

## BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

### SUMMER 2026

Unit 2, Session 1

#### CONNECTION POINT:

God calls us to listen to Him, engage in His work, and trust His wisdom.

#### THE BIBLE MEETS

**LIFE:** People love taking the credit for themselves, even if God is the One from whom all things can be attributed. God, though, chooses to use the least likely circumstances and people to accomplish His purposes. By doing this, He shows Himself to be the only One worthy of the credit. As we join in God's unlikely story as His unlikely characters, our job is to faithfully trust that His plan and His wisdom will win in the end.

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

# FAMILY CONNECTION

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

## PRESCHOOL

**Scripture:** Judges 6:11-14; 7:1-22

**Live It Out:** Talk about how Gideon chose to obey God in the Bible story. Explain that a way your child can obey God is to obey her parents. Encourage her as she chooses to obey.

An angel appeared to a man named Gideon and said, "God is with you. Go and save your people from the Midianites. God will be with you and give you the victory."

God told Gideon exactly what to do. He said to go with only three hundred men. God told Gideon to choose them by how they drank water from a stream. Each man was told to take a trumpet and a torch covered by a clay pitcher.

Gideon and his men surrounded the Midianites' camp. When Gideon gave the signal, the men blew their trumpets, smashed their pitchers, and shouted, "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.

## KIDS

**Scripture:** Judges 6:11-7:22

**Live It Out:** Explain that Gideon made a choice to obey God. Talk about ways she can obey God and ways she can improve. Say the Weekly Verse, Psalm 119:34, together.

The Midianites, an enemy of the Israelites, ruled over them for seven years, even though they were God's people. The Israelites hid in the mountains.

While Gideon hid from the enemy as he worked to thresh wheat. God sent an angel to tell Gideon to defeat the Midianites. God promised to be with Gideon.

God helped Gideon gather the right number of men. He had 300 men to fight with him.

God told Gideon to give every man a ram's horn, an empty pitcher, and a torch. Each man put his torch of fire inside his pitcher and surrounded the enemy camp. When Gideon blew his ram's horn, the men broke their pitchers and blew their rams' horns. Then they shouted, "For the Lord and for Gideon!"

God confused the enemy. They fought one another and ran away! Gideon won the battle!

## STUDENTS

**Scripture:** Judges 7:2,4-18,22a

- Why is listening to and obeying God one of the best ways we can give Him glory?
- What's one area of your life where you are fearful and not trusting God?
- How does knowing that God always wins over His enemies give us confidence?

#### Live It Out:

Never forget that the "foolish" cross is God's power for salvation. It breaks through cultural barriers and leads to the salvation of many. Discuss with your student some of the barriers he or she faces in sharing Jesus. Who does your student need to share the truth of Jesus with this week? Is it someone at school, in the neighborhood, or elsewhere?