






Seeing the Signs

INSTRUCTIONS: Add in the missing vowels to find the story point.

G D SH W D G D N
       

TH T VCT RY
   

C M S FR M H M.
     

A E I O U
    

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- God's people were defeated by enemies.
- God told Gideon to lead His people in battle.
- Gideon was afraid, but he trusted God.
- God showed Gideon that victory comes from Him.

KEY PASSAGE: 1 John 1:9

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What is repentance? Repentance is turning away from sin and turning to Jesus.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How has God given us victory?
- What has God given us victory over?
- How do we know our victory in Jesus is true and complete?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Plan and run an experiment with your kids. Leave a bit of fleece or other absorbent cloth outside over night. See if it is wet the next day, and check the ground around it. Talk about God's power to do unexpected things, like the sign of the fleece or giving Gideon victory.



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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?

Gideon Grab

The name GIDEON is hidden in the word search 14 times.
Can you find them all?

A V D W G U B T G I D E O N A
G L F H X P Q M N U H V G K S
I X G R G I D E O N O S I U W
D S P A I Q V Z Z S M L D L N
E G C M D G G N V V L A E C H
O I T G E I I T B J I H O K H
N D J G O D D G I P N Q N Z R
G E G I N E E I R G N U K V M
I O I D E O O D H O X A Y D H
D N D E U N N E D X P Z N Y W
E D E O F J I O G I D E O N M
O P O N Q G B N I C R T N O Z
N L N L E Q Y N C Y L K F X P
C V H Y G I D E O N B N O P U
Q P L W W S W F W P F I E V M

What's Right?

Mark whether each statement is true or false.
Compare answers with a partner. Then look up
each reference in the Bible to check your answers.

- T / F** 1. God's people were being ruled over by their enemies, the Midianites. (Judges 6:1)
- T / F** 2. The Israelites cried out to God, "Go away!" (Judges 6:7)
- T / F** 3. An angel appeared to Gideon and said, "Moses is with you, valiant warrior!" (Judges 6:12)
- T / F** 4. Gideon put fleece on the ground because he wanted a sign from God. (Judges 6:37)
- T / F** 5. God reduced the size of Gideon's army to 3,000 men. (Judges 7:8)
- T / F** 6. Gideon and his army chased the Midianites, and the Midianites attacked Israel. (Judges 7:21)
- T / F** 7. The Israelites wanted Gideon to be their king. (Judges 8:22)
- T / F** 8. After Gideon died, the Israelites remembered God and obeyed Him. (Judges 8:34)

