



Everything is possible
for one who believes.

Mark 9:23 (NIV)

Gideon & the Torches

Judges 6 — 8

“God is with you, mighty man of valor,” the angel told Gideon.

In that time, the Israelites didn’t obey God. They were worshipping false gods and for seven years their enemies kept attacking them and taking their food. The Israelites were poor and suffering. It was a hard time.

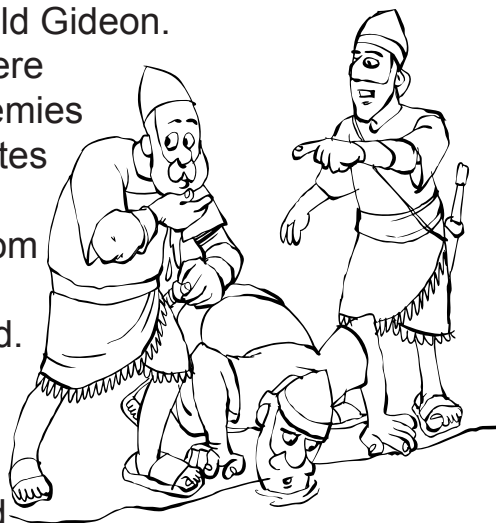
When the angel spoke to Gideon, he was hiding from his enemies. God told him he would save his people. Gideon didn’t feel brave or strong, but he trusted God.

Gideon gathered 22,000 men to fight against their enemies, but God said something surprising:

“There are too many people with you,” God said.

Gideon sent home all the soldiers who were scared to fight. That left 10,000 brave soldiers, but God said there were still too many. God wanted the Israelites to know He was the one who won the battle for them, not their big army. So, Gideon gave the men a test about how they drank from a stream. Only 300 soldiers passed the test. With those few men, Gideon went to the battle. He gave the men trumpets and burning torches hidden inside clay pots.

That night they surrounded the enemy camp. When Gideon gave the signal, they blew the trumpets, broke the pots and yelled loudly. God confused the enemy. The enemy was so scared, that they fought each other. Gideon won the battle with God’s power.

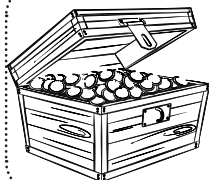


What did we discover?

- 1) Who were stealing the Israelite’s food? _____
 THEIR ENEMIES THE CAMELS THE ISRAELITES
- 2) What did the angel say about Gideon? _____
 POOR MAN SHY GUY MAN OF VALOR
- 3) How many men did Gideon have to attack the enemy? _____
 32,000 1,000 300
- 4) Who won the victory for Israel? _____
 THE TORCHES GOD THE ENEMY



How can I trust God more?



**God’s strength
wins the battle**
With many or few, God wins.



**Father God,
I trust in You
and not in myself.**

