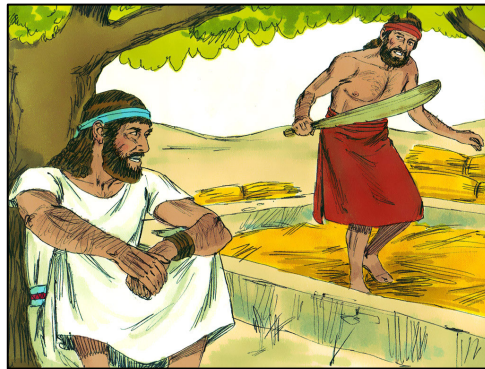


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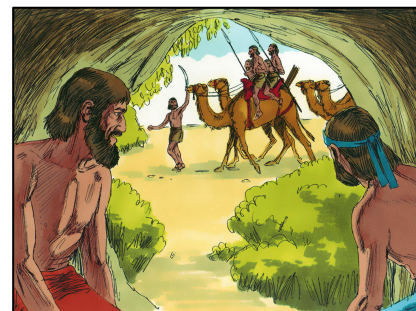
Lesson #10: GIDEON IS CHOSEN TO BE A JUDGE (Judges 6)

It seems like the Israelites never learned their lesson, because the same thing kept happening. The Israelites would stop worshipping God. Then their enemies hurt them. **God's people remembered how good they had it when they loved and obeyed God. They cried out to God, "Save us!"** Then God would send someone to help the people. This person was called a JUDGE.



The Bible says that the Israelites worshipped idols like Baal.

The Midianites were cruel to God's people. They rode camels and stole animals and crops. The Israelites were so afraid that they had to hide in caves. They cried, "Save us!"



Gideon was an Israelite farmer. He had to work in a hidden place so that the Midianites would not steal from him. One day Gideon was threshing grain in While he was working, the angel of the Lord came and sat down under a tree. The angel said, "The Lord is with you, **mighty warrior**. You have been chosen to save Israel."

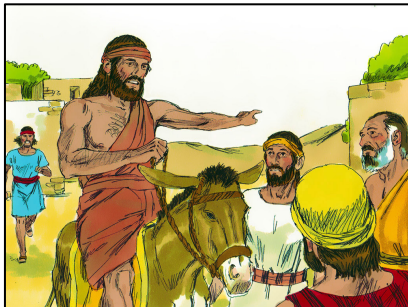
Gideon couldn't believe it. Why would God choose him? He didn't think he was good enough. His family was small and weak and he was the youngest. The angel said, "The Lord will be with you, Gideon. Go now and save Israel."



God told Gideon to break down all the Baal statues. Gideon and 10 friends waited until nighttime. Then they broke down the idols.

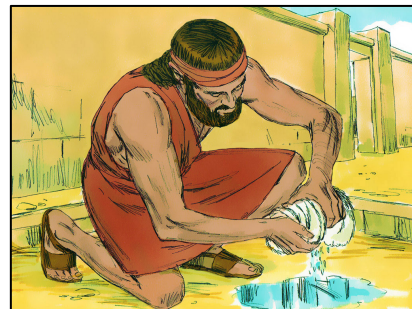


Gideon made an altar to worship God.



Gideon blew the ram's horn to gather the men. An army of men came to Gideon. They were ready to fight against the Midianites.

Gideon still wanted to be sure he was doing the right thing. He asked God to give him a sign. "I will put fleece from a lamb on the ground. If the fleece is wet with dew, but the ground is dry, I will believe You."



That is exactly what happened! Gideon asked for another sign. This time, the fleece was dry and the ground was wet. After seeing these signs, Gideon knew for sure that God wanted him to fight the Midianites.



Why did the angel call Gideon a mighty warrior? Because God sees who we can *become* with His help, not just who we are right now. With God's help, Gideon could do the job.

Even though Gideon needed some convincing, he decided to follow the Lord and do exactly what he wanted him to do!

God knows that *you* can become a mighty warrior for Him. God isn't looking for perfect people or "Superheroes." He is looking for willing hearts! You may never be called to go to battle, but God has a job for you too. Decide to always follow God's great plan!

GIDEON HIDING IN THE WINEPRESS



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Judges 6:11 (NLT)

[Then the angel of the Lord came and sat beneath the great tree at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash of the clan of Abiezer.] Gideon son of Joash was threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites.

This scene shows Gideon in a stone-cut wine press, threshing wheat. He has a bundle of wheat in his hands & is beating it against a wooden log to release the grain from the straw. This meant that the grain was still mingled with the chaff (the seed coverings, crop leaves, stalks, etc.) To separate the unwanted chaff from the grain people often threw the wheat into the air (especially in windy conditions) allowing the wind to blow the lighter chaff away & catching the heavier grain in a mat or basket. This process was called winnowing.

Why was Gideon threshing wheat in such an unexpected place: the bottom of a wine press? Because he was fearful that the marauding Midianites might see his secretive work & steal what little food he & his family might make from the grain.

Above the rim of the wine press we can see some buildings on the right (part of the town of Ophrah), & the great tree at Ophrah, an oak tree, on the left, under which the angel of the Lord sat.



G I D E O N

God Calls Gideon

An angel spoke to Gideon.
The angel said, "The Lord is with you."

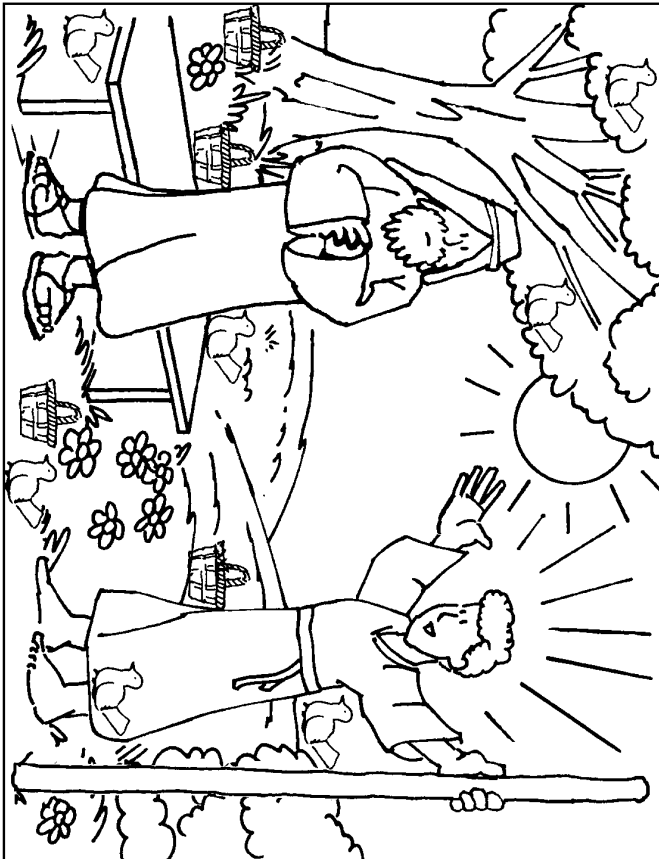
Count the hidden objects. Circle the correct number.



4 or 5 ?



6 or 7 ?



UPPER GRADES ACTIVITY

GIDEON WORD SEARCH

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Think About This:



Did Gideon start out as a “HERO”? _____
 When the angel saw Gideon, he was hiding in a
 “hole.” Why do you think the angel called
 Gideon a “mighty warrior?”

Was it disrespectful for Gideon to ask for signs, or was he just being honest about his fear?

Is it okay to tell God when we are feeling unsure or scared? When can you talk to God about how you feel?
