

## Story 64: Gideon Gets Ready for Battle

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Read this story in the Bible in Judges 7:1-8

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### Words to Know

**victory** – win over an enemy; have success in a struggle

**reduce** – to make fewer or less

### Questions

1. Why was Gideon afraid?
2. What did God remind Gideon of?
3. How many soldiers did Gideon gather for an army?
4. Why did God say it was too many soldiers?
5. What would the Israelites think if they won a victory over the Midianites with 32,000 soldiers?
6. Why did God want the Israelites to see His power at work?
7. What did God do to Gideon's army?
8. What did God show Gideon?

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