

Lesson Summary:

In Judges 7, the Lord asked Gideon to reduce the number of the Israelite army in two phases so that they would be sure their confidence was in the Lord's victory and not their own. God told Gideon He would give the Israelite army victory by giving the Midianite army into their hands. He also allowed Gideon to hear a dream that God gave one of the Midianites. This dream showed that God would bring victory over the people of Midian. These two things gave Gideon confidence to know God was in full control. His hope was in God alone and not in himself or anyone else. With so few men in battle, Gideon could only point to the fact God had given them the victory. This victory brought glory to the Lord alone and not to Gideon or his men. As seen in Psalm 118:8, it is best to hope in God and not in men. Gideon saw this firsthand, as God alone brought victory over the people of Midian. We too can put our confidence in God alone. Our hope is in Him and not in any earthly thing. Our confidence in God always gives us hope for the future.

Series Bible Verse:

Lamentations 3:22-23 Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness

Lesson Questions:

Date: May 9, 2021

- 1. Why did God allow Gideon to go into battle with so few men?
- 2. Was Gideon's faith in God or himself in this battle?
- 3. Why can we have hope knowing God is our refuge?

Announcements: For all 4th graders: 4th Grade Move Up Party Wednesday, June 9th at 5:00 pm

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Word Bank

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SOLDIER	LORD	IDOL
TRUMPET	FIGHT	COMMANDMENT
MIDIANITES	FIRE	BAAL