

### Teacher Preparation

Readings: Judges 4:1-24

Lesson Objective: The students will learn that God can use anyone to rescue His children.

Materials: Bibles, paper, crayons, toilet paper/paper towel tubes, green construction paper, and glue

Memory Verse: "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31).

### Lesson Summary

This month, we will be learning about some of the judges in the Bible. Today's lesson is about a judge named Deborah. She would hold court while sitting beneath a palm tree. She was wise and would help the people solve their problems. One day she told Barak, commander of an army of Israel, that the Lord wanted him to fight an enemy named Sisera. Sisera was the commander of the Canaanite army of King Jabin. He had troubled the Israelites for many years. Barak refused to fight unless Deborah accompanied him. So Deborah went along. Barak gathered the ten thousand Israelite soldiers together on Mount Tabor. Down below in Kishon Valley was Sisera with all his chariots and men. When everyone was in place Deborah gave the signal, "Up! For this is the day in which the Lord has delivered Sisera into your hand." Then they charged down the mountain. When they reached Sisera's army below, God had confused the enemy so that the Israelites defeated them easily with their swords. Sisera saw that they were being defeated, and jumped out of his chariot to escape on foot. He got as far as a nearby tent, where a woman named Jael lived with her husband Heber. Jael recognized Sisera and got him to come into her tent. And while he slept, she drove a tent peg through his head so that he died. With the enemy defeated, now King Jabin could dominate Israel no more!

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### Ideas to Illuminate:

Make palm trees out of left over toilet paper tubes and green construction paper. Draw a picture of a woman and put her underneath the palm tree.

### Questions for Class Discussion:

1. Who was Deborah?
2. Who were the Israelites?
3. Who was Sisera?
4. Who was Jael?

### Teacher Preparation

Readings: Judges 6:1-24

Lesson Objective: The students will learn that God can use anyone to rescue His children.

Materials: Bibles, wooden craft sticks, glue, and tissue (red/orange/yellow)

Memory Verse: "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31).

### Lesson Summary

This month, we will be learning about some of the judges in the Bible. Today's lesson is about a judge named Gideon. The Israelites did evil in the sight of the Lord again. They were worshipping other Gods. So God let the Midianites take all their food and livestock, scaring them away to hide in the mountains and caves. One day, an Angel of the Lord appeared unto Gideon and said, "Mighty hero, the Lord is with you!" Gideon questioned how the Lord could be with them, if He had handed them over to the Midianites. But God was sending Gideon to rescue the Israelites. Gideon felt as though he couldn't help because his people were the weakest in the whole tribe, and he was even weaker than them. But God told Gideon that He would be with him and that he would destroy the Midianites as if they were only one man. Gideon went home and brought back an offering, where he placed it on a rock, as the Angel had told him to do. The Angel touched the offering with the tip of his staff and fire flamed up from the rock and consumed all he had brought. Gideon then believed that it truly was God and he built an altar naming it Jehovah-Shalom (which means "the Lord is peace"). This was just the beginning of what God had in store for Gideon.

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### Ideas to Illuminate:

Have each student to glue wooden craft sticks together and build an altar. Use tissue to add flames to the altar. Discuss how Gideon built an altar to worship and honor God.

### Questions for Class Discussion:

5. Who were the Israelites worshipping?
6. Why did God let the Midianites take everything from the Israelites?
7. Did Gideon feel that he could help God at first?
8. How did Gideon know for sure that God talked with him?

### Teacher Preparation

Readings: Judges 6:33-40

Lesson Objective: The students will learn that God can use anyone to rescue His children.

Materials: Bibles, paper plates, scissors, glue, and cotton balls

Memory Verse: "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31).

### Lesson Summary

This month, we have been learning about some of the judges in the Bible. Last week we learned that Gideon was called by God. Gideon didn't feel he was qualified but he listened to God. He then gave an offering to God which was accepted, and then he built God an altar and named it "Yahweh-Shalom" which means "the Lord is peace." In today's lesson, we will discuss more about Gideon. Many armies formed an alliance against Israel. But the Spirit of the Lord gave Gideon power. Gideon asked God that if you are going to use me to rescue Israel please let me know. I will put a wool fleece on the threshing floor tonight. [Note: Explain that a threshing floor is a place where cereal grains, like wheat and barley, are loosened and separated from the chaff – the part of the grain you don't eat. Also, a wool fleece is the thick, fluffy coat taken from a sheep.] If the fleece is wet with dew in the morning but the ground is dry, then I will know that you are going to help me rescue Israel. When Gideon got up early the next morning, he squeezed the fleece and wrung out a whole bowlful of water. Then Gideon asked God not to be angry with him, but let him make one more request. Let him use the fleece for one more test. This time let the fleece remain dry while the ground around it is wet with dew. So that night God did as Gideon asked. The fleece was dry in the morning, but the ground was covered with dew.

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### Ideas to Illuminate:

Cut out paper plates into rectangles and glue cotton balls on it to make a fleece. Talk about the fleece of Gideon, how God answered his prayers, and gave him confidence.

### Questions for Class Discussion:

9. What did Gideon use to see if God was really with him?
10. What happened when he squeezed the fleece?
11. What happened to the fleece the second time?
12. Do you think Gideon then believed that God would help him rescue Israel?

### Teacher Preparation

Readings: Judges 7:1-23

Lesson Objective: The students will learn that God can use anyone to rescue His children.

Materials: Bibles, construction paper, scissors, clear cups, colored tissue (yellow and orange), glue, and crayons (markers)

Memory Verse: "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31).

### Lesson Summary

The past two weeks we have been learning about a judge named Gideon. He and his men were going into battle with the Midianites, but God told Gideon that he had too many men. He didn't want them to think that if they won it was because of them. Gideon told them that if any were afraid to go back home, and 22,000 people went home, leaving only 10,000. God said that there were still too many soldiers. God told Gideon to bring the 10,000 men down to the water for a drink. He then separated those who lapped up water like a dog "putting their hand to their mouth" from those who got down on both knees to drink. The men that cupped their hands putting the water up to their mouth to drink were 300. God said that He would save Gideon and give the Midianites in his hand by using those 300 men who were set aside. God said to let all the others go home. He then told Gideon to rise up and fight the Midianites because He was going to give them into Gideon's hand. He told him to go down the hill with his servant and listen to what the enemy was saying, and then Gideon's hands would be strengthened. He heard a man tell about having a dream – a dream of how Gideon would defeat them. Gideon then divided his 300 men into three groups and every one had his own trumpet, an empty pitcher, and a lamp or torch inside each pitcher. Gideon told the men to watch him and to copy him. So they went outside the camp, blew their trumpets, broke the pitchers, and held their lamps in their left hands crying out, "The sword of the LORD and of Gideon!" Then they stood in their place all around the camp, and the entire enemy army cried out running away. When the three hundred men blew their trumpets, the Midianite soldiers took out their swords and started fighting each other.

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### Ideas to Illuminate:

Make torches (lamps), trumpets, or pitchers with construction paper, or do a lantern craft with clear cups and colored (yellow and orange) tissue paper as flames.

### Questions for Class Discussion:

13. Why did God want Gideon to decrease his men?
14. How many men did Gideon end up with?
15. How did God help them defeat the Midianite soldiers?