

# brite\* Parent Information

## Unit Summary

### September is about the Promised Land and David

In **Deborah and Barak (Judges 4-5)** kids will hear about when God brought about victory in an unlikely way.

In **Eli and Hannah (1 Samuel 1:2-11)** kids will hear about when God saw Hannah's need and provided for her.

In **Travels of the Ark (1 Samuel 4-6)** kids will hear about the ark of the covenant being captured.

In **David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17)** kids will hear about when God helped David defeat the giant Goliath.

## Encouragement for parents:

### How should we face parenting battles?

*Philistine and Israelite armies avoided the high cost of battle by pitting its strongest warriors against each other. In parenting battles, do you fight by powering up? King David shows us the best, most effective way to fight any battle. First, pause and ask God if this is a battle to fight or not. If it is, choose words and actions aligned with God's heart, mercy and forgiveness, ending the battle by giving God the glory instead of taking glory ourselves. Great parenting plan!*

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## brite\* Ideas

**September 5:**  
**Deborah and Barak (Judges 4-5)**  
God can work through anyone.

**September 12:**  
**Eli and Hannah (1 Samuel 1:2-11)**  
God sees us and cares for us.

**September 19:**  
**Travels of the Ark (1 Samuel 4-6)**  
God is all-powerful. He alone is God.

**September 26:**  
**David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17)**  
God is trustworthy.

## Memory Verses:

NIV

### Romans 8:28

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.*

### Psalms 33:18

*But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear Him, on those whose hope is in His unfailing love.*

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## Discipleship Conversation Starters:

Deborah and Barak  
(Judges 4-5)

- 1:** Would you rather play sports or read a book? Would you rather go for a walk or ride a bike? Would you rather watch a movie or bake cookies? Would you rather tell a friend if you thought they were making a wrong choice, or stay quiet even though you know the decision is not what's best for them?
- 2:** Share a time when you had to do something that you were worried you wouldn't be able to do. Did you actually finish what you needed to do or did you decide not to do it? If you didn't finish it, what stopped you? What did you learn about yourself during that time?
- 3:** When we are asked to do hard things and we let our fears get in our way, are we thinking about God or about ourselves? Why is it so important to go to God for help during these hard times?

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## Discipleship Conversation Starters:

Travels of the Ark  
(1 Samuel 4-6)

- 1.** Pretend your family is moving and decides to put three items in a box that will help remember how much everyone loved living there. **What three items do you want in this box?**
- 2.** **What three items would you put in a box to remember what you know or love about God?**
- 3.** **How could remembering what is true about God help you when you are happy, sad or afraid?**

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## Discipleship Conversation Starters:

Eli and Hannah  
(1 Samuel 1-2:11)

- 1:** What's your biggest dream that you wish would come true? What are you doing to help your dream come true?
- 2:** Sometimes dreams turn out exactly the way we were dreaming they would, but often our dreams end up looking differently than we wanted. **Can you share a time when your dream ended up differently than you expected?**
- 3:** Hannah had a dream and a plan, but God had a different plan in how her dream would become true. **If you believe God knows best and sees your needs, what might you do next time your dream turns out different from you want it to be?**

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## Discipleship Conversation Starters:

David and Goliath  
(1 Samuel 17)

- 1.** **What's one thing you want to change about your day and why?**
- 2.** Thinking back at what we said or how we acted can help us see differently and understand better. **Remember the fight between David and Goliath? How did David see and understand the fight differently than Goliath?**
- 3.** David remembered how God protected him from wild animals while watching his sheep. **How does thinking back about God help you change that one thing about your day?**

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