

## Introduction to Gideon's Army of 300 Bible Lesson

## Video playlist

Last week, we learned about God calling Gideon to be a judge. Today, we will read About Gideon conquering the Midianites who had taken over the Israelites' land. The passage is found in Judges 7:1-25. Some of the key points are:

- God can always provide the victory.
- It is about God not us.
- We should always praise God not men.



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### Lesson guide

Remind the child of Gideon and his call to be a judge and conquer the Midianites. Ask the child if Gideon was excited or scared when God called him. Point out that the army of the Midianites was very large and strong.

Ask the child if they think a big or a small army would be better to defeat an enemy with lots of soldiers. Point out that God told Gideon to make the army smaller so that everyone would know that God alone gave Gideon the victory. Remind the child that God still can provide people who trust Him with the victory.

Put out a bowl of water and tell your child to take a drink (this is better done outside to avoid a mess). Depending on how your child chooses to drink, you can talk about whether or not he would have been part of Gideon's army. Point out that if someone drinks with their face in the water, they cannot see what is going on around them. Talk about how the men who drank by cupping their hands and letting the water to their mouths showed wisdom by watching their surroundings and being aware.

Read Psalm 20:7, "Some trust in chariots, others in horses. But we trust the Lord our God." Gather a flashlight/torch, a paper bag, and a horn or paper towel tube. Ask the child if it looks like these items would defeat an enemy. You can play with the items and use them as they appeared in the story by hiding the torch in the paper bag, and using the paper towel tube to create a trumpet. Shout, "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon," as you reenact the steps the soldiers took to defeat the Midianites. Point out that even though things might seem silly and small, God can use them to give us the victory.

Think about some talent that your child has. Consider some ways that God can use the talent to glorify him. Point out that if God can use torches and trumpets, he can also use our abilities.

Talk about how anyone can pray. Think about someone in need of prayers for health, salvation, etc. Set aside a period of time (according to child's age) and teach them a simple prayer for that person.

### Prayer Time:

Pray with your child and thank God that He can give the victory to those who call on His name. Ask God to put your trust in Him more than things and people. Thank God for the gifts and talents He has given to you.



God told Gideon it was time to free the land.

Lots of people came to help Gideon.

God said there were too many people.

God wanted to show it was Him who would let them win.



God told Gideon that if anyone was afraid they could go home

More than half of Gideon's army went home.

That's a lot of people!

God said there were still too many people.



God told Gideon to take the men to have a drink.

Some used their hand to drink the water.

Some drank the water like a dog.

God said that only the ones who used their hands could be in the army.

There were only 300 left.



Gideon gave them trumpets and empty jars with torches.

The men surround the enemy at night. They blew their trumpets and showed torches.

The enemy was really scared. They fought themselves. Some ran away.

God saved Gideon and the people.

## FIND WITH A 'TORCH'

Sit in the middle of a dark room with a 'torch' (flashlight).

Take turns saying an item, the other person(s) must point to that item as quickly as possible.

## FLASHLIGHT TAG

Have the child try to sneak across the room.

If the person with the 'torch' (flashlight) hears them they must try to flash the torch onto them

If the light hits them, they are out of the game.

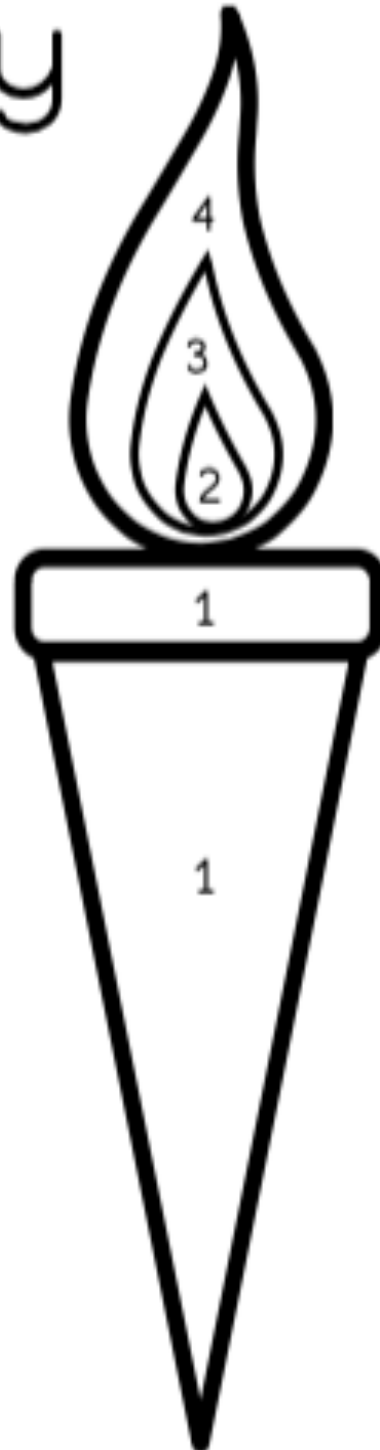
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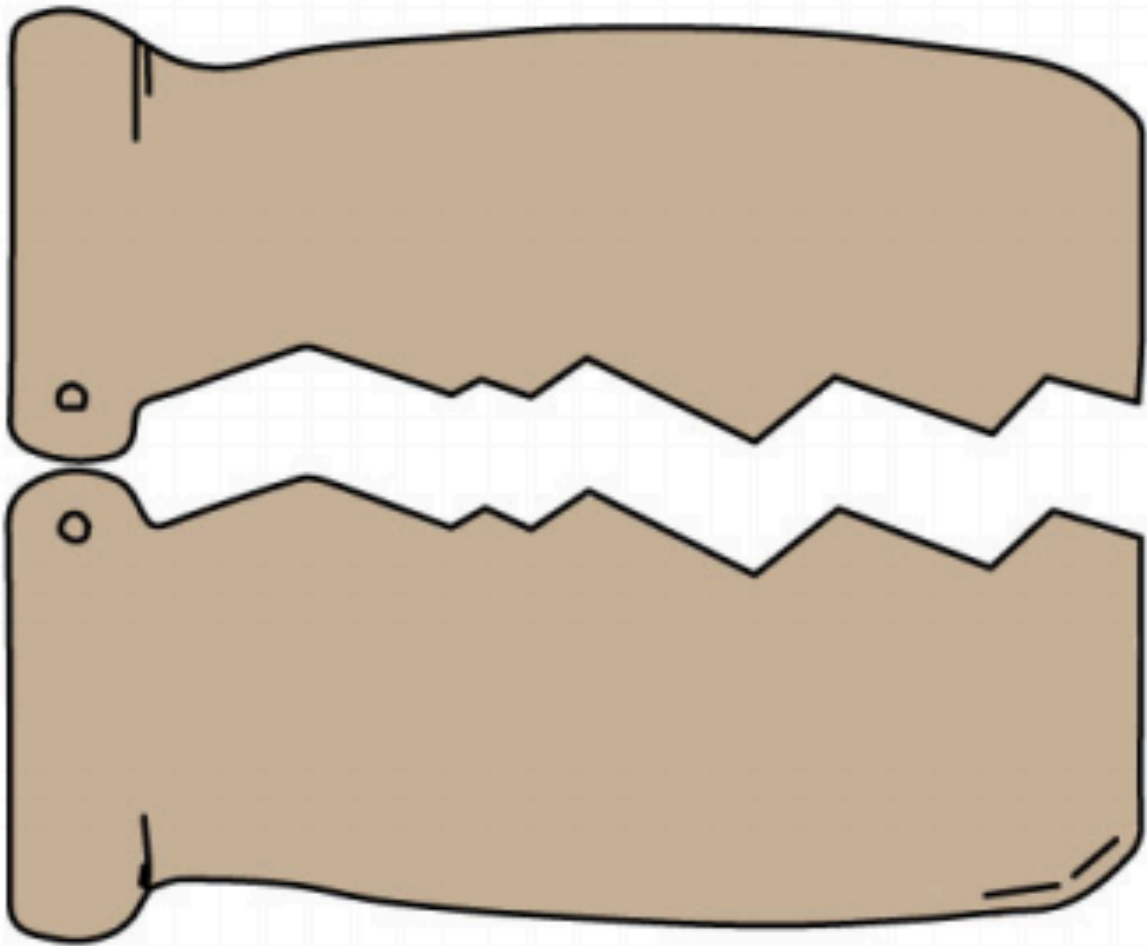
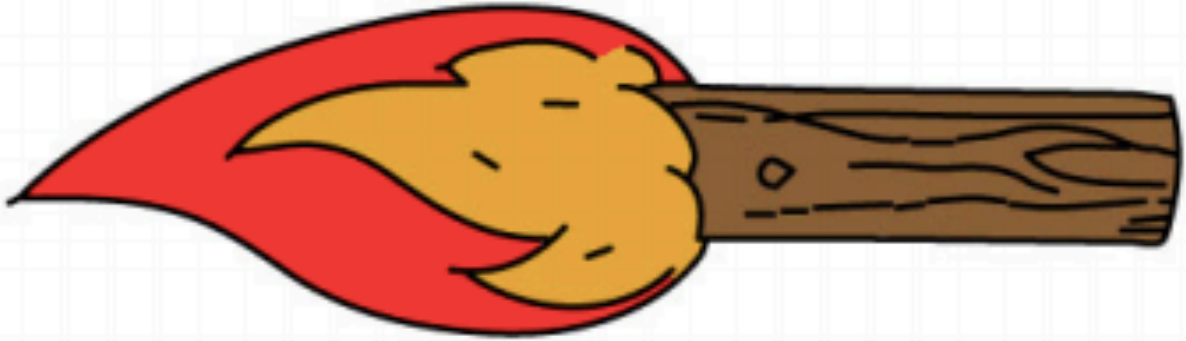
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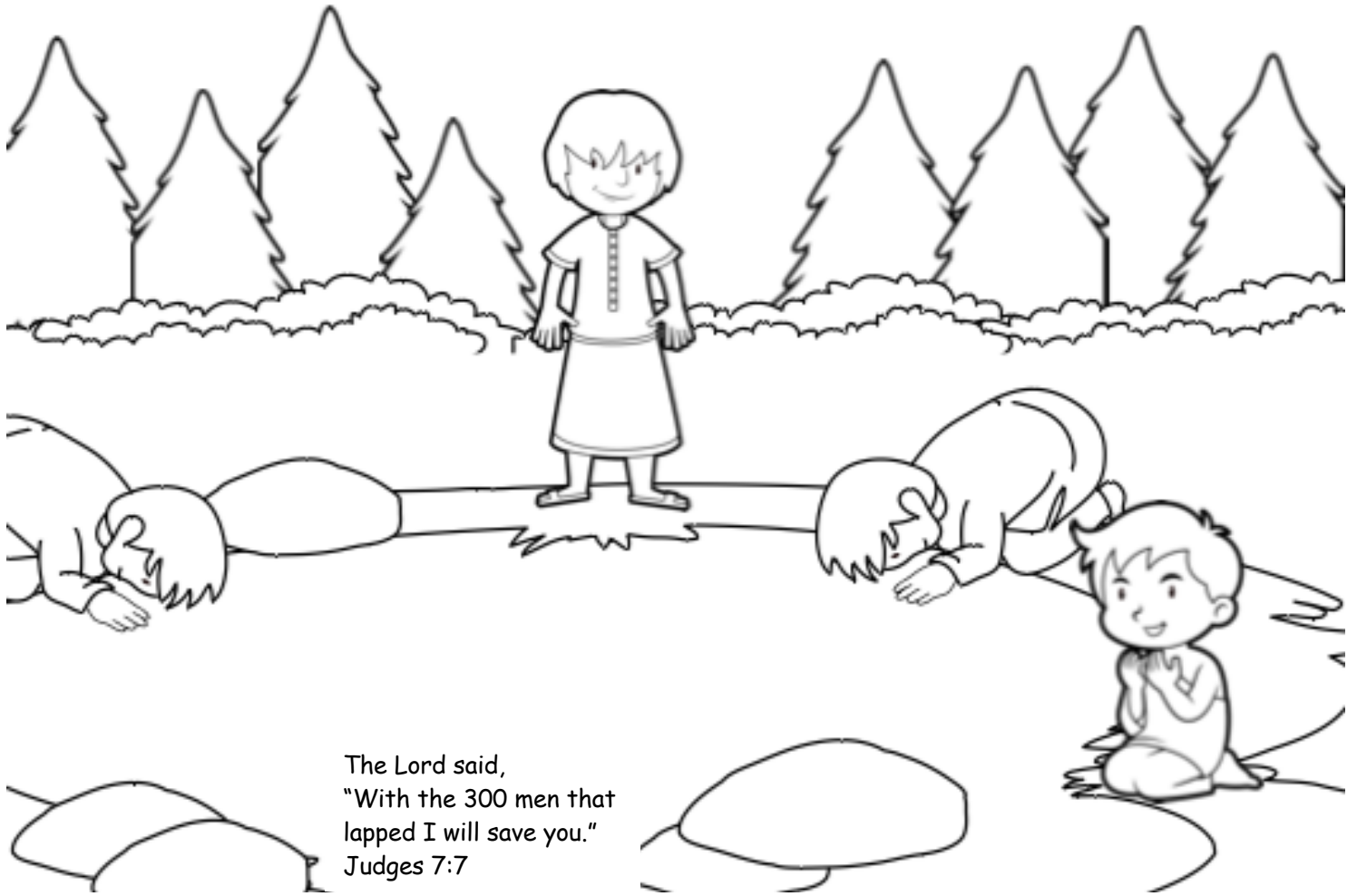
## Gideon's Torch Craft

God used an ordinary man to do something extraordinary. With just a trumpet, torch and a jar, the Israelites were able to defeat a great army with only 300 men. In this activity, the children will make a craft that will serve as a reminder of how Gideon's army defeated their enemy in an amazing way.

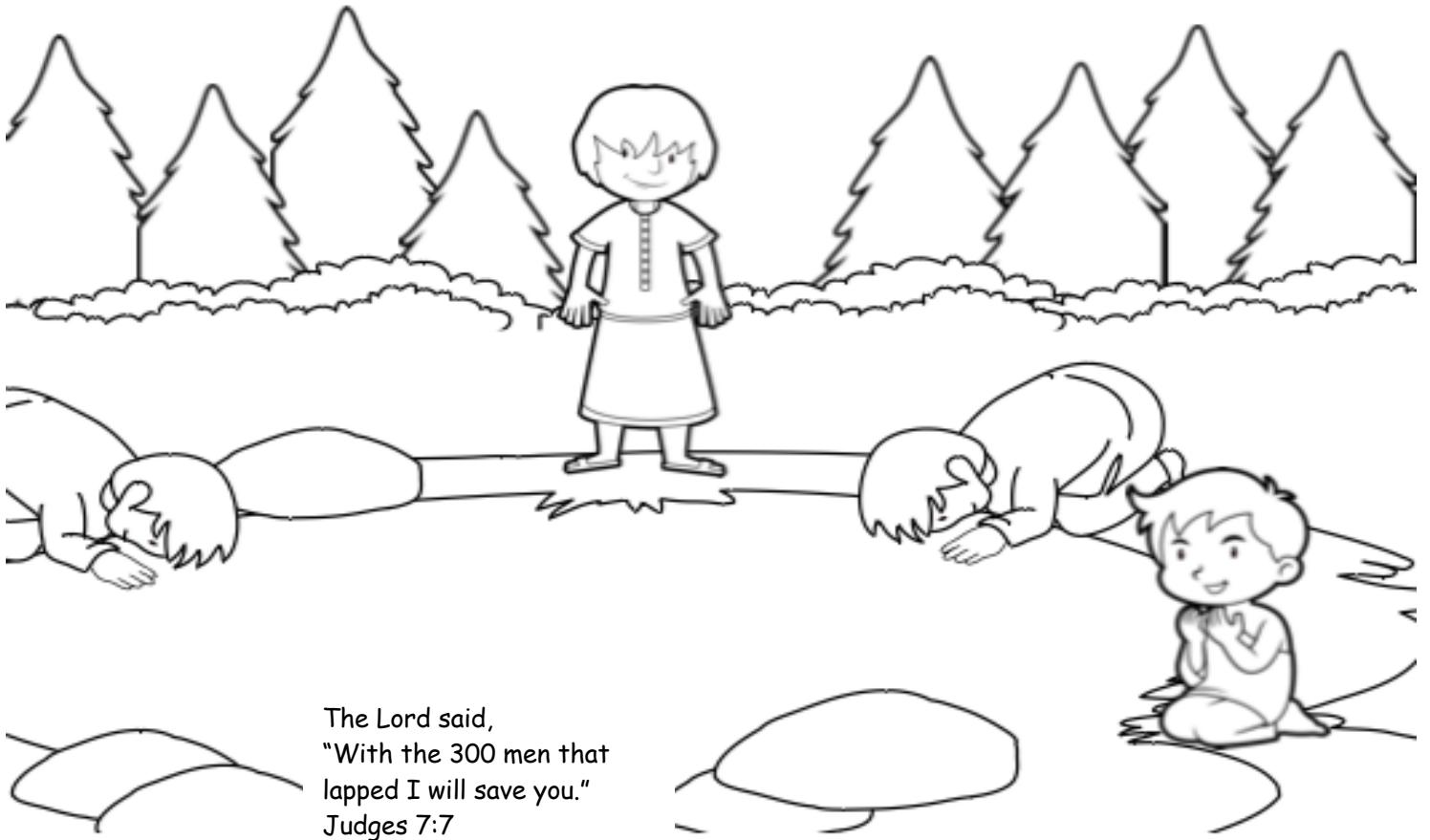


Supplies: Card Stock, Brass Brad

1. Print/Cut out the torch and jar using the template.
2. Put a brad through the holes of the torch and jar.
3. Open the cracked jar to reveal the torch.
4. Tell the children that Gideon's army blew their trumpets (use the trumpet from a previous lesson) and shouted, "the sword of the Lord and of Gideon" and their enemies ran away. (Judges 7:18-21)



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