

# FAMILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

GOD HAS MADE A GREAT MANY PROMISES. THEY ARE ALL "YES" BECAUSE OF WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE. SO THROUGH CHRIST WE SAY "AMEN." WE WANT GOD TO RECEIVE GLORY. – 2 CORINTHIANS 1:20

## PROMISE OF STRENGTH

**GOD IS OUR REFUGE**

(make a house over your head with your hands)

**AND STRENGTH.**

(show strong muscles)

**A VERY PRESENT HELP**

(bring both hands to your heart)

**IN TROUBLE.**

(make a worried face and place hands on cheeks)

## STORY: GIDEON'S ARMY – JUDGES 7

### DISCUSS:

READ THE BIBLE STORY FROM JUDGES 7 OR FROM YOUR FAVORITE STORY BIBLE. HAVE YOUR KIDS RETELL THE STORY IN THEIR OWN WORDS & ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TOGETHER.

The Israelites were stuck in a cycle. They would worship false gods and God would allow foreign nations to rule over them. The Israelites would cry out to the LORD for help and God would send a judge to set them free. Peace would be enjoyed for a time until the cycle would start again.

Gideon lived in a time when the Midianites and other foreign nations took everything from the Israelites. God's people were hiding in caves and strongholds. God spoke to Gideon as he was threshing wheat in secret. God greeted him with the title of "mighty warrior." According to Gideon, he was the weakest in his family and his family was the weakest among the Israelites. God showed His power through Gideon. With only 300 soldiers God gave Israel the victory over their enemies.

1. How do you think the Israelites felt while the Midianites were ruling over them?
2. Why do you think God chose Gideon to lead the Israelites?
3. Read Judges 6:36-40. Why do you think Gideon asked for signs from God?
4. Read Judges 7:2. Why did God say Gideon had too many men?
5. Can you remember a time when you felt that God showed his strength in your life?

## BIG IDEA: GOD GIVES STRENGTH EVEN WHEN WE'RE WEAK

### DID YOU KNOW...?

The daughters of Zelophehad who petitioned Moses for the inheritance of their father (Numbers 27:1-11) were from the tribe of Manasseh? After consulting with the Lord, Moses agreed and developed rules designed to keep property within a family.

### SOMETHING TO NOTE!

Did you know that Gideon made an offering to God? Read Judges 6:17-21. Even though the Israelites were very poor from the Midianites and other foreign nations taking their crops and animals, Gideon still made what seems like a small offering to God. Even in his weakened circumstances, he offered what he had to the LORD.

**PROMISES**

### PRAYER PROMPT:

Pray together praising God for His never-ending love. Thank Him for showing His strength in your life. Ask Him to help you remember that in our weakness, He is strong. Thank God for His perfect plan to send Jesus to save us all from our sins so that we can always be together with Him.