



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9  
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. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Judges 7:2-3a. Pray. Read.

### THE WAY GIVE GOD THE GLORY FOR OUR VICTORIES

**When God came to Gideon to ask him to lead the army, Gideon asked for proof God was with Him. Why was it so important for Gideon to trust God was with him?** (Knowing God was with him gave Gideon courage to trust and obey God's plan to lead the Israelites in battle.)

**Gideon gathered a large army of 32,000 men. Why did God want a smaller army?** (So they would not brag and take credit for the victory.) **How did Gideon make the army smaller the first time?** (God told him to send home those who were afraid to fight.) **22,000 men were afraid and went home.**

**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. Some say drinking the water that way showed they were ready for battle. Others say the Lord simply took the smaller group to show He could win the battle with a very small army. The Bible does not tell us God's reasoning. Why do you think God chose the group of 300 men instead of the group of 9,700 men?**

**What three unusual weapons did Gideon's 300 men use?** (Trumpets, empty jars, and torches.) **Where did 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 300 trumpets and loud crashes and saw 300 lights surrounding their camp?** (They must have thought they were surrounded by a giant army.) **What did the Midianites do?** (They ran away crying.)

**God wanted to make sure everyone knew He was the one who gave the Israelites the victory. Think of goals you have reached or victories you have won. What were some of the things God did along the way to make them happen?** (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 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. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

**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**