

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

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Unit 2, Session 1

CONNECTION

POINT: God expects us to look after our family members.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: Life would be quite boring if we were all the same, but thankfully, God has given us all different personalities, skills, and interests. Those differences do not necessarily make one person better than another, just different. As different as we may be from others in the family, we still have a responsibility to help and support them.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to live out his or her faith.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Judges 7:1-22

Live It Out: Tell your child that God is good. Help her name ways God helps her. Say the verse with your child: "I am God. No one else is like Me."

God chose Gideon to help the Israelites fight the Midianites. God sent an angel to Gideon. He said, "God will help you save your people." Gideon gathered 300 men according to God's instructions. Each man had a trumpet and a torch which was hidden by a clay pitcher.

God told Gideon what to do. Gideon's men surrounded the Midianites' camp. Gideon gave the signal for the men to blow their trumpets, smash their pitchers, and shout, "For the Lord and for Gideon!"

The Midianites in the camp were confused by all the noise because it was late at night and very dark. They began to fight with one another and run away. Gideon and his men followed them and defeated them.

The people were free from the Midianites. God helped Gideon win the battle.

KIDS

Scripture: Judges 6:11-7:22

Live It Out: Tell your child that God has control of all situations. Encourage her to write a note to a friend who is going through a tough time, sharing that God is in control.

When Gideon was threshing wheat, an angel appeared with a message from God. The angel told Gideon that God was with him and that he would defeat the Midianites. The angel promised that God would be with him.

Following God's instructions, Gideon gathered 300 men for the battle.

Gideon hears a Midianite describe a dream. Gideon knew God would give him the victory.

Gideon prepared his army for a nighttime attack. Each soldier carried a ram's horn and empty pitcher with torch inside. The soldiers surrounded the Midianite camp. When everyone was in place, they blew the ram's horns and broke the pitchers. When they blew the ram's horns, God caused the men in the Midianite army to turn against one another, and they ran away from the fight. Gideon and his men defeated the Midianites.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Genesis 4:1-12

- In your own words, why are differences from person to person so valuable?
- How specifically has God called you to worship Him today?
- Why are confession and repentance so important?

Live It Out: At creation, God established the family as a primary means through which He would bless the earth. When He gave the Ten Commandments, the first command concerning person-to-person relationships addressed the family. If we want to experience God's blessings in our lives, then we must work diligently to have healthy relationships within our families.

Our church is a family, too. We are brothers and sisters in Christ, and we are called to powerfully and sacrificially love one another. However, no family is perfect, and people will hurt one another. Guide your student in reflecting on a relationship he or she may have with another believer that may need reconciliation. Help your student think through steps to restore the relationship.