

## READ IT

This week's Bible story is

### Deborah

from Judges 4:1—5:31.

#### Both women and men work for God.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Deborah
- Barak
- Judge
- Israelites

In the Bible, judges were people who worked with God to lead God's people and keep them on track doing God's will.

#### Read the whole story together in the Bible!

*Spark Story Bible* pages 106-109

*Spark Bible* pages 264-267

#### Family Prayer

For our leaders – women and men, boys and girls – for those who keep us on track, and for all who help to settle disagreements and difficulties, we give you thanks, O God. AMEN.

## TALK ABOUT IT



### Family Conversations

- 1 Who are some leaders we follow?
- 2 What kind of arguments do we have in our family? How can God help us settle those arguments?
- 3 Are there some jobs that should just be reserved for men or women? Explain your answer.
- 4 Write a job description for a good leader of God's people. What sorts of qualifications or gifts might such a person have? Do the leaders who help God in the Bible show these traits?



#### Eye Spark

When you see a "D," say, "Deborah helped God. I can too!"



#### Ear Spark

When you hear someone leading others at church, remind them that they are helping God, just like Deborah.

## LIVE IT

### For families to do together

Hold a family meeting. Are there disagreements or things that need to be discussed? Take time to listen to all family members. How can you make good decisions together? How can God help?

### For younger kids

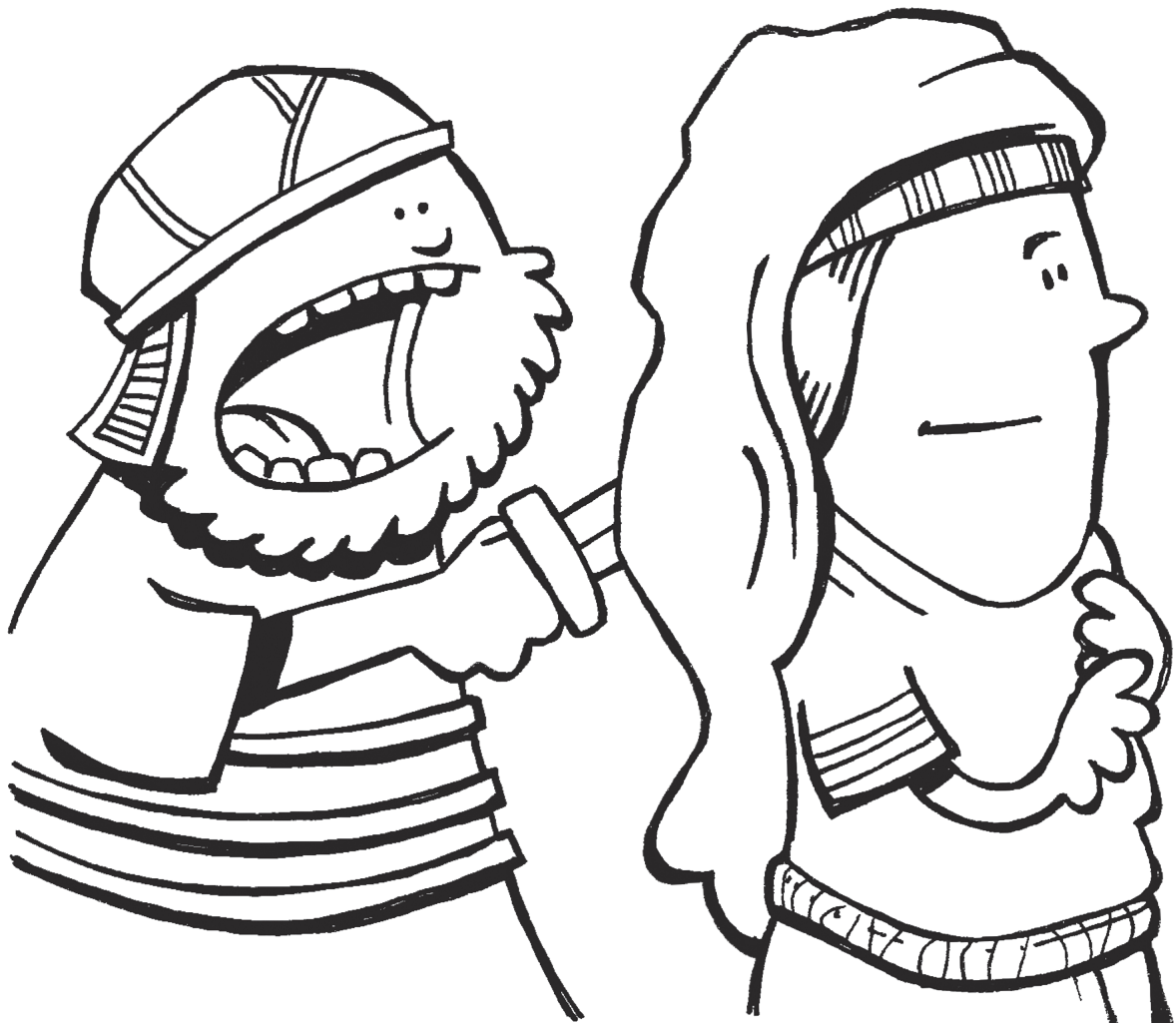
Listen to someone's problem or disagreement. How can you help them with some ideas to solve the problem or argument?

### For older kids

Find out the names of judges in your community, county, state, province, or country. How many of them are women? How many are men?



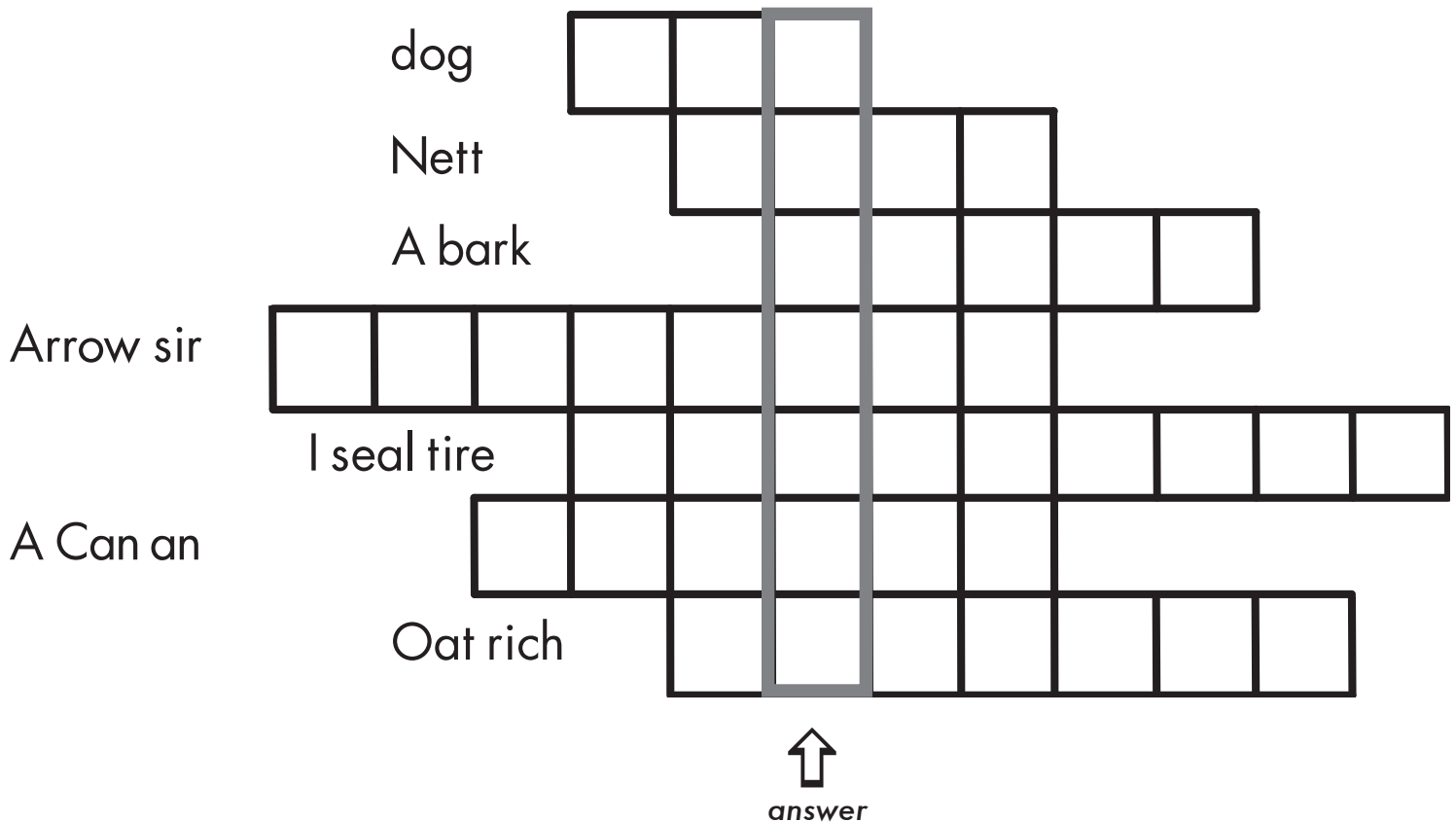
# Deborah



God was always with Deborah and the Israelites.

# Who's the Judge?

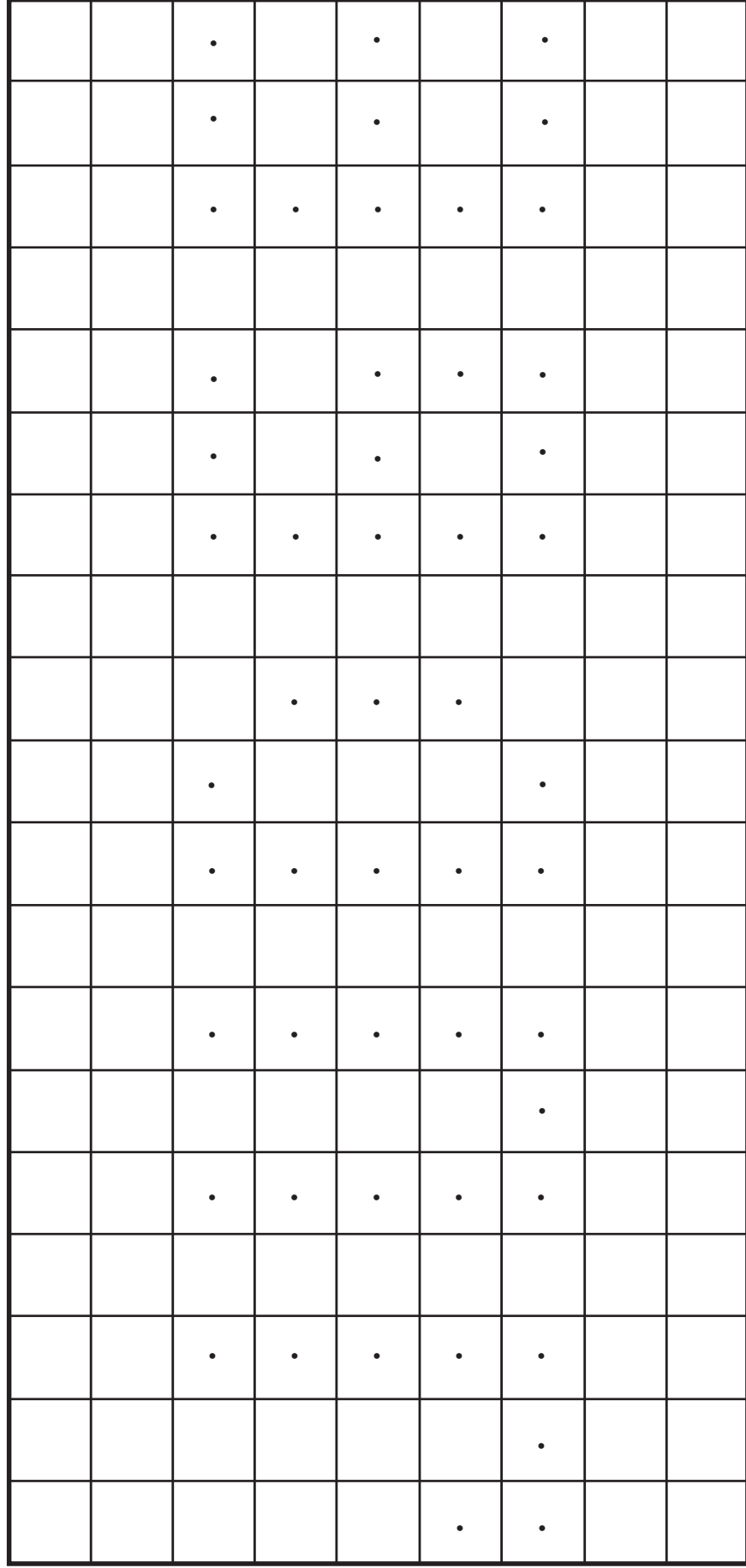
Unscramble the following words and place them in the correct spaces. Spell out the word formed by using the letters in the highlighted boxes to answer the question below. For fun, try sketching one or more of the scrambled words or phrases.



## Who was a great judge?

# What was Deborah?

Deborah was very wise and faithful to God. She gave people messages from God to help them talk out their arguments. Color all the squares with a dot in them to discover what kind of job God gave to Deborah.



# What Did Leaders Look Like?

The main characters in Judges 4 and 5 are Deborah and Barak. Deborah was a judge. Barak was a military leader. Draw a picture of what you think they looked like.

