

# DAY 1

## PRAISE

## GIDEON CALLED

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## FOCUS

Gideon was called by God to fight!

## MATERIALS

Bible

## ACTIVITY

GO!

**TALK:** Gideon was called by God to go and fight the Midians and deliver Israel! They had been stealing all their food and animals for 7 years! The Angel of the Lord came and talked to Gideon and told him that he was sending him!

**ACTIVITY:** Today let's read Judges 6:11-16 and read about Gideon!

The angel of the Lord came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior."

"Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, 'Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the Lord has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian."

The Lord turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?"

"Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family."

The Lord answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive."

## CORRESPONDING VERSE

# DAY 2

## PRAISE

## SOME LEAVE

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## FOCUS

How God told some of Gideon's army to go home!

## MATERIALS

Bible  
Chalk

## ACTIVITY

## ALOT VS A LITTLE

**TALK:** The army of the Midianites was huge! Gideon had been able to call together 32,000 men, but the enemy still had more! Even though Gideon had less men, God was on their side! The angel told Gideon that even though he had less men than the Midianites, he had too many! So all the men who were afraid were allowed to leave! 22,000 men left!

**ACTIVITY:** Today let's read Judges 7:1-3 and grab some chalk! Draw a large circle representing the Midianites and a smaller circle representing the Israelites. Then color all of the large circle and 1/3 of the small circle representing those who stayed!

Early in the morning, Jerub-Baal (that is, Gideon) and all his men camped at the spring of Harod. The camp of Midian was north of them in the valley near the hill of Moreh. The Lord said to Gideon, "You have too many men. I cannot deliver Midian into their hands, or Israel would boast against me, 'My own strength has saved me.' Now announce to the army, 'Anyone who trembles with fear may turn back and leave Mount Gilead.'" So twenty-two thousand men left, while ten thousand remained.

## CORRESPONDING VERSE

# DAY 3

## PRAISE

## MORE LEAVE

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## FOCUS

God still said Gideon had too many men and told him to let more leave!

## MATERIALS

Bible  
Bowl of clean water

## ACTIVITY

### LAPPING THE WATER

**TALK:** Even though Gideon had lost 22,000 men, the Lord still said he had too many! So Gideon brought the 10,000 men to the water and those who lapped the water from cupped hands got to stay, and those who knelt down on their knees to drink had to leave.

**ACTIVITY:** Today let's read Judges 7:4-8 and grab a bowl and fill it with water and have your Tiny Arrow demonstrate both examples!

But the Lord said to Gideon, "There are still too many men. Take them down to the water, and I will thin them out for you there. If I say, 'This one shall go with you,' he shall go; but if I say, 'This one shall not go with you,' he shall not go."

So Gideon took the men down to the water. There the Lord told him, "Separate those who lap the water with their tongues as a dog laps from those who kneel down to drink." Three hundred of them drank from cupped hands, lapping like dogs. All the rest got down on their knees to drink.

The Lord said to Gideon, "With the three hundred men that lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hands. Let all the others go home." So Gideon sent the rest of the Israelites home but kept the three hundred, who took over the provisions and trumpets of the others.

## CORRESPONDING VERSE

# DAY 4

## PRAISE

## THE DREAM

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## FOCUS

God told Gideon to go to the enemy's camp and be encouraged to fight, and he did!

## MATERIALS

The Dream coloring page  
Crayons

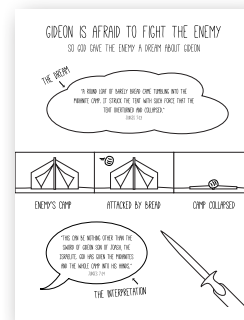
## ACTIVITY

## THE INTERPRETATION

**TALK:** Gideon only had 300 men left and the enemy had thousands! So God told Gideon if he was afraid he could sneak down to the enemies camp that night and he would find courage. So Gideon did.

**ACTIVITY:** Today let's color the coloring page and go over what happened when Gideon went down to the enemies camp!

## CORRESPONDING VERSE



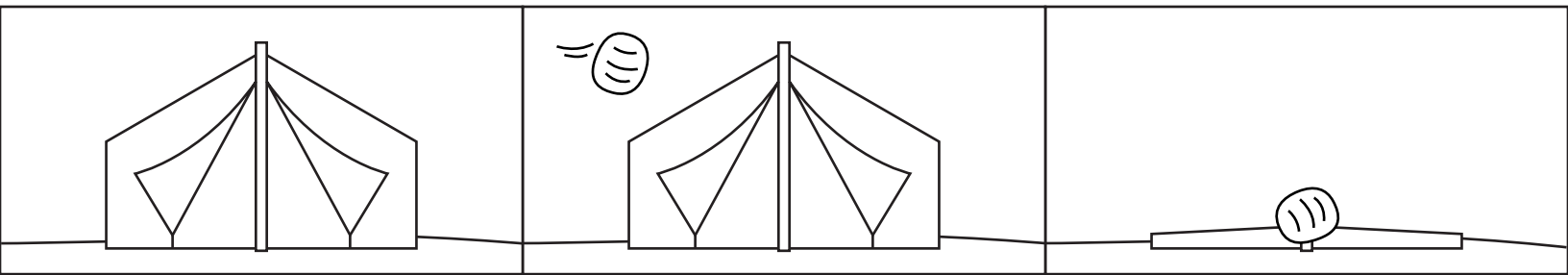
# GIDEON IS AFRAID TO FIGHT THE ENEMY

SO GOD GAVE THE ENEMY A DREAM ABOUT GIDEON

THE DREAM

"A ROUND LOAF OF BARELY BREAD CAME TUMBLING INTO THE MIDIANITE CAMP. IT STRUCK THE TENT WITH SUCH FORCE THAT THE TENT OVERTURNED AND COLLAPSED."

JUDGES 7:13



ENEMY'S CAMP

ATTACKED BY BREAD

CAMP COLLAPSED

"THIS CAN BE NOTHING OTHER THAN THE SWORD OF GIDEON SON OF JOASH, THE ISRAELITE. GOD HAS GIVEN THE MIDIANITES AND THE WHOLE CAMP INTO HIS HANDS."

JUDGES 7:14

THE INTERPRETATION

