

Q7 – GOD IS GOOD AT VICTORY!

PARENT TEACHING GUIDE

God wins the victory! We are studying Old Testament battle stories. These stories show us over and over again that God has the power and God wins the victory for His people when they follow His commandments (have faith in Him). We will study Jesus' triumph over death, which brings us the victory of salvation. We can be victorious if we remain faithful to God and to the sacrifice of His son. God never promises that our lives will be easy. He does promise us victory through Christ if we trust Him.

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LESSON 7 GIDEON'S 300 DEFEAT MIDIANITES

Memory Verse: Psalm 108:12-13 Help us fight the enemy. Human help is useless. But we can win with God's help. He will defeat our enemies.

Text: Judges 7



God can do all things. He helped Gideon defeat the huge Midianite army with only 300 men. He has power over all things. He can defeat the enemy with ordinary things. Isn't God awesome?

A Victor is our God! Talk to your child about God's control over the earth and all things on it, including you and them. He helps us through his word to know Him. Let them know that if we let God have control, we will be following His plan.

PRAISE & PRAYER Show pictures of people accomplishing goals. God's creation plan, kindness, and care make success possible. Only through Him do we live, move, or succeed. God planned for us to succeed spiritually.

FACTS TO KNOW

WHERE: JUDGES; Midian, Ophrah, Manasseh, Valley of Jezreel, Asher, Zebulun, Naphtali

WHO: GOD. Gideon, Midianites

WHEN (Purple Card): Joshua and Judges

Praise Passage: **Psalm 62:11** Have your child write the verse down into a small notebook of their own ("Praise Journal"). Praise God & discuss the meaning as they write it down. The point of the praise passage is for your child to learn how to praise God – learn how to say nice things about God and to God in prayer.

Victory Psalm: Psalm 136*

Victory Songs: The Battle Belongs to the Lord* & Faith is the Victory*

WHEN WALL/ TIMELINE Use the "When Wall – Purple Cards Key"* to do the When Wall cards at home. Review the Historical Heading cards ("purple cards") that tell the story of the Bible. For Kindergarten and up add in the Famous People cards (white cards) and for 2nd grade and up add in the Books of the Bible cards (yellow cards).

LESSON As you introduce the lesson, talk about where in the Bible timeline this lesson occurs (which purple card this lesson falls under). See the Victory-When Wall* answer key for guidance (a copy is also provided in the student folder). "Gideon's 300 defeat Midianites..." go under the "Joshua and Judges" purple card. Tell carefully or read dramatically today's lesson using the Bible, your child's lesson folder, or the preschool family story within this guide. Here are the lesson 7 visuals* created by Renee to help you teach this lesson. *Remember to emphasize how God is the hero of the story!*

ACTIVITIES Use the activity packet for lesson 7 provided in your child's student folder. Students in the 2nd -5th grades have a cover page for the packet where they can begin learning their memory verse by writing it down and writing what they are thankful for and what they will pray for this week.

Open my eyes that I may see....the help of man is useless to me.

Additional Activities:

- Spears, swords and hand-to-hand combat were the most frequent weapons used when fighting in Bible times. Play "Spear, Sword, and Hand" game (just like Rock, Paper, Scissors)
- Bible Fun for Kids: [Gideon](#)

SING [Gideon's Song](#), [The Judges Song](#); [Books of the Old Testament](#); [My God is so Big](#); [The Lord's Army](#), [You are my Strength](#)

The Judges Song

(to the tune of 10 Little Indians)

God set judges over Israel;
One brave woman, fourteen men.
They helped Israel fight their battles;
Led them back to God from sin.

Othniel, Ehud, Shamgar, Deborah,
Gideon, Abimelech, Tola, Jair,
Jephthah, Ibzan, Elon, Abdon,
Samson, Eli, Samuel.

**All underlined items are links to teaching resources*

FAMILY/PRE-K STORY:

Gideon Judges 7

This is the Bible, God's written word. It tells how God made us and it tells how God loves us. Listen carefully and keep God's words in your heart so that you will never forget how good and wonderful our God is. God loves us and takes care of us....

"Oh give thanks unto Jehovah for He is good; for His loving kindness endures forever. Oh give thanks unto the Lord of lords; For His loving kindness endures forever: To Him who alone does great wonders; for His loving kindness endures forever." Psalm 136:1-4

After God allowed Deborah and Jael to win the victory over the evil kings of Canaan, the people of God had peace for 40 years. But the Israelites had a habit of forgetting God. How did they do this? They did not talk of all his mighty deeds with their children every day. They were tempted and persuaded by the evil people that were around them. They forgot to be brave and to choose to do good for God. God allowed the Midianite nation to rule them. Once again the Israelites cried out to God for help. God sent Gideon, another judge, to deliver them.

So Gideon gathered an army of 32,000 men to fight. But God told him that this was too many soldiers. God did not want Israel to think they could win the battle because they had this huge powerful army. Who has the most power? Who is wisest? God had a plan. First he told the men that were afraid to go home. About 22,000 went home. He gave the rest a test. Gideon brought the army to water to drink. God told Gideon to send the men home that got down on their knees to drink. The men who drank from their hand would fight the battle. Only 300 soldiers were chosen. This was a small army. But God promised Gideon victory.

Gideon divided the army into three sections. He gave every man a trumpet and a picture with a torch in it for light. About 10:00 at night when it was dark he took 100 men to the camp. They blew the trumpets and smashed the pitchers to let the lights burn.

Then the rest of the men that were standing around the camp did the same. They held their trumpets in their right hand and the swords in the left hand. Then they shouted, "The sword to the Lord and of Gideon." The Midianite army was scared and confused and started to fight each other. Gideon's army of 300 defeated the Midian army of over 100,000. God is great and powerful. He gave victory to a small army. Nothing is too hard for God. He gave victory to Gideon to show His power. He can give victory to us too. God is good at victory.

Family - Teen & Adult Questions:

Read Judges 6 & 7

1. In Judges 6:1, and 6-16, we see what happened to bring Israel "low because of Midian." Starting in verse 7, we see God's response to Israel's cries. What does Psalm 136:23 say God does when His children get "low" like Israel was?
2. The angel of the Lord told Gideon he was to go and deliver Israel from Midian in Judges 6:14. Gideon considered himself a coward (Judges 6:15). But God told him how he would be strong and deliver Israel in Judges 6:16. How could this be?
3. What problem did Gideon's army have before the battle? (Judges 7)
4. God was worried about Israel becoming boastful. Define boastful.

5. What was God’s solution to their problem?
6. Again, God had a strange battle plan for Israel. What was it?
7. How many men did God use to show His power? God is the HERO!
8. Change the following boastful words in to grateful words that praise God and His wisdom.

Boastful Words	Grateful Words
I am strong! I can beat anyone!	
I am smart! I can make all A’s!	
I am the fastest! I win all the races.	
I am rich! I earn lots of money and buy lots of stuff!	
I am beautiful! I have great eyes.	
I have a great smile.	
I have lovely hands and beautiful nails.	

9. Read 1 Corinthians 1:25-31. This passage explains why we don’t HAVE to understand it all and why Gideon did not have to understand how God could win with him as a leader and only 300 soldiers. Fill in the blanks to “understand. Because the _____ of God is _____ than men, and the _____ of God is _____ than men.
10. Why has God chosen the foolish, weak, and base things of the world “to bring to nothing the things that are?” (1 Corinthians 1:29)
11. Who is responsible for us having a relationship with Christ Jesus? Who made that victory possible? (1 Corinthians 1:30)
12. If you’re going to boast, what is the only thing you can boast in without sinning? (1 Corinthians 1:31)