



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
Kings & Kingdoms Part 2: Judges - Esther
Unit 7, Lesson 34

Gideon Defeats the Midianites

Lesson Aim: To give God the glory for our victories.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is your favorite instrument?

GAME: Shrinking Army

THE WORSHIP THE KING WHO WATCHES OVER US

Read Worship Scripture: Judges 6:12.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform King City Chronicles script or read storybook.

THE WORD GOD GAVE GIDEON THE VICTORY

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Deborah leads the Israelites.

Today, we will hear how God sent Gideon to lead His people against the Midianites. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Judges 7:2-7, 16-21. Pray. Read.

THE WAY GIVE GOD THE GLORY FOR OUR VICTORIES

Gideon had gathered a large army of men, but God wanted Gideon to have a much smaller army to prove it was God alone who won the victory. How did Gideon make the army smaller the first time? (God told him to send home all the men who were afraid to fight.)

God wanted an even smaller army, so He told Gideon to take the remaining 10,000 men to the water. How did God choose the men who would still be in the army? (By the way they drank the water.) **If you were at the edge of a fresh stream, would you kneel down to drink or would you cup it into your hands, lapping it up from your hand to your mouth like a dog? Only 300 men lapped it up with their hands. God chose this small group of men for the battle. Why do you think God chose such a small group? The Lord told Gideon**

He would use a small army so Israel could not boast about the strength of its army.

What three unusual weapons did Gideon's 300 men use? (Trumpets, empty jars, and torches.) **Gideon put the torches inside the empty jars. What was God's battle plan for Gideon and his small army?** (To surround the enemy camp at night, blow trumpets, break jars, and raise their torches to scare the Midianites.)

In most armies, there are many men and just a few trumpet players. What do you think the Midianites thought when they heard the 300 trumpets and loud crashes and saw 300 lights surrounding their camp? When the Midianites saw the lights and heard so many crashes and trumpets, they must have thought the Israelite army was much bigger than it really was. What did the Midianites do? (They ran away crying.) **They thought they were surrounded by a giant army, so they ran away.**

God wanted to make sure everyone knew He was the one who gave the Israelites the victory. When have you won a victory or reached an important goal? What were the things God did along the way to give you that victory or to help you reach your goal? (God gives us skills, prepares us, and gives us what we need to follow Him.)

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Even though his army was small and the battle plan involved unusual weapons, Gideon trusted that God would win the victory. What should we do as we face challenges in our lives? Let's see what the Bible says about that. Reveal 1 Corinthians 15:57-58.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Small piece of fleece
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Gideon's army with their trumpets and torches
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Cookies in Milk

CRAFT: "Give God the Glory" Mosaic

GAME: The Circle of Judges

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Watch Tag, Hot Potato Scramble

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW