



Unit 9, Session 3

Gideon

Judges 6–8

Story Point: God showed Gideon that victory comes from Him.

The Israelites once again did not obey God, so God allowed them to be ruled by their enemies. They remembered how good life was when they loved and obeyed God.

They cried out to God, “Save us!” The angel of the LORD appeared to a man named Gideon and said, “The LORD is with you, mighty warrior!”

The LORD had chosen Gideon to deliver the Israelites from the power of their enemy. When the time came to go to battle, an army of men gathered behind Gideon, ready to fight.

God told Gideon that he had too many people. Gideon sent home everyone who was afraid to fight. Ten thousand men remained. “That’s still too many,” God said.

God made a test for the people. All of them

were to go to the river to drink the water. Anyone who knelt to drink water was sent home, but whoever lapped the water with his hand to his mouth stayed. Three hundred men remained.

That night, Israel’s army ran toward the camp of Midianites. Gideon and his army chased the Midianites, and they ran away. God gave Israel the victory.

Christ Connection: The Israelites cried out to God because they knew they could not save themselves. Even Gideon was not enough to save them; God used Gideon to help His people, but God fought the battle for them. The people needed someone who was mighty to save. Jesus Christ came to save us from sin because we cannot save ourselves. Only God, through Christ, can save us.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Mark whether each statement is true or false. Look up each reference in the Bible to check your answers.

T / F God's people were being ruled over by their enemies, the Midianites. (Judges 6:1)

T / F The Israelites cried out to God, "Go away!" (Judges 6:7)

T / F An angel appeared to Gideon and said, "Moses is with you, valiant warrior!" (Judges 6:12)

T / F Gideon put fleece on the ground because he wanted a sign from God. (Judges 6:37)

T / F God reduced Gideon's army to 3,000 men. (Judges 7:8)

- What does this story teach us about God?

- What was surprising about God's choice of Gideon to deliver His people?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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APPLY the Story

- Find 1 John 1:9 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, asking Him to show His power in your weakness.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 12:2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 4:15-16 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Timothy 2:21 | <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 34:4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Corinthians 12:9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 12:4 |