

Covenant Roots 

Presents

VOICES OF FAITH FAMILY SERIES

This Lesson Is About

Gideon

Judges 6-7

***From Fearful Farmer
to Courageous Leader***



*Including devotionals, kid's stories,
games, video and adult lessons*

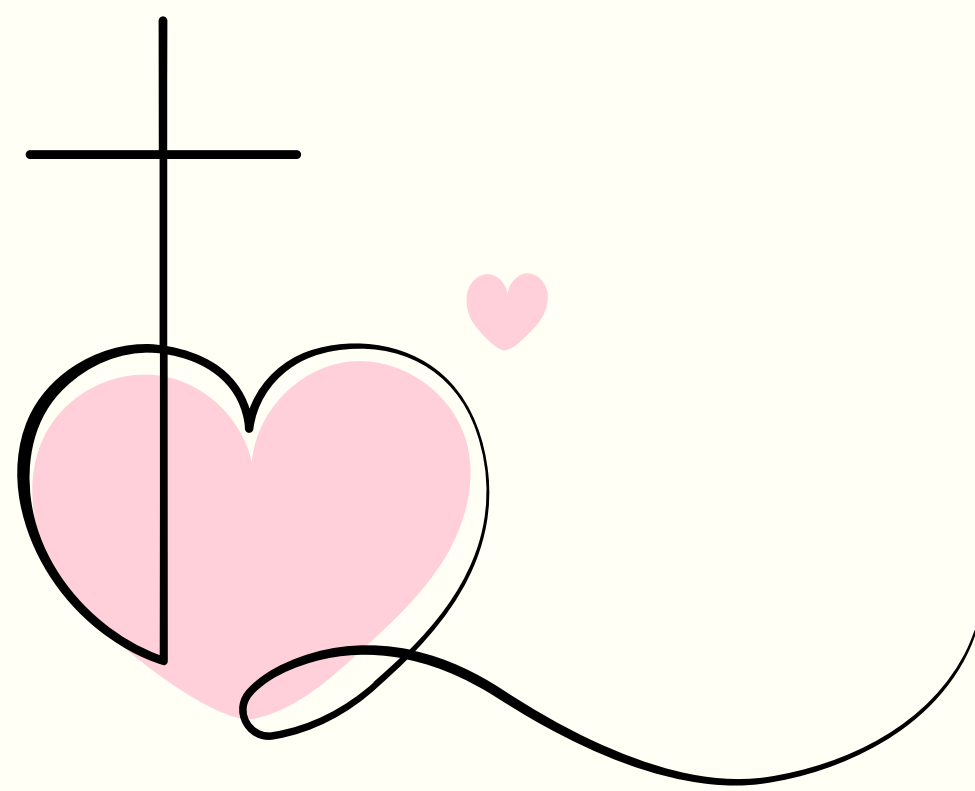


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Welcome To Covenant Root's Voices of Faith Family Series



Dear Friend, We are grateful that you've chosen to make family Bible study a priority in your home! Our goal is simple: to help families join together around God's Word, grow in faith, and pass on a living testimony of Christ to the next generation.

God calls the family to be a place where faith is taught, lived, and passed on. Fathers serve as the "priests" of the home, leading their families in prayer, worship, and the study of Scripture. (1 Corinthians 11:3) Mothers nurture and encourage, and children learn to walk in God's ways. (Proverbs 31:15-17; Proverbs 22). When families gather around the Word of God, they build a strong foundation of faith that can last for generations. (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)

The Bible is unlike any other book! It contains 66 books, written over 2,000 years by more than 40 authors from three continents and in three languages. These writers came from every walk of life—kings and shepherds, fishermen and priests, doctors and officials. Though so different, each was guided by the Holy Spirit, so that the Bible speaks with one voice: *God's plan to redeem the world through Jesus Christ.*

In these lessons, we turn our hearts toward the lives of faithful men and women throughout Scripture—individuals who responded to challenges with courage, wisdom, and grace. Whether from the Old Testament or the New, their stories offer timeless lessons in humility, obedience, and peacemaking. Their examples remind us that living out our faith often means choosing what is right even when it's hard, and trusting God to work through our actions to bring peace and hope to others.

May this lesson inspire your family to grow in the knowledge of our Lord, wisdom, walk in love, and become a living testimony of God's peace for generations to come.

Rooted in Him,
The Covenant Roots Family

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." – 3 John 1:4





About Covenant Roots



“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.” Deuteronomy 6:6-7

At Covenant Roots, our mission is simple:

To equip families to grow strong in God’s Word and pass on a living faith to the next generation.

We believe that God has designed the family as the first place of discipleship. Parents, grandparents, and children can open Scripture together, talk about it, and live it out in daily life. Through the Voices of Faith Family Series, we provide resources that make Bible study practical, interactive, and engaging for all ages.

Our Commitment

To uphold the authority of God’s Word. To create materials that children can understand, parents can lead, and adults can study deeply. To encourage family unity through shared prayer, discussion, and application of Scripture. To inspire households to be living testimonies of Christ in their homes, churches, and communities.

We pray that these studies will not only teach Biblical truth but also strengthen family bonds and leave a spiritual legacy that endures.

In His grace and truth,
The Covenant Roots Family

~ What We Believe ~

The Bible

We believe the Scriptures are God’s written message to humanity—fully trustworthy, divinely inspired, and the final authority for what we believe and how we live. (Psalm 119; Matthew 4:4; Luke 24:27)

God’s Nature

We believe in one eternal God who exists in three Persons: the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit. (1 John 5:7)

Jesus Christ

We believe Jesus is fully God and fully man. He was born of a virgin, lived without sin, performed miracles, died in our place to bring us back to God, rose bodily from the dead, ascended to heaven, and will one day return in glory to reign on earth for a thousand years. (John 1:1-4; Ephesians 2:13-18; Revelation 19-20)

The Return of Christ

We believe in the joyful hope of Jesus coming again to gather His Church. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

Salvation Through Christ

We believe forgiveness and freedom from sin come only through turning to God (repentance) and trusting in the saving power of Jesus’ blood. (Romans 5:1; Ephesians 2:8-9, 13-18)

New Life by the Holy Spirit

We believe that being spiritually reborn by the Holy Spirit is essential for anyone to be saved. (John 3:5-8; Titus 3:5)

Healing Through Christ’s Sacrifice

We believe Jesus’ death on the cross not only brings salvation but also makes healing available to those who pray in faith. (Exodus 15:25-26; James 5:14-15; 1 Peter 19:1-7).

Baptism in the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit empowers believers, and this gift is available to those who seek it, just as described in the book of Acts. (Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:1-7)

Living a Holy Life

We believe the Holy Spirit helps Christians grow in holiness, giving strength to live in a way that honors God. (Romans 6:3-14; 8:1-2, 11)

Eternal Destiny

We believe that everyone will be raised from the dead—those who are saved to eternal life, and those who are lost to eternal separation from God. (Revelation 20:5-6, 11:15)





Getting Your Family Together for Bible Study

Starting a family Bible study can feel challenging, but a little planning makes it natural and enjoyable. Here are some simple suggestions to help your family grow closer to one another—and to the Lord:

1. Choose the Right Time

Pick a regular night: Select one evening each week when everyone is most likely to be home (Sunday evening, or a weekday night after dinner). Keep it short: Aim for 20–30 minutes, especially with younger children. Work around schoolwork: Choose a time that won't interfere with homework or bedtime routines.

2. Create a Welcoming Atmosphere

Gather in a comfortable spot: The living room, around the dining table, or even outside on a porch or patio. Keep distractions away: Turn off TVs, put away phones, and let the study time be sacred. Open with prayer: Ask God to bless the time and open hearts to His Word.

3. Involve Everyone

Fathers lead as priests of the home: Read the passage, guide discussion, and set the spiritual tone.

Mothers encourage participation: Help younger children follow along and celebrate their contributions.

Children take part: Let them read verses, answer questions, or even lead a prayer.

4. Make It Engaging

Ask simple questions: "What does this story teach us about God?" or "How can we live this out today?"

Add activities: Singing a song, memorizing a verse, or drawing a picture about the story.

Celebrate progress: Praise your children for remembering last week's lesson or verse.

5. Build Bonds and Memories

Share family testimonies: Parents can tell how God has worked in their lives. End with encouragement: A short family prayer where each person thanks God for something. Add a treat or tradition: Maybe hot cocoa, popcorn, or dessert after Bible time—something your kids will look forward to.

Blessings in Christ,

The Covenant Roots Family





Let's go!



Start Here:

This study is designed to unfold step by step—each section builds on the last to deepen understanding and spark meaningful conversation. For the clearest experience, follow the outline in order, allowing time for Scripture, reflection, and discussion. These steps will help you lead with confidence and keep the group focused on God's truth and purpose.

Step 1: Ground the Group in Scripture

Always begin each session with prayer, inviting the Holy Spirit to guide your heart and mind. Ask for wisdom, clarity, and a spirit of humility as you explore God's Word together. Trust that He is present, ready to teach, correct, and encourage through every part of the lesson. (Matthew 18:20) This shared reading sets the tone and helps everyone hear the story in its original form before exploring its meaning. (This is optional, but prayer could be followed up by having communion together. Jesus established communion to remind us of the new covenant established by His death and resurrection. (Luke 22:20).

Step 2: Connect to the Course Foundations

If this is the first session, briefly review the About and Statement of Faith documents. These help frame the study's purpose and values. Encourage participants to ask questions or share reflections if they're new to the material.

Step 3: Use the Lesson Outline as Your Compass

After reading the passage, walk through the Lesson Outline. Each section highlights key moments in the story—historical context, emotional tension, spiritual truths, and life application. You don't need to cover everything at once. Let the story breathe. Ask open-ended questions. Invite discussion.

Step 4: Encourage Personal Engagement

Use the Life Application points to spark real-life connections.

Ask the following:

- "Have you ever faced a moment like this?"
- "What does this look like in your world?"
- "How might God be inviting you to respond with wisdom or humility?"

Optional Add-ons:

- Prayer Requests (Ask if anyone has need of prayer for school, work, relationship, etc.)
- Journaling Time (It's good to keep notes to future reference)
- Creative activity (drawing, roleplay, map exploration)
- Family Communion (You can use elements such as grape juice, bread, or crackers)
- Testimony Time (Ask for good reports of prayers being answered, unexpected blessings from God, healing from sickness, etc.)

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To The One Called to Lead The Study
You can read the story below to others, or print individual copies for each person. A children's version is contained in the children's section.

The Story of Gideon

The Family Lesson

Primary Scripture Passages:
Judges 6 & 7

Theme Verse

"And the Lord said to him, "Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man."



Gideon's 300: Trusting God for Victory

This story reveals how God can take someone who feels weak, unqualified, or fearful and equip them for mighty purposes. When we first meet Gideon, he is hiding from the Midianites, threshing wheat in a winepress so they would not steal it. Gideon felt weak and unimportant, but God saw something different in him.

An angel appeared and called Gideon a "mighty man of valor." Gideon was surprised—he didn't feel brave at all! He even questioned why God had allowed Israel to suffer. But the Lord answered with a promise: "Surely I will be with you." God's power, not Gideon's strength, would bring victory - and the same is true for us.

To prepare Gideon, God gave him small tests of faith. First, Gideon tore down his father's altar to Baal, showing he would serve the one true God. Then, when it was time to face the Midianites, God reduced Gideon's army from thousands down to only 300 men. With trumpets, torches, and shouts, this tiny army frightened the Midianites so badly that they turned on each other and fled. Israel was saved, not by human strength, but by God's power.

The lesson of Gideon is that God does not choose us because we are the strongest or the most talented. He chooses us when we are willing to trust Him. Just as He told Gideon, He promises us: "I will be with you." (references: John 14:18; Matthew 28:20)

For families, Gideon's story reminds us that when challenges seem too big, we do not face them alone. God is near, and His strength is greater than our weakness.



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Map of the Story of Gideon

Scriptural Setting: Judges 6 & 7



Map Description:

This map shows the setting of Gideon's story in the land of Israel during the time of the Judges. The location of Gideon at En Harod (Judges 7:1), near the Jezreel Valley, is marked with an arrow. Surrounding regions are labeled with both their ancient and modern names, including Philistia (Gaza Strip/Israel), Aram-Damascus (Syria), Moab (Jordan), Edom (northwest Arabia/Sinai), Amalek (northern Arabia), and Israel (modern Israel/Palestine). The map highlights how Gideon, though leading only a small force, stood at the center of these powerful neighboring nations.

Leader's Note:

Why the Nations Matter

When we read about Gideon's story, it helps to remember that Israel was surrounded by strong nations. The Midianites, Amalekites, and people from the east often invaded, stealing crops and livestock. Philistia controlled the western coast, Moab and Edom bordered Israel to the east and south, while Aram-Damascus pressed from the north.

God chose Gideon to face the Midianites not because Israel was stronger than its neighbors, but to show that His power is greater than all surrounding nations. The map helps us see how small Israel was compared to the lands around it. Yet, with only 300 men, Gideon led Israel to victory—proving that when God is with His people, no enemy is too great.

Lesson Outline

Gideon

And the Lord said to him, “Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man.” Judges 6:16

Introduction:

Gideon’s story shows how God can use an ordinary person to do extraordinary things. Even though Gideon felt weak and unsure, God promised to be with him and gave him courage to lead Israel to victory.

Historical Background:

Israel was under constant attack from the Midianites and other nations. They stole crops, destroyed livestock, and left the Israelites hiding in fear. In their trouble, the people cried out to God for help. This setting of exile, empire, and royal power created the backdrop for Esther’s story. Against this vast and intimidating stage, God used one young woman to show His power and protection for His people.

The Crisis:

When we meet Gideon, he is hiding in a winepress, threshing wheat in secret so the Midianites would not steal it. Gideon felt unimportant and doubted that God could use him. Yet an angel appeared, calling him a “mighty man of valor.” The real crisis was not just Israel’s enemies, but their lack of faith in God.

The Intervention – Esther’s Decision, Prayer, Fasting, and Bravery:

God chose Gideon and gave him small steps of faith to obey, like tearing down his father’s altar to Baal. Later, when Gideon prepared for battle, God reduced his army from thousands down to only 300 men. With trumpets, torches, and shouts, this tiny group scattered the enemy by God’s power alone..

The Outcome – Deliverance, Purim, and God’s Providence:

The Midianites fled in fear, and Israel was delivered. Gideon saw firsthand that victory came not from numbers or weapons, but from God’s presence and power.

Application - Reflection & Application – What It Means for Families Today:

- God can use anyone who is willing to trust Him, no matter how small or weak they feel.
- True courage comes from remembering that God is with us.
- Sometimes God allows us to face overwhelming odds so that His power, not ours, is seen clearly.
- Families today can take comfort knowing God’s strength is greater than any challenge they face together.



Family Memory Verse of the Week

“And the Lord said to him, “Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man.” Judges 6:16

Think About It

When God called Gideon, he felt weak and afraid. He was hiding from his enemies, unsure of himself, and questioning why God allowed so much trouble. Yet God called him a “mighty man of valor” and promised, “I will be with you” (Judges 6:16). Gideon learned that victory would not come through his own strength, but through God’s power working in him.

For us today, this story reminds us that God often calls us when we feel small or unprepared. He wants us to trust that His power is greater than our weakness. God gives us courage to take small steps of faith—whether in our families, schools, or communities—and through those steps He shows His strength.

Through Jesus Christ, we are promised the same truth Gideon learned: God’s presence goes with us (Matthew 28:20). Even when we feel weak, His Spirit gives us the courage to face challenges and the strength to obey.

Family Challenge

This week, each family member should think about a situation where they feel weak, afraid, or unsure, and ask how God might want to show His power through them.

Step 1: Write the words: “God’s power is greater than my weakness” on a card or piece of paper.

Step 2: Pray each day, asking God to give courage and strength in that area.

Step 3: At week’s end, share one way you experienced God’s strength when you felt weak.

Family Reminder

Just like Gideon learned, we don’t need to be the strongest or the bravest. God is with us, and His power works through us. Even small steps of obedience—standing for what’s right, helping someone in need, or trusting God in a hard situation—can bring great victory when He is with us.



Family Prayer

Lord God, we thank You that Your power is greater than our weakness. Just as You were with Gideon, be with us in every challenge we face. Give us courage when we feel afraid, strength when we feel weak, and faith to trust that You are always with us. Help our family to remember that victory comes from You, not from ourselves. In Jesus’ name, Amen.



Family Discussion & Reflection Questions

~ *Let's Talk About It* ~



Gideon 6 & 7



Family Reflection Questions

Q1. Why do you think Gideon was hiding when the angel first found him?

Q2. What did the angel call Gideon, and why was that surprising?

Q3. How did God show Gideon that He was not alone?

Q4. Why do you think God asked Gideon to start with tearing down his father's altar to Baal?

Q5. Why do you think God reduced Gideon's army from thousands to only 300 men?

Q6. How did Gideon's small army defeat such a large group of enemies?

Q7. What does Gideon's story teach us about where true courage comes from?

Q8. How can remembering that "God is with us" help when we face something scary or difficult?

Q9. Can you think of a time when you felt weak or small, but God helped you through it?

Q10. How can our family encourage each other to trust God's power instead of our own strength?

Five-Day Family Devotional

Gideon

Victory by God's Power, Not Man's Strength

5-DAY FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

Day 1: God Calls the Weak (Judges 6:11–12)

- Talk: Why did God call Gideon a mighty warrior before he acted brave?
- Try: Write down one thing you feel weak in and pray for God's help.

Day 2: Gideon Asks for a Sign (Judges 6:36–40)

- Talk: Why did Gideon ask God for signs?
- Try: Share a time you needed reassurance.

Day 3: God Reduces the Army (Judges 7:2–7)

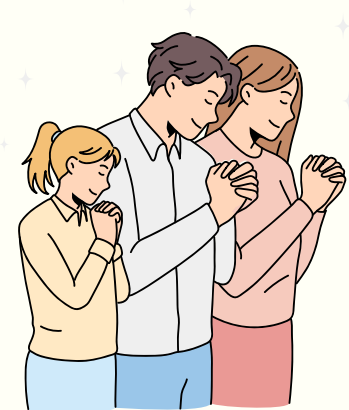
- Talk: Why did God make the army smaller?
- Try: Draw 300 people facing thousands—what seems impossible to you?

Day 4: The Battle Strategy (Judges 7:16–18)

- Talk: Why did God use torches and trumpets instead of swords?
- Try: Pretend to shout like Gideon's men: "The sword of the LORD and of Gideon!"

Day 5: God Wins the Victory (Judges 7:20–22)

- Talk: What does this victory show about God's power?
- Try: Share one way you've seen God help you.



End of the Week Family Prayer



End of the Week Family Prayer

"Dear Lord, thank You for choosing Gideon even though he felt weak. Help us to trust You when we are afraid. Teach us that Your power is greater than our fear. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Parent's Blessing Over Children

May the Lord be with you, (insert name), just as He was with Gideon. May His strength fill your heart when you feel weak, and may His light shine through you in every challenge. May you always remember that God's power is greater than your fear, and that He will never leave you nor forsake you. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Children's Blessing Over Parents

May God bless you with wisdom, strength, and joy as you lead our family. We thank Him for your love and care, and we pray He gives you peace and courage each day.





Family Discussion Answer Key: Gideon



Q1. Why do you think Gideon was hiding when the angel first found him?

- Because he was afraid the Midianites would steal his grain. It shows how much fear Israel lived under.

Q2. What did the angel call Gideon, and why was that surprising?

- “Mighty man of valor.” It was surprising because Gideon felt weak and afraid, not brave.

Q3. How did God show Gideon that He was not alone?

- He promised, “I will be with you,” and gave signs to strengthen Gideon’s faith.

Q4. Why do you think God asked Gideon to start with tearing down his father’s altar to Baal?

- Because Israel had to turn away from idols before God could bring victory. Obedience comes before blessing.

Q5. Why do you think God reduced Gideon’s army from thousands to only 300 men?

- So that everyone would know the victory came from God, not from human strength.

Q6. How did Gideon’s small army defeat such a large group of enemies?

- By obeying God’s unusual plan—using torches, trumpets, and shouts to confuse the Midianites.

Q7. What does Gideon’s story teach us about where true courage comes from?

- Courage comes from trusting God’s presence and promises, not from our own abilities.

Q8. How can remembering that “God is with us” help when we face something scary or difficult?

- It gives us peace and strength, reminding us we are never alone in our struggles.

Q9. Can you think of a time when you felt weak or small, but God helped you through it?

- (Answers will vary—examples might include school challenges, making friends, or family hardships.)

Q10. How can our family encourage each other to trust God’s power instead of our own strength?

- By praying together, sharing God’s promises, reminding one another of past answers to prayer, and choosing faith over fear.



S.O.A.P. Bible Study Notes

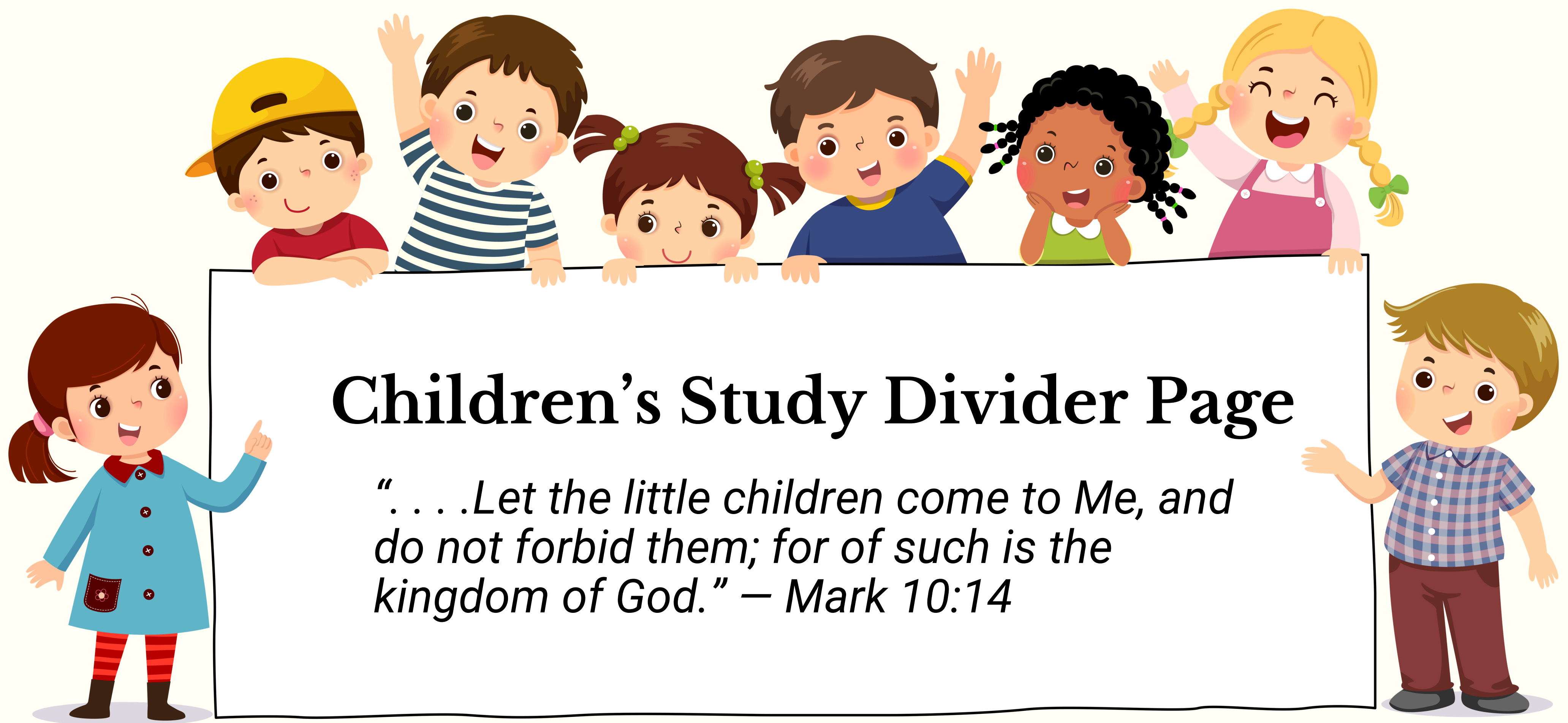
Scripture (write a verse from your reading that stood out for you)

Observation (answer who's speaking, what? where? why?)

Application (how can you apply the verse to your daily life?)

Pray (what prayers are inspired by this verse?)





**The Following Pages Are For Children's Study
Stories • Coloring • Memory Verses • Fun Challenges**



This section is designed especially for children.



**Through stories, coloring, memory
verses, and simple activities, kids will
learn God's Word in a joyful and
engaging way.**





Story Time

Gideon



*Gideon
retold
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"The LORD is with you, mighty warrior!"

Gideon's Big Surprise

One day, Gideon was hiding in a winepress, trying to protect his family's food from enemies called the Midianites. They had been stealing Israel's crops and making life very hard. Suddenly, God's angel appeared and said, "The LORD is with you, mighty warrior!"

Gideon looked around, surprised. "Me? A warrior? I'm the smallest in my family!" He didn't feel brave at all. But God had chosen him to lead His people. God promised, "I will be with you."

Gideon wanted to be sure, so he asked God for signs. And God gave them! This helped Gideon trust and obey.

When it was time for battle, Gideon gathered a large army. But God said, "That's too many men. If you win with so many, you'll think you did it yourselves." So Gideon sent most of them home until only 300 men were left.

Armed with just trumpets, clay jars, and torches, Gideon's small army surrounded the Midianite camp at night. At Gideon's signal, they blew the trumpets, broke the jars, and lifted their blazing torches high while shouting, "A sword for the LORD and for Gideon!"

The Midianites panicked! In the dark and confusion, they ran away and even fought against each other.

God gave Israel victory that night—not because Gideon was strong, but because God's power is greater than any enemy.





Kids Bible Story Quiz



(Answers are on page 22)

Kid's Quiz – The Story of Gideon

Q1. Where was Gideon hiding when the angel appeared?

- a. In a cave
- b. In a winepress
- c. In a tent

Q2. What did the angel call Gideon?

- a. A mighty warrior
- b. A great king
- c. A strong farmer

Q3. Why was Gideon surprised at the angel's greeting?

- a. He didn't think anyone saw him
- b. He didn't feel brave or strong
- c. He didn't know what a warrior was

Q4. Who were Israel's enemies at this time?

- a. The Philistines
- b. The Egyptians
- c. The Midianites

Q5. What did God promise Gideon?

- a. "I will give you a big army."
- b. "I will be with you."
- c. "I will make you king."

Q6. How many men did Gideon have at first?

- a. A very large army
- b. Only 300
- c. Just 12

Q7. Why did God tell Gideon to send most of the men home?

- a. They were too afraid
- b. God wanted the victory to show His power
- c. They had no weapons

Q8. What items did Gideon's 300 men carry into battle?

- a. Swords and shields
- b. Trumpets, clay jars, and torches
- c. Bows and arrows

Q9. What happened when the men blew their trumpets and broke the jars?

- a. The Midianites laughed at them
- b. The Midianites ran away in fear
- c. The jars caught fire

Q10. What does Gideon's story teach us?

- a. God's power is greater than our weakness
- b. We must always have the biggest army
- c. Victory comes from being the strongest



Coloring Page

As you color this scene from the story, take a quiet moment to think about what happened – and what God might be teaching you through it.



GIDEON TRUSTED GOD'S POWER





Bible Story Wordsearch

Find the hidden words in the puzzle. Words can go up, down, across, or diagonal. When you finish, draw or color something from the story!



Gideon



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VICTORY
WARRIOR
TRUMPET
MIDIAN
GIDEON

TORCH
BRAVE
ANGEL
FEAR
JAR

How to Play

Look at the list of words above. Can you find each one hidden in the puzzle?

- Words may go up, down, across, or backward.
- Circle each word as you find it.
- When you finish, read the words out loud and remember how they connect to the story!

Reminder:

As you find each word, remember how God called Gideon to be strong and courageous even when he felt weak. God is with us too—so trust Him, obey Him, and be brave, because 'The LORD is with you, mighty warrior!' (Judges 6:12).

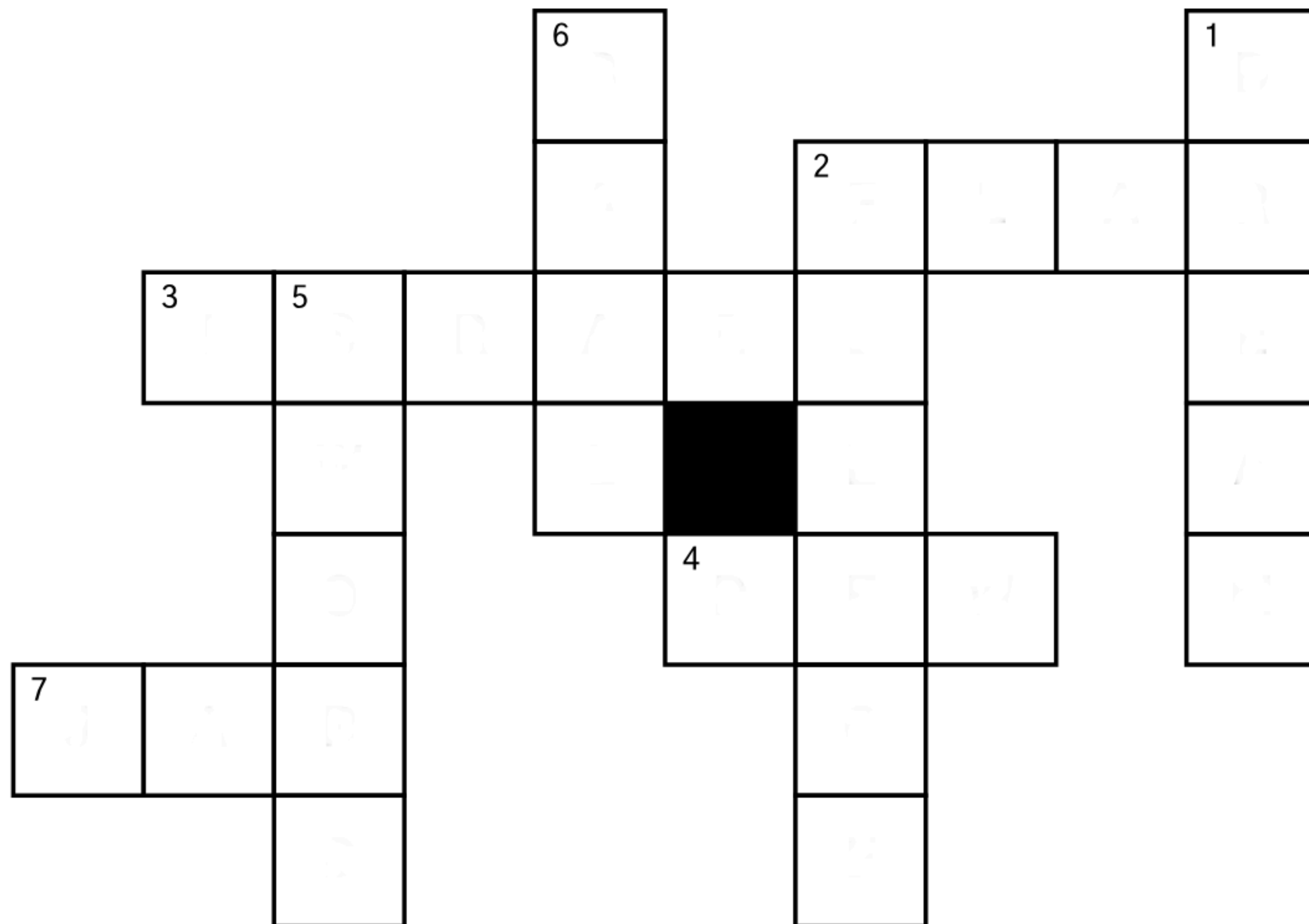




~ Crossword Puzzle ~

From the Story of Gideon

Each word tells part of Gideon's story!



Across:

2. What Gideon struggled with but God helped him overcome
3. The nation Gideon was chosen to lead
4. What God put on the fleece while the ground stayed dry
7. The clay container the men broke to reveal the light

Down:

1. A Midianite had this about bread rolling into camp
2. Gideon asked God for a sign with this
5. Gideon's men shouted, "For the Lord and for _____!"
6. The false god whose altar Gideon tore down

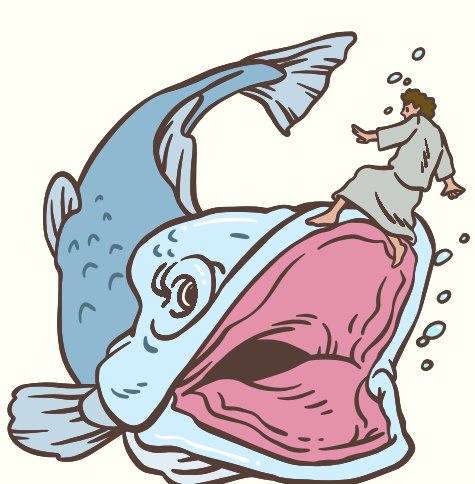
How to Play

Use the clues below to fill in the puzzle.

Each blank space stands for one letter.

Words can go across or down.

Shared letters will help you find the right answers!



WORD SCRAMBLE

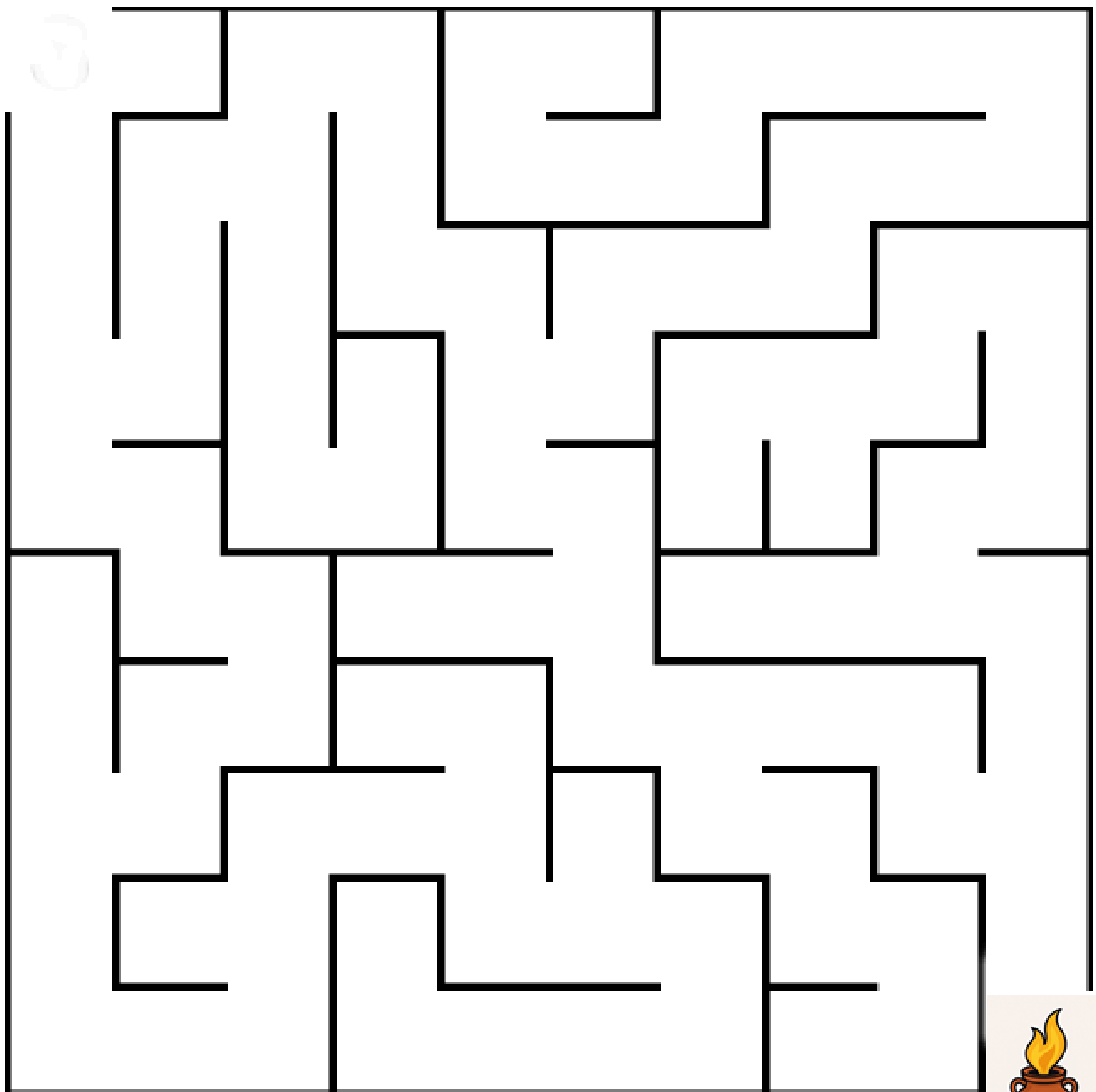
Unscramble to the words below
to spell out what the angel said
to Gideon in Judges 6:12

HET _____
ODRL _____
EB _____
TIHW _____
OYU _____
TMYHGI _____
RORIWRA _____

PRINT THE ANSWER IN
THE LINE BELOW

(Answer is on page 23)

Help Gideon find the jar so he can defeat the Midianites



Answer is on page 23



Answers from God's Word

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." — Psalm 119:105

Wordsearch Answer

L	R	I	E	B	V	T	E	L	C	X	S	S	K
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VICTORY
WARRIOR
TRUMPET
MIDIAN
GIDEON

TORCH
BRAVE
ANGEL
FEAR
JAR

Crossword Answer

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Bible Story Answer Key:

Q1. Why do you think Gideon was hiding when the angel first found him?
Because he was afraid the Midianites would steal his grain. It shows how much fear Israel lived under.

Q2. What did the angel call Gideon, and why was that surprising?

“Mighty man of valor.” It was surprising because Gideon felt weak and afraid, not brave.

Q3. How did God show Gideon that He was not alone?

He promised, “I will be with you,” and gave signs to strengthen Gideon’s faith.

Q4. Why do you think God asked Gideon to start with tearing down his father's altar to Baal?

Because Israel had to turn away from idols before God could bring victory. Obedience comes before blessing.

Q5. Why do you think God reduced Gideon's army from thousands to only 300 men?

So that everyone would know the victory came from God, not from human strength.

Q6. How did Gideon's small army defeat such a large group of enemies?

By obeying God's unusual plan—using torches, trumpets, and shouts to confuse the Midianites.

Q7. What does Gideon's story teach us about where true courage comes from?

Courage comes from trusting God's presence and promises, not from our own abilities.

Q8. How can remembering that “God is with us” help when we face something scary or difficult?

It gives us peace and strength, reminding us we are never alone in our struggles.

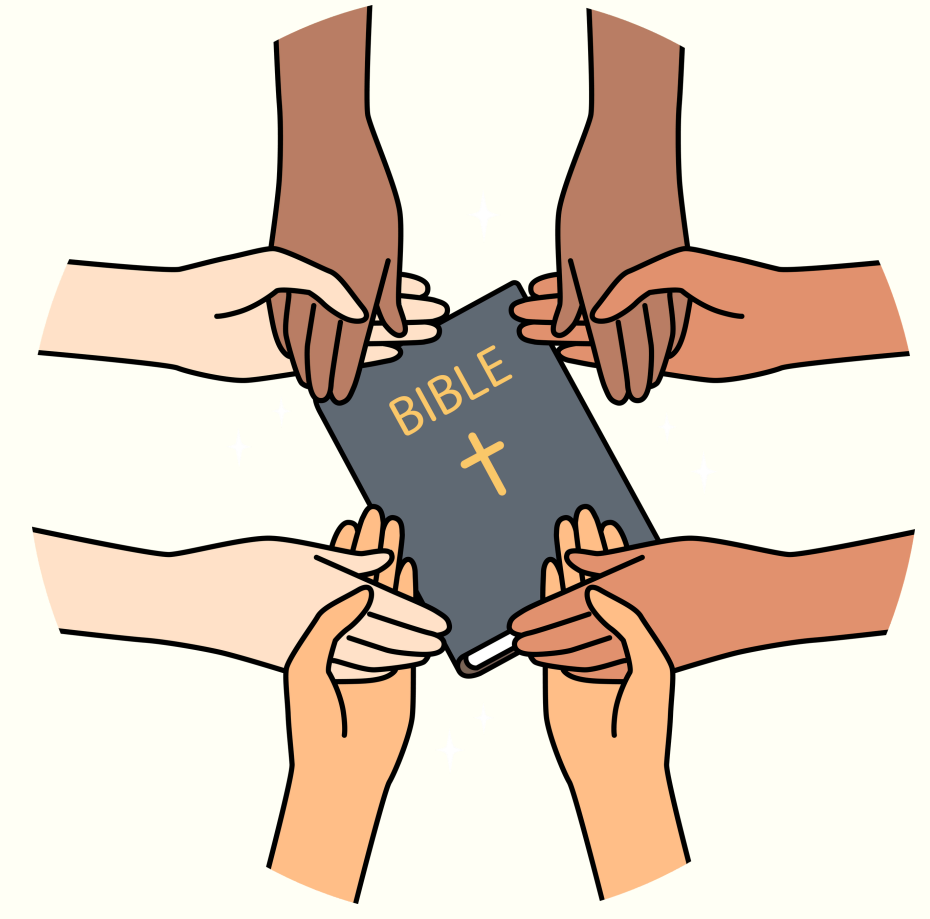
Q9. Can you think of a time when you felt weak or small, but God helped you through it?

Answers will vary—examples might include school challenges, making friends, or family hardships.

Q10. How can our family encourage each other to trust God's power instead of our own strength?

By praying together, sharing God's promises, reminding one another of past answers to prayer, and choosing faith over fear.





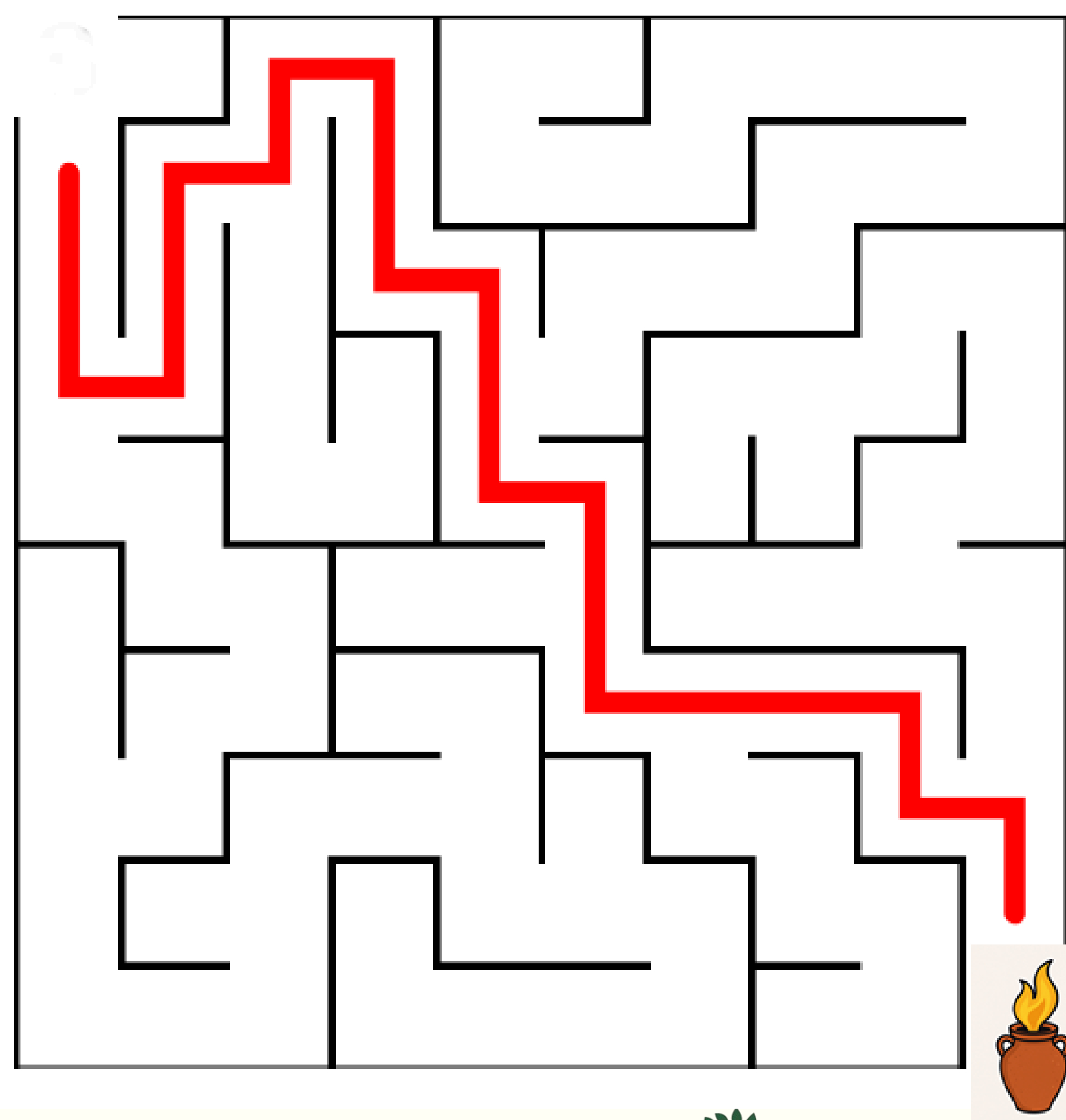
WORD SCRAMBLE ANSWER

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THE COMPLETED SENTENCE:
THE LORD BE WITH YOU MIGHTY WARRIOR
(JUDGES 6:12)



Maze Answer

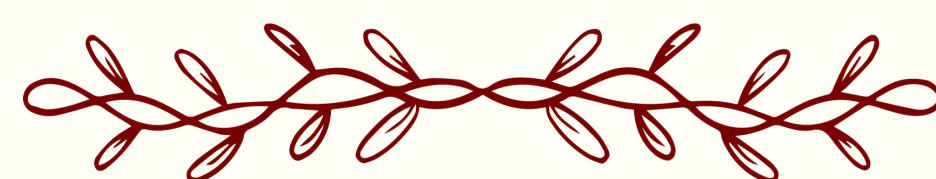




Adult In-Depth Study



“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” – 2 Timothy 2:15



🕊 In-depth Bible Study • Reflection • Application • Discussion 🕊

The following section is designed especially for adults. Through deeper study of God’s Word, guided reflection, and practical application, adults will discover how biblical truth speaks into daily life. Lessons include background insights, thought-provoking questions, and opportunities for personal and family growth.

**Our goal is to equip you to live out your faith
with wisdom, courage, and grace in today’s world.**



Please note: Always begin your Bible study with prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to open your heart and give you wisdom and understanding. He is our Teacher, guiding us into all truth.





In-Depth Adult Lesson

Key Scripture: Judges 6:16



Theme: *“And the Lord said to him, “Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man.”*

Introduction

The story of Gideon, found in Judges 6–8, illustrates God’s power in using ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary purposes. Though Gideon felt weak and insignificant, God called him a “mighty warrior” and equipped him to deliver Israel. His story reminds us that victory is not won by human strength, but by trusting in God’s presence and power.

Historical Background

Gideon lived during the time of the Judges, a period marked by repeated cycles of sin, oppression, repentance, and deliverance. Israel had once again turned away from God, worshiping the false god Baal. As judgment, God allowed the Midianites to oppress Israel. The Midianites would invade during harvest, steal crops, and leave the people in poverty. Gideon was introduced while threshing wheat in a winepress, hiding from the enemy. This setting shows the fear and hopelessness Israel lived under, yet it is precisely here that God called Gideon.

The Crisis

The crisis was twofold: Israel faced the external threat of the Midianite army and the internal threat of idolatry. The Midianites oppressed them so severely that Israel cried out to the Lord for help. God’s angel appeared to Gideon, calling him to lead the people. Gideon’s first test was not against the Midianites but against idolatry in his own community. God commanded him to tear down his father’s altar to Baal and build an altar to the Lord instead. This act set the stage for Gideon’s mission: turning Israel back to covenant faithfulness.

The Intervention

When Gideon prepared for battle, he gathered thousands of men. Yet God reduced the army to just 300 soldiers so that Israel could not boast in their own strength. Armed with trumpets, jars, and torches, Gideon’s men surrounded the Midianite camp by night. At Gideon’s signal, they blew their trumpets, broke the jars, and lifted their torches, shouting, “A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!” Panic spread among the Midianites, and they fled, even turning on one another. God gave Israel victory in a way that left no doubt: the battle belonged to Him.

The Outcome

The immediate outcome was Israel’s freedom from Midianite oppression. Gideon’s faith grew as he obeyed God step by step, moving from fear to courage. However, later in his life, Gideon made a golden ephod that became a snare for him and the people, reminding us that even great leaders must guard against pride and idolatry. Israel enjoyed peace for forty years during Gideon’s leadership, but the people quickly returned to sin after his death, showing the need for a greater Deliverer—Christ Himself.

What We Can Learn

- God calls the unlikely. Like Gideon, we may feel weak, but God delights in using those who depend on Him.
- Obedience begins at home. Gideon’s first act of courage was tearing down idols in his own family. True revival starts in our hearts and homes.
- God’s strength is revealed in our weakness. The reduction of Gideon’s army teaches us to trust in God’s power, not our resources.
- Faith grows step by step. God patiently confirmed His call to Gideon (through the fleece and other signs). In the same way, God builds our faith through small acts of trust.
- Beware of pride after victory. Gideon’s later failure with the ephod warns us to keep our focus on God alone, not on past successes or personal achievements.





Adult Reflection & Discussion Questions

Gideon - From Fearful Farmer to Courageous Leader



Reflection Points: The Story of Esther

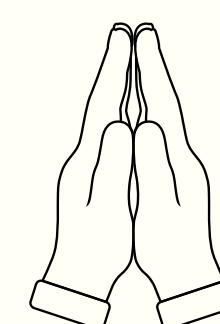
- Gideon called himself “the least in my family” (Judges 6:15). When have you felt unqualified for something God was asking of you? How did you respond?
- Gideon began by tearing down the idols in his own home. What “idols” (habits, priorities, distractions) might God be asking you to remove today?
- Why do you think God chose only 300 men to fight the Midianites? What does this teach us about how God works in our weaknesses?
- Gideon asked God for signs with the fleece. What does this reveal about faith and doubt? How should we seek confirmation from God today?
- After victory, Gideon created the ephod, which became a snare. What dangers come after spiritual or personal success? How can we guard against them?

Family & Group Discussion Questions – Let’s Talk About It

- Q1. How does Gideon’s story show that God’s presence matters more than our strength?
- Q2. Gideon’s first act of obedience was in his own family and community. What practical steps can families take to strengthen faith at home?
- Q3. Why is it dangerous to rely on numbers, money, or human ability instead of trusting God?
- Q4. Gideon’s men carried torches in jars to shine light into the darkness. How can we “shine our light” for God in today’s world?
- Q5. What does Gideon’s fear, and God’s patience with him, teach us about how God helps us grow in faith?
- Q6. The people enjoyed peace during Gideon’s lifetime but quickly returned to sin afterward. What does this say about the need for lasting faith in Christ?
- Q7. What can we learn from Gideon’s strengths and his failures about finishing strong in our walk with God?
- Q8. If God called you to do something that seemed impossible, what first step of obedience could you take today?



Closing Prayer



Heavenly Father,

We thank You for the story of Gideon that reminds us You choose the weak to show Your strength. Just as You called Gideon a “mighty warrior,” help us to see ourselves through Your eyes, not our fears. Teach us to obey You in the small steps, even in our homes and families, so that our faith may grow stronger. Lord, give us courage to tear down every idol that competes with You in our hearts. Remind us that the battles we face belong to You, not to us, and that Your presence is our true source of victory. Keep us humble when You give success, and help us finish strong in faith, keeping our eyes on Christ, our Deliverer. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.





Covenant Connection



Imagine a covenant like a super important, unbreakable promise or a rock-solid contract, but way deeper than just a handshake. In the Bible, it's basically God making these huge, binding agreements with people or groups of people.

Think of it like this: It's about relationships: Covenants aren't just rules; they're how God builds a relationship with humanity. It's like, "I promise to be your God, and here's what that means for us."

It sets expectations: Just like in any serious agreement, there are responsibilities. God lays out what He'll do and what He expects from His people in return. It shows God's master plan: These covenants aren't random. They're like puzzle pieces that, when put together, show God's big plan for setting things right and connecting with His creation.

Even if a specific Bible book doesn't shout, "Hey, here's a covenant!" it's still connected. Every story, every law, every prophecy, every piece of wisdom, every letter—it all somehow ties back to these major agreements. They're like the invisible wires that connect everything in the Bible, helping us understand who God is, how He deals with us, and what He's been doing throughout history.

And here's the amazing part: Because of Jesus cutting covenant on the cross, every single person who is "born-again" (meaning they've committed their life to Jesus) is now in a brand new, way better covenant! It's like God signed a new, upgraded contract with humanity through Jesus, offering forgiveness and a direct connection with Him.

So, when you read the Bible, remember these covenants are the backbone of the whole story, and the new one through Jesus changes everything for those who believe!

The Covenant Connection in the story of Gideon

The story of Gideon reveals God's covenant faithfulness even when His people were unfaithful. Israel had turned to idols, yet God heard their cries and raised up Gideon to deliver them. By commanding Gideon to tear down the altar of Baal and build one to the Lord, God was calling His people back to their covenant relationship: "You shall have no other gods before Me" (Exodus 20:3).

The unlikely victory with only 300 men highlights that salvation is never by human power but by God's grace and covenant promise. This points forward to the ultimate Deliverer, Jesus Christ, who brought victory not with weapons of war but through the cross. Just as Gideon's torches shone in the darkness, Christ is the Light who has overcome the world. Through Him, God fulfills His covenant of redemption, calling us to walk in faith and obedience, knowing that He is always with us.

Closing Encouragement

- As you finish this lesson, remember that learning God's Word is just the beginning. Let it shape your heart, guide your choices, and strengthen your walk with Christ.
- Live by faith—trusting God in every step.
- Draw closer to Him through prayer, reading, and studying His Word.
- Stay connected with other believers who encourage and challenge you to grow.
- Be bold in your witness.
- Plant a seed of truth and love in every heart you meet.
- Others may water it with kindness and grace, and God will bring the harvest.
- The most powerful way to share Jesus is to tell what He's done in your life because deep down, it's the hope they long for too.
- Always depend on the Holy Spirit.
- He will give you the words, the timing, and the courage to speak life.

Go forward in faith, and let your life be a living testimony of God's goodness.

May God bless you richly,

The Covenant Roots Family



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