

## FALL 2025

Unit 2, Session 7

### CONNECTION POINT:

Thank God and praise Him for how He answers prayer.

### THE BIBLE MEETS

**LIFE:** It's easy to thank God when all is well, but when life takes a hard turn, we too often see the problem and not the solution. Problems should drive us to pray, and as we pray and trust God, we see His gracious and loving hand at work. In turn, we can express thanks for His presence and involvement in our lives.

**LIVE IT OUT:** Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to live out his or her faith.

## PRESCHOOL

**Scripture:** Judges 4:1-16,23-24

**Live It Out:** Review the Bible story. Say that God told Deborah to help His people. Assure your child that God has a plan for his life.

The Israelite people did not obey God. God let the Canaanites rule over the Israelites for 20 years. The Canaanites' treated the Israelites badly. The Israelite people prayed to God for help.

A woman named Deborah was a judge in Israel. She sat under a palm tree and helped people solve their problems. God told Deborah that a man named Barak should fight against the king's army. God would help the Israelites win. Deborah sent for Barak and told him, "Take 10,000 men and defeat the king's army. God has commanded you to do this."

Barak did not want to go unless Deborah went with him. She agreed to go with Barak.

Deborah went up a mountain with Barak and an army of 10,000 men. The king's army came. Deborah told Barak to go, and Barak led his men down the mountain. God helped the Israelites to win the battle.

## KIDS

**Scripture:** Isaiah 53

**Live It Out:** Review the Bible story and read 1 John 2. Say that this prophecy is part of God's promise for eternal life. Help your child memorize the verse.

Isaiah was a prophet. He told about the coming Messiah almost 700 years before Jesus was born. Through Isaiah, God told His plan to send a Savior who would be Jesus.

Isaiah told the people that God's plan was like nothing anyone expected. Isaiah did not describe a mighty warrior. Isaiah wrote that people would hate and reject the Messiah, that He would have many sorrows, and He would know great sadness and pain. Isaiah told that the Messiah would suffer because of our sins and not because of any wrong things He did.

Isaiah said that all people are like sheep who are lost and separated from their shepherd. He explained that the Messiah would take the punishment that people deserved for following their own way instead of following God.

Everything Isaiah said was true through the life and death of Jesus hundreds of years later.

## STUDENTS

**Scripture:** Isaiah 38:9-20

- Do you always remember to thank God for His blessings, including answered prayer?
- How can pain be a good thing?
- In what ways are you publicly proclaiming thanks and praise to God?

**Live It Out:** As Jesus's followers, we are invited to live in relationship with God. Relationships are built on communication, and we have the amazing privilege of not only hearing from God in His Word but also of sharing ourselves with God through prayer. When we pray, God hears and answers. He is a good Father who is happy to hear from His children, and He gives what we ask for when we pray in ways that align with His desires.

When God responds to our prayers, it's good to share it with others in our lives, especially unbelievers. Pay attention to ways God has answered your prayers. As a family, discuss ways God has been good to you. Then, encourage your student and family members to share God's goodness with a non-believing friend this week at school or work.