, praying and encouraging the Israelites?
4. God gave the Israelites the victory over the Canaanites, who had more soldiers and better weapons. Only Sisera, the leader, escaped and ran away on foot (4:15-16).

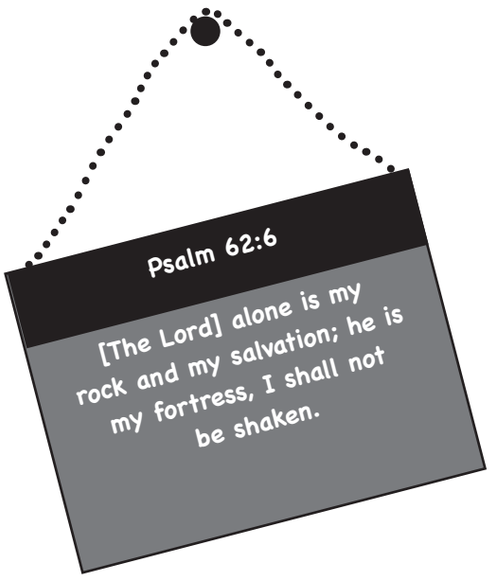
Our Response to the Story

When the Israelites turned back to God and listened to what God told them through Deborah, the Lord gave them victory over their enemies. Our enemy is Satan. When we are tempted to do wrong or to ignore God, we should ask God for his help and power to resist temptation. With God's power we can defeat Satan and overcome temptations, no matter how strong they seem.

Look,Listen&Live_Book3.indd 28 2012/09/10 10:44 AM



Instil the Memory Verse



Look,Listen&Live_Book3.indd 29 2012/09/10 10:44 AM