

Story 65: God Helps Gideon Defeat the Enemy

God gave Gideon a plan to defeat the Midianites. The 300 Israelite soldiers were divided into three groups of 100 men each. Each man had a trumpet and a clay jar with a burning torch inside. The Israelites attacked the Midianites at night while they were sleeping in their tents. Gideon blew his trumpet and his 300 soldiers broke their jars to show their flaming torches. They began running down the hill towards the Midianite tents, shouting and blowing their trumpets. The Midianites were surprised and afraid. They jumped out of their beds and began running away. They thought a huge army of Israelites was attacking them. Many Midianites were killed by Gideon's army. For many years the Midianites did not return to bother the Israelites.

Read this story in the Bible in Judges 7:9-25

Words to Know

flaming – on fire

bother – make trouble for someone; irritate or attack someone

Questions

1. How were Gideon's soldiers divided?
2. What did each soldier have?
3. When did the Israelites attack the Midianites?
4. When Gideon blew his trumpet, what did his soldiers do?
5. What did the soldiers do that frightened the Midianites?
6. What did the Midianites do when they saw the Israelites coming?
7. What did the Midianites think was happening?
8. Who won the victory in this battle?
9. How did this victory bring peace to the Israelites?

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