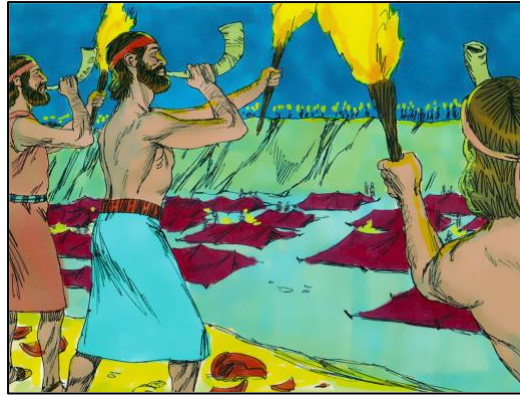
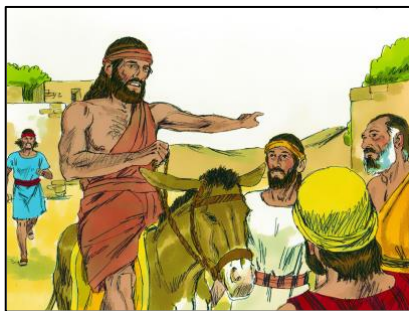


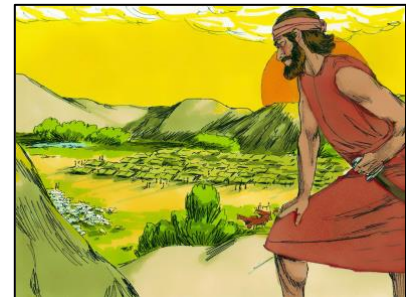
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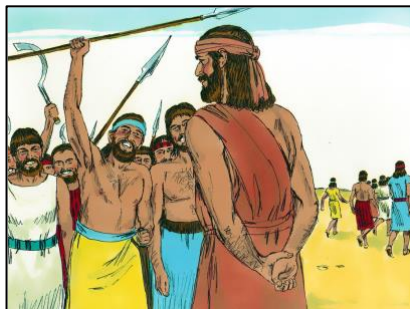
## GIDEON FIGHTS THE MIDIANITES (JUDGES 7)



The Bible says that The Midianites had hurt the Israelites for many years. They stole their crops and animals. So, Gideon gathered an army to fight them. Gideon had 30,000 men.



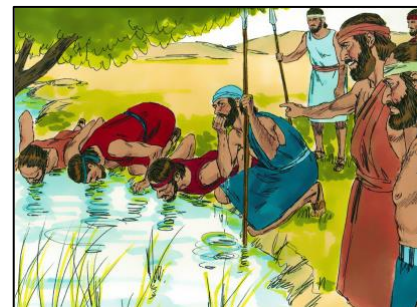
The problem was that the Midianites had an even bigger army with 132,000 men. Gideon must've wondered how his army could fight such a big enemy. God told Gideon that his army was too big!



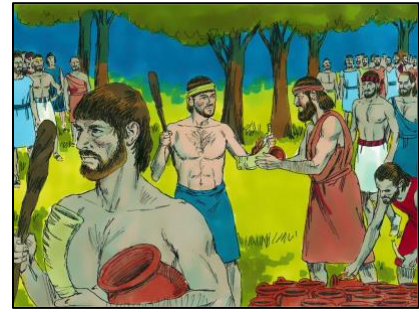
He told Gideon to let all of the men who were afraid to go home. 20,000 men went home. Now there were only 10,000 men left in the army. How could they fight 132,000 men!? God spoke again and guess what He said about Gideon's army? It was still too big! God wanted them to know that when God is on your side, it doesn't matter how big the enemy is. God will always win!

He told Gideon to take the men down to the river to drink. If a man knelt to the water and lapped it like a dog, then he was told to go home. If a man knelt but scooped water into his hand, he could stay in Gideon's army.

Only 300 men scooped water up to their mouths. That meant that Gideon's army now had only 300 men!

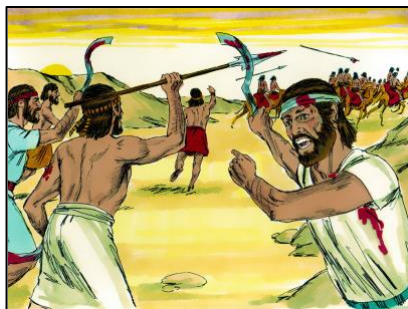
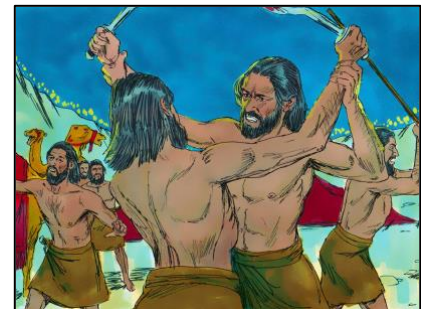


Gideon divided his men into three groups of 100. He gave each man a clay jar with a torch inside. He told them to circle all around the outside of the Midianite camp and wait until they heard him blow his trumpet.



When Gideon blew his trumpet, he and all of the rest of the soldiers started blowing their trumpets. Then they crushed their clay jars so that it looked like a circle of fire around the camp. They all yelled, "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!"

The Midianites were scared. The Lord made them get all confused and so they took out their swords and started fighting. But they were not fighting Gideon's army. They were fighting each other! They got so confused that they all started running away.



Gideon's army of 300 beat the Midianite army of 132,000. Only God could make that happen!

God used Gideon to save 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.

The men went into battle.  
 They blew trumpets and broke their jars  
 to make noise. They waved torches.

Match the pictures.

Gideon's men shouted ...

Use the code to fill in the missing letters.

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**God used Gideon's weakness for His glory.**



Write down something you like to do, even if you are not the best at it.  
Then write about how you might do that task for the glory of God.

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**GIDEON'S ARMY OF 300 WORD SEARCH**

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**DRINK  
 GIDEON  
 ISRAEL  
 KNEES  
 LAPPED**

**MIDIANITES  
 MOUNT GILEAD  
 PITCHERS  
 THREE HUNDRED**

**TOO MANY  
 TORCHES  
 TRUMPETS  
 WATER**