

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

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, "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 with him. 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.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What excuses might you make about why you are unable to follow God's plan for your life?
- What does the Bible say about God's plan for us? (Phil. 2:13; Acts 1:8)
- How might God use your family for His glory?