



Unit 6, Lesson 23

TODAY'S EPIC STORY: GOD AND GIDEON WIN THE BATTLE

JUDGES 6—7

THE STORY @ HOME

In today's Epic story, the Israelites had done evil in the eyes of the Lord again! This time, the Israelites were defeated and oppressed by the people of Midian, who ruined their crops and didn't even let the animals live. God called Gideon, who was the least in his family and from the weakest clan, to lead the Israelites against the Midianites. With only a small army, God gave the Midianites over to the Israelites when the Israelites attacked in the middle of the night by blowing trumpets, smashing jars, and shouting.

PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- Wonder together: What was it like to live under the oppression of the people of Midian?
- Why do you think God chose Gideon to lead the Israelites against the Midianites?
- Why do you think God kept telling Gideon his army was too big? Have you heard of other stories where God chose someone who was weak or only a few people to defeat a powerful group?
- What are you wondering about this Epic story of God?

TOGETHER @ HOME

The Israelites from Naphtali, Asher, and Manasseh were called out to pursue the Midianites as they ran away. Play a game of tag. Designate one or two people to be the 'Israelites' who are 'it' and everyone else to be 'Midianites.' Have the Israelites chase the Midianites. Once tagged, a 'Midianite' is out until everyone has been tagged. Play again with new 'Israelites.'

BIBLE MEMORY @ HOME

"I will lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth." (Psalm 121:1-2)

Make a banner using butcher paper or by taping several pieces of paper together. Work together to write the memory verse on the banner in large letters. Decorate it and hang it in your house.