



A Story from the Old Testament...

Gideon's Great Victory

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In the Old Testament, God took care of His people by using leaders called judges. One of those judges was Gideon. Now Gideon was a man who had a lot of faith in God. Once, there was a HUGE army called the Midianites that Gideon had to defeat to protect God's people.



This army was so big that they couldn't even count them or their camels. So Gideon started to prepare God's people for one of the biggest battles of their lives.

The first step was to gather people to form an army. He asked everyone who wanted to fight to gather together. So 22,000 people showed up to fight! But God told Gideon that it was too many. Too many? Gideon needed more than 22,000 men to fight the giant number of Midianites! But God had another plan for Gideon. After testing all of them, Gideon ended up with only 300 men. It seemed impossible for this small amount of men to defeat such a huge army, but Gideon had faith in

God. So Gideon divided the 300 men into three groups and gave each man a trumpet, a glass container, and a torch with fire. At Gideon's signal, the 300 men blew the trumpets and broke





the glass containers at the same time. The noise was so great that the Midianites got scared and ran away from the battle screaming. Gideon and the 300 men won the battle! Can you believe that with just 300 men they were able to defeat that big of an army? The most important thing to learn from this is that Gideon and his men would not have been able to do it without God. Our Lord used only 300 men to show the world that with God all things are possible. What a great God we have!

Questions:

1. What was the name of the army that Gideon's men were fighting?
2. How many men did Gideon start with?
3. After the tests, how many men did Gideon take to fight the huge army?
4. What three things did Gideon's army use to fight in the battle?
5. Why did Gideon's army win?

