



**Activity Name:** Draw my Cat.

**Materials:** 2 blank papers.  
1 Pencil with eraser

**Instruction:** There will be 2 rounds of this activity and it should take 3-5 minutes each. The parent will dictate the child to draw an animal using the shapes he/she will mention.

The parent will give out instructions for the child to draw and the child will follow them

1st round (parents will not look at the picture while the child is drawing it):

Parent to Child: Head is circle, body is bigger circle, with tail, 4 legs, and has whiskers.

2nd round (parents can look at the picture while the child is drawing it and can also communicate further details to the child)

Parent to Child: Head is circle, body is bigger circle, with tail, 4 legs, and has whiskers. The body is full of small dots.

Finale: Compare the 2 drawings and let the child observe the difference.



At a time when women were usually relegated to roles inside the home, our story today is about a woman who had an important leadership role within Israel. Let's read about her in Judges 4:

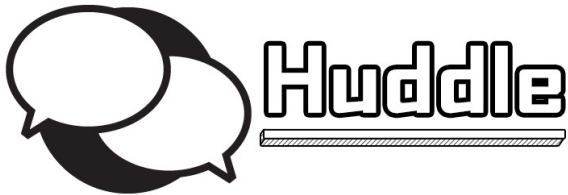
*4 Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time.*

6-7 She sent for Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you: 'Go, take with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and Zebulun and lead them up to Mount Tabor. I will lead Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his troops to the Kishon River and give him into your hands.'"

8 Barak said to her, "If you go with me, I will go; but if you don't go with me, I won't go.

9 Certainly I will go with you," said Deborah.

At a time when Israel was led by men, Deborah was a prophetess and judge. When Barak, the head of the army, was afraid, Deborah took courage and went to battle with him. She allowed God to use her mightily to serve the people even when the task was beyond what was expected of her. Even in a male-dominated society, God allowed this mighty woman to lead Israel in different ways. Deborah did not allow the dictates of society to limit her. She followed as God led her and in the end, through her, God delivered Israel from the Canaanites.



**Parent to Kid/s:**

**2-6 years old**

- What are you afraid of?
- Do you think God can help you to be brave?

**7-12 years old**

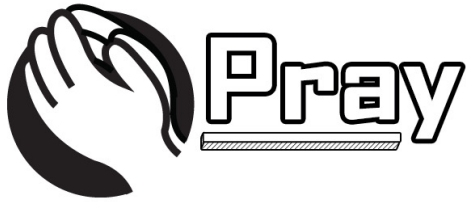
- Among your family and friends, think about what you can do for any one of them that you don't normally do. Pray to God to give you courage to do it.

**Kid/s to Parent:**

- Was there a time when you thought you cannot do your job well? How did God help you?

God can always use you beyond what you expect or imagine. Most of the time, our weaknesses tell us what not to do. But when God tells us to do something despite our weakness, we need to just trust Him and do things with courage and faith. For example, if people tell you that you can't play basketball because you are small, you don't need to prove them. It might be true for some people. But if you think God tells you that you will be that small basketball player who will honor God as he plays then why not do try outs? If you get in, maybe that's God telling you, "I told you so! Just trust me!"

Let this be a challenge for you to be brave and obey as God leads you to wherever He calls you. The most important thing is God is with you as you accomplish great things He has prepared in advance for you!



Dear Lord,

Thank You for reminding us to be brave wherever we are. We pray that everytime we feel fear, we will choose to trust in You. Teach us courage by obeying You when we hear You.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



Deborah's name in Hebrew is *D'vorah* and this actually means "bee". (Source: Wikipedia)

Bees have sting which is painful when it hits our skin. But did you know that it produces honey which is a very sweet ingredient that can be used in cooking or as additives to our drink? So next time you see honey, remember that it came from bees and you can remember Deborah and her courage.

Maybe, that can help you to be brave too!

