



Lesson 22: The Fight of Gideon and the Flight of Midian (Judges 6-7)

Big Idea: God strengthens those who know their weakness.

From the story we learned God often uses the weak to show his strength.

Please help your child to memorize the verse and the Scripture reference. Please review with them the place of the book of Judges in the Bible.

Scripture Memory Verse:

Judges 3:9 - But when the people of Israel cried out to the Lord, the Lord raised up a deliverer for the people of Israel, who saved them.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why were the Israelites afraid of the Midianites? Who did the Israelites turn to for help? How did God answer their call for help? "God is with us; the weak become strong when they call on God."
2. What was Judge Gideon doing when God asked him to lead his army? What did God do to Gideon's big army before the battle? Why do you think God chose a weak judge and a small army to win his battle? "God loves to show his strength by using weak people to win his battles."
3. What were some of the fears that Gideon had? When God asked Gideon to battle the Midianites, how did Gideon gain the courage he needed to obey? "Be brave and ask God to give you courage to do what he asks."

Catechism Question:

Question 11: What does God require in the sixth, seventh, and eighth commandments?

Answer 11: Sixth, that we do not hurt or hate our neighbor. Seventh, that we live purely and faithfully. Eighth, that we do not take without permission that which belongs to someone else.

