LESSON 12

THE ISRAELITES CELEBRATE AND PRAISE GOD



Aim: **To show the children how Israel praised God when he saved them from their enemies.**

Scripture Reading: **Judges 5:1–31**

Memory Verse: **Judges 5:10–11**
[C]onsider the voice of the singers at the watering places. They recite the righteous acts of the Lord, the righteous acts of his warriors in Israel.

Presenting the Lesson

Starting point

When people wait to fill their containers with water at the pump or community tap, they often talk about what has been happening in the community. It's a place to pick up the news.

Main Points of the Lesson

1. After the battle against Sisera and his army, the news the Israelites talked about around the wells was the victory God had given them. **Recite the memory verse.**
2. The people decided to have a celebration to say thank you to God. They sang songs of praise to God, played musical instruments and danced. **Show Picture 12.**
3. Deborah and Barak sang a song of thanks to God (5:1). All the people of Israel rejoiced. They were very glad to have a godly leader like Deborah. She was like a mother to them (5:7–15). **Show Pictures 9 and 10.**
4. Jael was praised, too, for her part in saving the people of Israel even though she belonged to another tribe (5:24–27). **Show Picture 11.**
5. The people praised and thanked God for his great power. It was God who had sent the rain that made the paths impossible for Sisera's chariots (5:2–5, 21).

Our Response to the Story

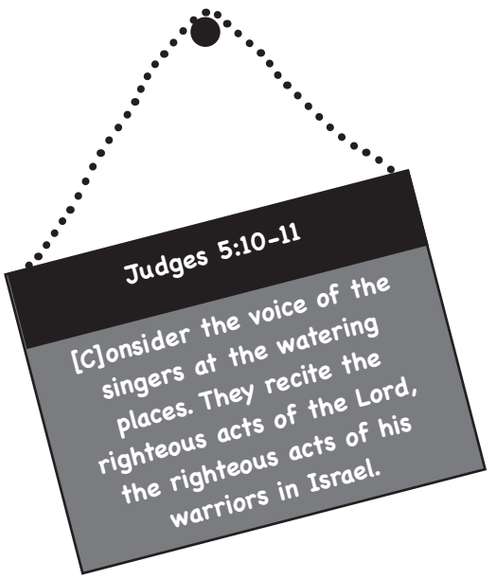
Ask the children to tell you the differences between a celebration by Christians and a pagan celebration. Pagan celebrations often end in quarrels and fights, because they rely on beer and other alcoholic drinks to make people feel happy. A Christian's happiness, however, comes from the joy in his or her heart, the joy that only God can give.

Help the class to make up a song about the victories or gifts God has given them.

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Instil the Memory Verse



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