

TOY BOX

Preschool
Week 2

FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

Read Judges 4 and 5

Listen to “Control” by Tenth Avenue North

God doesn't need you. He doesn't need me. But he wants us because he loves us; he believes in us even when we don't believe in ourselves.

Deborah was used by God, and she trusted that God was with her, and he did incredible things. Barak was not convinced. When Deborah told him the great plans God had for him, he immediately wanted someone else to come with him, or he would not go. That was okay. God still made a way for his plan to work, he just simply used someone else. He still used Barak in some ways, just not the same way he wanted to because Barak did not seem to have the same faith that God was with him.

This happens to all of us in different ways and the first time I ever read this story I thought, “Wow, Barak, how could you turn down such an awesome opportunity because of your fear, especially when God is with you?” But then God does what he does and reminds me that I am often held back by my fear. I just don't have a book to read to know exactly what I missed out on.

God is with us everywhere. If he calls us to do something, we can take a risk and move towards him even if there is fear. But God is loving, and he still used Barak and loved him the same. God still wanted Barak even after his fear got the best of him. And he still wants us. He still believes in us even when we don't believe in ourselves.

God chose you to teach kids about him. Does that ever give you fear?

How do you conquer that fear?

How can you get past fear and be reminded that God is with you?

What reminds you of how much God wants you, even when you feel out of control and fearful of what he is calling you to?