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Letter to the Parents

Dear Parents,

The lessons in this class will allow your toddlers to learn about Jesus and help them develop a foundation in Christ to grow in their knowledge of God's holy Word.

Unit I, "Hear God's Promises," has four stories of Old Testament women and men who heard God's promise and responded in faith. Lesson 1 introduces Deborah, a faithful judge who responds in faith to God's promise of freedom from Israel's enemy. Lesson 2 presents Hannah, who implores God through heartfelt prayer for a son. Lesson 3 expounds on the covenant between Jonathan and David. In lesson 4, Amos, a shepherd from Judah, answers God's call and shares God's warning with the people of Israel.

Unit II, "Say 'Yes' to Jesus," presents four persons confronted by the person and power of Jesus. Lesson 5 introduces a Roman centurion who amazed Jesus with his great faith. Lesson 6 explores Peter's declaration of love for Jesus and his restoration and assignment to "feed Jesus' sheep" despite Peter's failings. In lesson 7, Zacchaeus climbs a tree to see Jesus, and salvation comes to his home. In lesson 8, Mary, the mother of Jesus, says "yes" and commits her life to Jesus.

Unit III, "Spread Good News," sheds light on five disciples who are remembered for their bold testimony. Lessons 9-13 explore Thomas, Stephen, Saul, Timothy, and Lydia. As these men and women stood for what is right, repented of their sins, offered kindness to strangers in Christ's name and served Christ and His church, we are inspired to grow deeper in faith and share our faith with the lost.

Your Child's Teacher

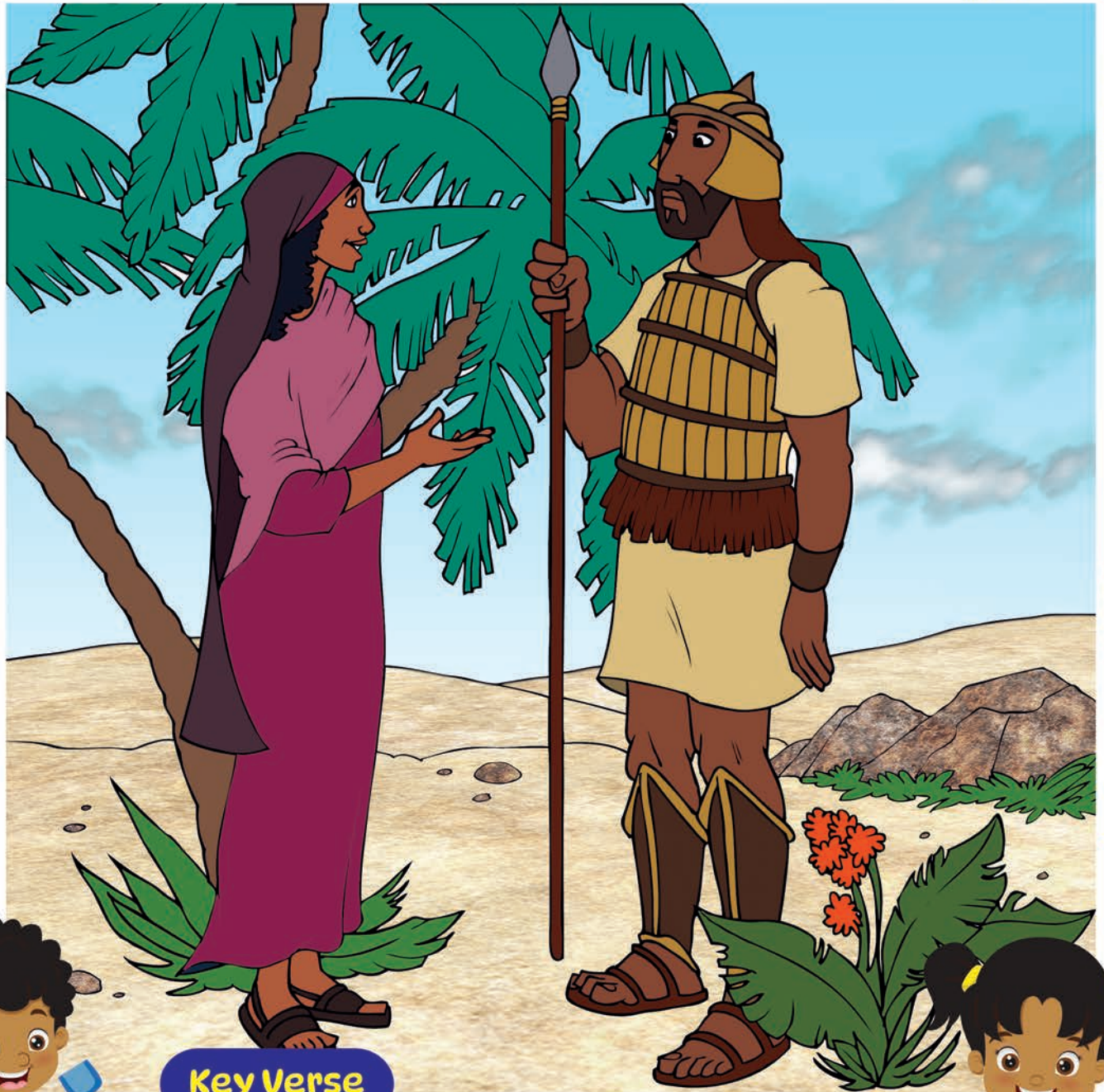


LESSON

1

She Did That!

Lesson Scripture: Judges 4:4-10, 14



Key Verse

"Certainly I will go with you," said Deborah [to Barak].
"But because of the course you are taking, the honor
will not be yours, for the LORD will deliver Sisera into the
hands of a woman." (Judges 4:9)





She Did That!

(Judges 4:4-10, 14)

The Israelites prayed and asked God to save them from the Canaanite people. At that time, Deborah was Israel's leader. As a prophet and judge, she settled disagreements. Deborah told Barak that God commanded him and ten thousand men to defeat their enemy's army commander, Sisera. God promised that Barak would win the battle. But they had to follow God's plan.

But Barak would only go if Deborah went with him. Deborah said she would, but told Barak he would not receive the honor of capturing Sisera. God would deliver Sisera into a woman's hands. Then, Deborah went with Barak to Kedesh.

For the Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In today's lesson, your child heard that God sent Deborah, a prophet and judge, to rescue Israel. Deborah gave Barak God's command to lead the Israelite army against the Canaanites. God promised that Barak would defeat them. But Barak would only lead the Israelite army if Deborah went with him. Deborah did it. Talk to your child about how God can use him or her to do important tasks. Assign a task and reward your child for completing it.

Your Child's Teacher

Faith Block

**Obey God's
commands!**

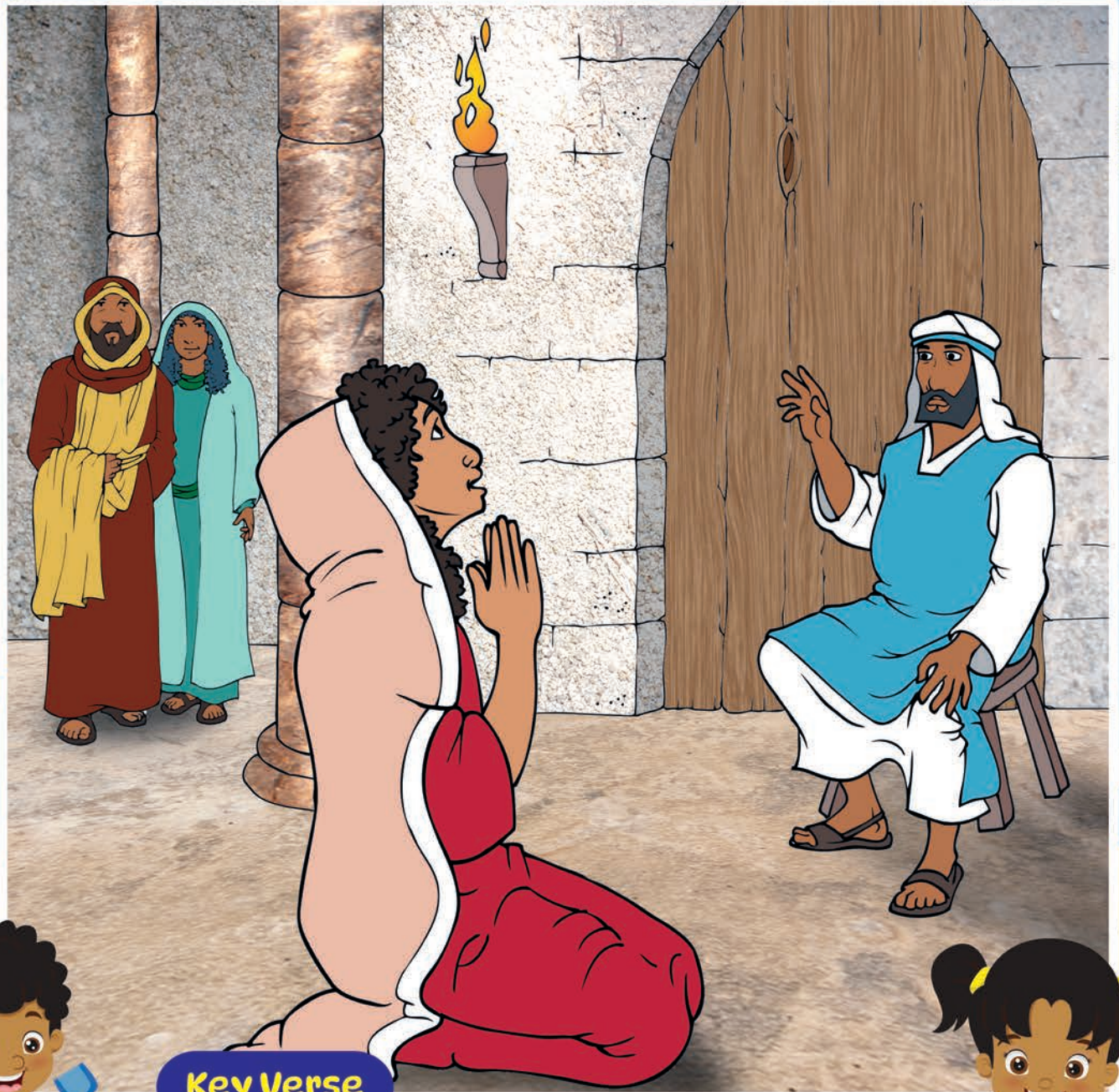


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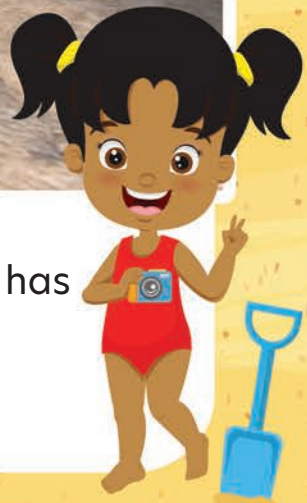
Ask and You Shall Receive

Lesson Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:9-13, 15-17, 19-20, 26-27



Key Verse

[Hannah said,] "I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him." (1 Samuel 1:27)





Ask and You Shall Receive

(1 Samuel 1:9-13, 15-17, 19-20, 26-27)

Hannah went to the temple and prayed that God would give her a son. She promised that he would be given back to God to serve Him. When she prayed, she cried desperately and moved her lips, but no words could be heard. Eli, the

priest, thought Hannah was drunk. But she was not.

Hannah said, "I have not done anything wrong. I am praying because I am very sad."

Eli told Hannah, "May God grant you your request."

Hannah asked, and she received an answer to her prayers. God blessed Hannah and her husband with a son, whom she called Samuel.

For the Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In today's lesson, your child heard that Hannah asked God for a son. Hannah went to the temple and prayed earnestly. After discovering that Hannah was praying for a son, Eli (the priest) encouraged Hannah. God answered Hannah's prayer and gave her and her husband a son, whom Hannah named Samuel. Pray with your child daily and praise God when your prayers are answered by Him.

Your Child's Teacher

Faith Block

**Pray and
believe!**



LESSON

3

Best Friends Forever

Lesson Scriptures: 1 Samuel 18:1-4; 20:16-17, 32-34, 42; 2 Samuel 21:7



Key Verse

Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. (1 Samuel 18:3)





Best Friends Forever

(1 Samuel 18:1-4; 20:16-17, 32-34, 42;
2 Samuel 21:7)

David became best friends forever with King Saul's son Jonathan. Jonathan and David made a *covenant* or agreement to be loyal to each other and protect one another and their future family. They cared for one another. Jonathan showed his love and commitment to protect and keep David safe when he gave David his robe, *tunic* (long shirt), sword, bow, and belt. Jonathan loved David as he loved himself. When Jonathan learned King Saul wanted to hurt David, Jonathan kept David safe. When Jonathan died, David kept Mephibosheth, Jonathan's son, safe. David kept his promise to Jonathan's family.

For the Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your child heard about David and Jonathan's friendship in today's lesson. They were best friends forever. They were loyal to each other, loved one another, and protected each other and their families. When Jonathan's father, Saul, wanted to harm David, Jonathan kept David safe. Tell your child that Jesus is their best friend forever, who loves them and promises to always be with them. Read the Bible with your child and talk about God's love for them.

Your Child's Teacher



Faith Block

**I am a friend
of God!**



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