[Narrator] Today's story is from the time after God's people have come into their new land and before the time of king David. We call it the time of the Judges. The judges were people who tried to show God's people how to live in the way that God wanted. Our story today is about the judge Deborah. Deborah had a gift, she could help people find ways of getting along with each other in the ways that God wanted. People would come and ask her for advice, and when they followed it things went well. This is the story of one of the times when she, and the other people in our story used the gifts that God gave them. In our story, Deborah and the soldier Barak use their gifts to free God's people from king Jabin and his very, Very, Very, mean general Sisera. Because they used their gifts they were able to free God's people and make the life for God's people much better.

In our story are Deborah the Judge, Barak the soldier, and Samuel who is a farmer who lives near where Deborah judges.

[Scene] Deborah is sitting and Samuel runs up.

[Samuel] Judge Deborah, they're at it again. They've burned down my farm and I could barely get my wife and children away.

[Deborah] [Breathes] You are Samuel, right?

[Samuel] Yes.

[Deborah] Alright, I need a little more information. Who attacked your farm?

[Samuel] Why the soldiers of King Jabin of Hazor of course. They've been pushing our people around for 20 years now.

[Deborah] Alright, that is who I thought you meant, I had to be sure. I've heard a lot of people talking about Jabin and his Very, Very, Very mean general Sisera. I know that we've all been praying about this and I think that God has shown me what to do. Could you help me?

[Samuel] Anything Judge Deborah.

[Deborah] I need you to go and find a man I've heard a lot of good things about. He is Barak the soldier. God has given him the gift of leadership and God wants him to lead God's people in battle against Jabin and his Very, Very, Very mean general Sisera. Barok lives in Kidesh. Could you please go and find him and bring him to me?

[Scene] Samuel comes up to Barak. I'd like him to be doing something with his hands, maybe sharpening a knife or something like that.

[Samuel] Are you Barak the soldier?

[Barak] Yes, that's me.

[Samuel] Judge Deborah has sent me to find you. She says that God has given you the gift of leadership and wants to talk with you.

[Scene] Barak puts down task.

[Barak] Alright, let's go.

[Scene] Barak and Samuel return to Deborah.

[Samuel] Judge Deborah, here is Barak.

[Barak] Could I help you Judge Deborah?

[Deborah] Yes, not me as much as God's people. God has shown me that you have the gifts of leadership and military skill that will free God's people from king Jabin and his Very, Very, Very mean general Sisera.

[Barak] I've been thinking about that, I think that there is a way to deal with their chariots, but um, I don't know if anyone will follow me and do what I ask them to do. I'll give it a try, if you will come with me and let the people know that God wants us to do this.

[Deborah] Alright, I will go along with you, but because you aren't willing to fully use the gifts that God has given you, you won't get all of the credit with the people for the victory. In fact, the won who will kill Sisera won't be you but will be a woman.

[Narrator] Well, soon after God's people did win a great victory, but Barak wasn't able to catch up with Sisera the very, very, Very mean general afterwards and he escaped from God's people just as Deborah had predicted. Also, as Deborah had predicted, King Jabins' very, very, very mean general Sisera was tricked and killed by a woman, but that's another story for another time.

Because Deborah and Barak, and the woman whose name was Jael used their gifts Gods people were able to free themselves from King Jabin and his very, very, very mean General Sisera and their army.