## **Gideon The Warrior**

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I. Fill in the blanks. Complete the story below by writing the missing words. You may choose the word from the help box.
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saying: "I am sending you to rescue the Israelites from their enemies". Gideon replied, "But how can I rescue Israel, my clan is the
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man". Gideon asked for a sign. Gideon went into his house and cooked meat and made some bread without any yeast. He put the
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#### **GIDEON THE WARRIOR**

#### **GOD SAVES THE ISRAELITES FROM MIDIANITES**

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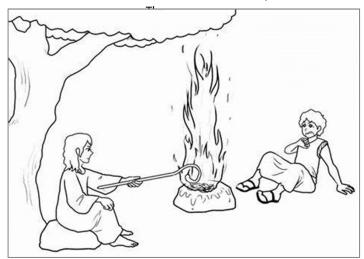
God always accompany His People in all their journey. After arriving in the promised land, all was not easy. The people made many mistakes, and so they became easy prey to their neighbors, the Midianites, who were more powerful. Through the story of Gideon, we see how God teaches Gideon and the people that with God's strength they can take up leadership to protect themselves.

# People Cry to God for Help

Years passed by Joshua died – and soon the people forgot all that God had done for them. They forgot their promise to serve only God. They began to worship other gods. Their enemies began to make trouble for them. Once enemies came and took away their sheep and cattle and ate up all their crops.

#### God Sends a Message to Gideon

The people of Israel cried to God for help, so God sent a messenger to a man named Gideon, saying: "I am sending you to rescue the Israelites from their enemies". Gideon replied, "But how can I rescue Israel, my clan is the weakest, and I am the least important member of my family."



Lord answered, "You can do it because I will help you. You will crush the Midianites as easily as if they were only one man". Gideon could not believe that this was what God wanted him to do. So he asked for a sign. Gideon went into his house and cooked meat and made some bread without any yeast. He put the meat in a basket and the broth in a pot and brought them to the Angel. The Angel told him to put the meat and the bread on the rock in front of him and to pour the broth over them. Then the Angel reached out and touched the meat and bread with the end of the stick he was holding. Fire came out of the rock and burnt up the meat and the bread. Then the Angel disappeared. Gideon now realized that it was the Lord's Angel that had come to him.

#### Gideon Defeats the Enemy

Gideon sent his messengers to gather the men to fight. Thousands of men came to Gideon. The Lord said to Gideon. "The men you have here are too many. They might think that they had won by themselves, and so give me no credit". So Gideon had to reduce the number. Gideon chose only 300 men to fight, Gideon did what God had asked of him. Gideon gave each man a trumpet and a jar, with a flaming torch inside the jar and told them what to do. At the signal the men blew their trumpets and broke the jars. There was a terrible noise. There was panic in the enemy camp. Some of the Midianites did not recognize each other in the confusion and ended up fighting and killing each other. The others ran away. With God's help Gideon and his men defeated the enemy. Later on the Israelites came to Gideon and said "Be our ruler, you and your descendants after you. You have saved us from the Midianites". Gideon answered, "I will not be your ruler, nor will my son. The Lord will be Your Ruler".



### REMEMBER:

When you feel weak and afraid, remember to pray and ask the Lord Jesus to lead and protect you.

Have courage and always obey the Lord's Teachings and commandments.

