



# Unlikely Heroes: Gideon

## Hero

Gideon

## Lesson

Judges 6-7

The Israelites had, once again, disobeyed God and were being ruled by another king. The people of that land had ruined their crops and taken their cattle and sheep. God sent an angel to Gideon to tell him that he would go and defeat the enemy. But Gideon was too afraid! The angel assured Gideon that God would help him to win. So, Gideon obeyed. God helped Gideon put an army together but God thought the army was too big. He told Gideon to send home anyone that was afraid. A lot of them left but God still thought there was too many. He had Gideon take the army to a river. He told him to separate the ones that drank from their hands, lapping like dogs, from the ones that bent down and drank straight from the river. The ones that drank from their hands would be in Gideon's army. There was only 300! Gideon was really afraid. But, God had a plan. He told Gideon to have his army circle the enemy camp. On Gideon's command, the army was to raise their torches, break their jars and shout. This confused the enemy and they ended up fighting each other. Gideon's army won without ever drawing a sword!

## Big Idea

God can give me courage!

## Discussion & Prayer

1. Do you ever feel afraid?
2. Do you ever wonder about God's plans?

*Preschool Prayer:* God, help me to trust you to make me brave!

*Elementary Prayer:* God, help me to trust you to give me courage and to trust in your plan even when I do not understand!