

# BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

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# CONVERSATION

## Gideon Obeyed God

JUDGES 6:11-40; 7:1-22

For seven years the Midianites ruled over God's people, the Israelites. The Midianites attacked the Israelites and destroyed their crops. The Israelites hid in the mountains.

One day Gideon was threshing (beating out) wheat in his hiding place when an angel of God visited him. "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior!" the angel said. "You will save your people from the Midianites."

Gideon answered, "How can I save Israel? My family is poor. I am the youngest in my family."

"I will be with you," God promised. "You will strike down the Midianites as if they were only one man."

Gideon gathered 32,000 men, but God said, "You have too many soldiers. Tell those who are afraid to go home." Many men left, and only 10,000 stayed to fight.

God said, "There are still too many men. Take them down to the water and watch how they drink. Place in one group the men who scoop up water with their hands and lap it with their tongues like dogs. Place those who kneel to drink straight from the water in another group." Gideon obeyed God. Only 300 men drank with their hands to their mouths. God told Gideon, "I will help you defeat the Midianites with these 300 men. Send the rest home."

God helped Gideon know what to do. God told Gideon to give every man a trumpet and an empty pitcher with a torch inside. Gideon directed the men to surround the enemy camp. When Gideon blew his trumpet, the men broke the pitchers, blew their trumpets, and shouted, "For the Lord and for Gideon!"

The Midianites were terrified. God confused them, and they began to fight one another and run away. The battle was won!

**WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE:** Psalm 119:34

**LIFE POINT:** People can choose to obey God.



### THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, your child heard that people can choose to obey God. God called Gideon to be a warrior and defend his people from the Midianites. Gideon obeyed, and God gave the people a great victory.

### LIVE IT OUT

Talk with your child about different choices she makes every day. Remind her that God wants her to make the choice to follow Him. Discuss what those choices might be and pray that God will help her make choices that show love and honor to Him.

### LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God asks me to honor Him by choosing to do what is right and reject what is wrong.

### DAILY BIBLE READING

**Sunday:** Psalm 119:34

**Monday:** Exodus 19:5

**Tuesday:** 2 Corinthians 10:5

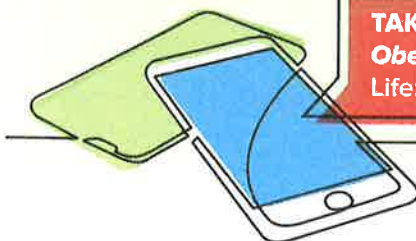
**Wednesday:** Deuteronomy 11:1

**Thursday:** Ephesians 6:1

**Friday:** 1 Peter 1:14

**Saturday:** Romans 1:5

**TAKE IT FURTHER:** Check out the *Gideon Obeyed God* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.



**If This, Then That**

**UNIT VERSE**

Help me understand your instruction, and I will obey it and follow it with all my heart.  
PSALM 119:34 (CSB)

**Find the Prayer**

If there is ever a time we wonder how to follow God and make the right choice, the Bible teaches us to pray this prayer. Shade in every letter that is NOT a Z and write the prayer.

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