

Gideon and His Valiant Three Hundred

Judges 6~7

The Israelites did many evil deeds against God by making idols and worshiping them. So the LORD punished the Israelites by way of the Midianites. Because of the Midianites, the Israelites had no food and had to live in caves to hide from them. So the Israelites began to feel very low in heart and prayed to God to help save them. So God called Gideon to get up and save Israel.

"Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites."

And God told Gideon to destroy the idols in his house. Gideon did according to how he was commanded and worshiped the LORD.





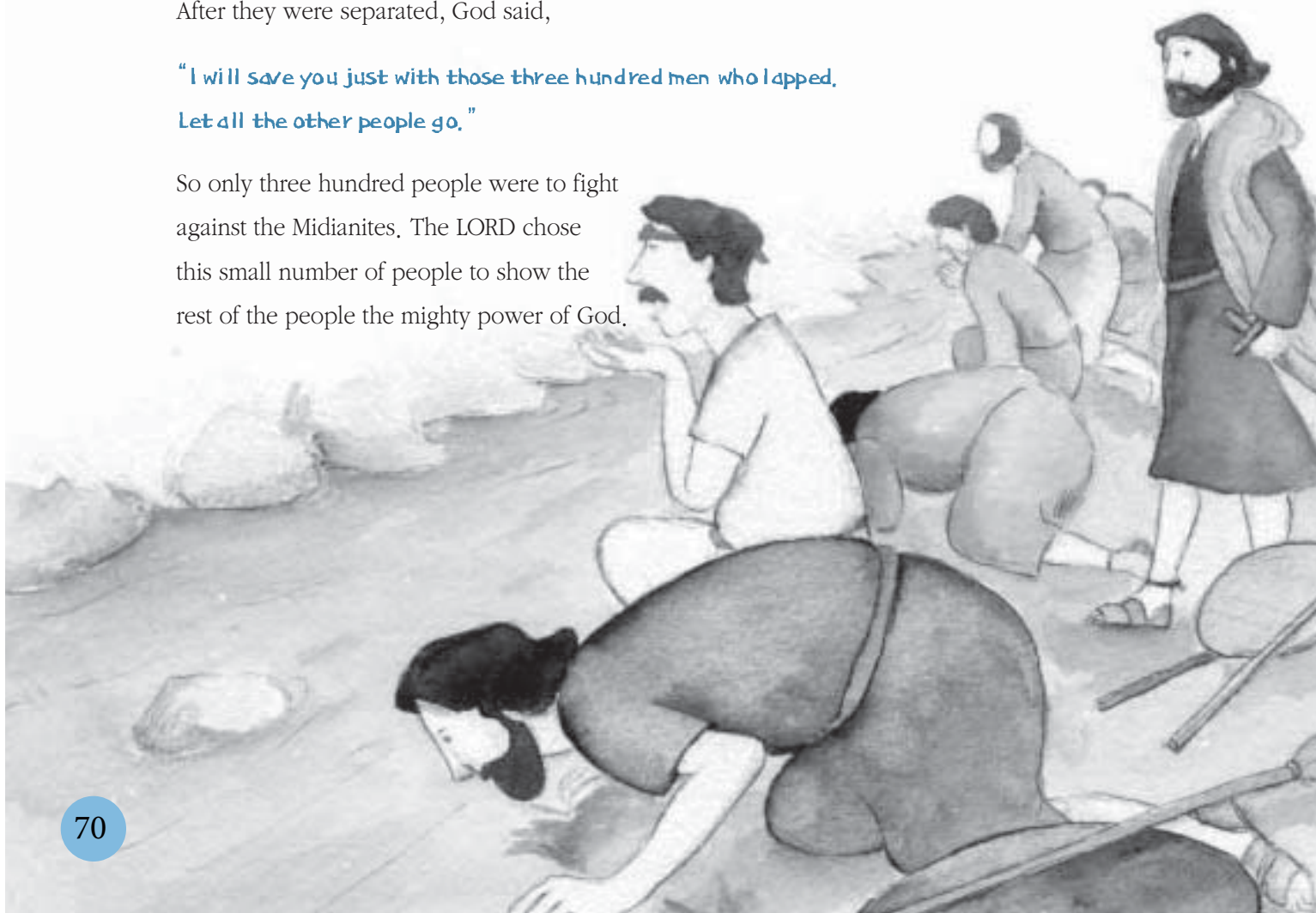
Then, the Midianites and the Amalekites gathered together, seeing as how Gideon was rebelling against Baal, and they called him out. So Gideon and his people were going to attack. The number of the Israelites was 32,000, though, which was too much. If the Israelites won like this, they would think that they won because of their own strength. So God told those who were afraid to return. Then 10,000 were left. But this was still too much for the LORD.

"Bring them down to the water and I will test them there. Those who drink the water by lapping it like dogs shall be separated from those who drink the water by getting on their knees."

After they were separated, God said,

"I will save you just with those three hundred men who lapped. Let all the other people go."

So only three hundred people were to fight against the Midianites. The LORD chose this small number of people to show the rest of the people the mighty power of God.



among whom you also are the called of
Jesus Christ;

Romans 1:6



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The number of the Midianites who came to fight against the Israelites was as many as the number of the sand in the sea. Gideon had the soldiers take trumpets in their right hands and torches inside pitchers in their left hands. In the middle of the night, the soldiers blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers, and they cried,

“The sword of the LORD and of Gideon!”

Surprised and confused by the sudden noise, the enemies began to fight among themselves and run away in all directions. So the Israelites chased after them and took them down. In the end, God saved Israel through Gideon and his valiant three hundred.



Today's Study

1. Gideon's Calling

When God called Gideon, what did the LORD make Gideon do first?

To do the work of God, you first have to cleanse yourself from your sins.

2. Victory from the LORD

The number of the Midianites was as many as the number of the sand in the sea. It would have been impossible for the Israelites to win against this incredible number, but the LORD cut down the number of the Israelites two times because it was too large for Him.

the Midianites



the Israelites

warriors ()



warriors ()



Why the Lord cut down the number of warriors of Israel?

- ① To save some food for the rest of the Israelites.
- ② To reveal His power.
- ③ There were only 300 people to fight in the first place.

What did Gideon and the Israelites use as their weapons?

How did the three hundred Israelites defeat the large number of Midianites?

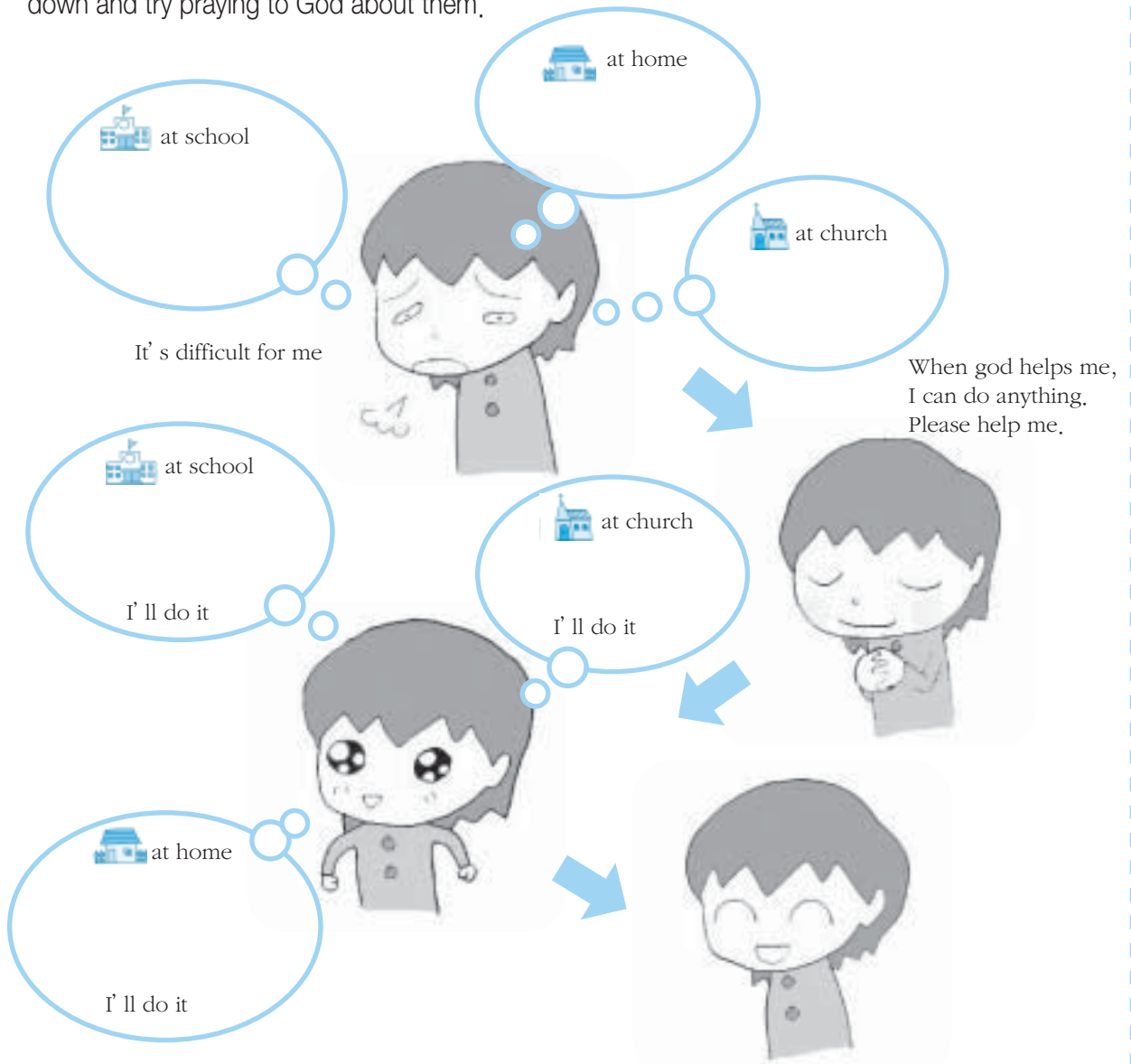
“Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD's, and He will give you into our hands.” (1 Samuel 17:47)



Today's Lesson

The three hundred Israelites could defeat the large numbers of the Midianites because God was on the side of the Israelites and help them. There are lots of things that we can't do on our own, but if God is with us and helps us, the impossible becomes possible easily.

What kinds of things do you know you can't do on your own? If it's appropriate, write them down and try praying to God about them.



If fitting in His sight, God will listen to your prayers and will help you do what it impossible for you to do on your own.



Did you know?

*The Type of Person God Uses

The world-famous preacher D.L. Moody graduated only from elementary school. His life in church was a mess, too. He couldn't look up Bible very well and wasn't able to go to Bible School. He was left out in the cold by his friends. "A person like Moody is completely hopeless! He is useless and there's nothing he can do. I'm even ashamed of being his friend!"

His friends made fun of Moody all the time. But even though he always had a difficult time, Moody always thought of God. He prayed to God every day with a weak, but humble, heart. God used Moody, someone nobody paid much attention to, in a great, miraculous way. In the end, he was a great hope to the LORD.

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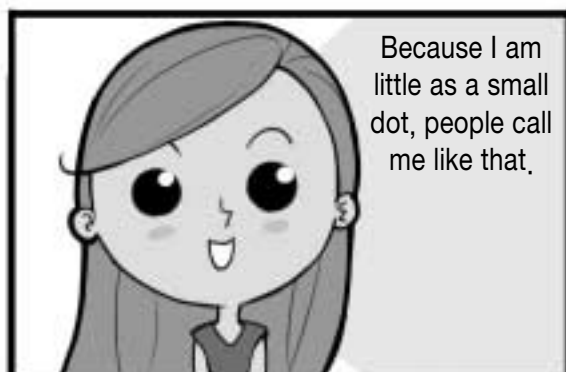
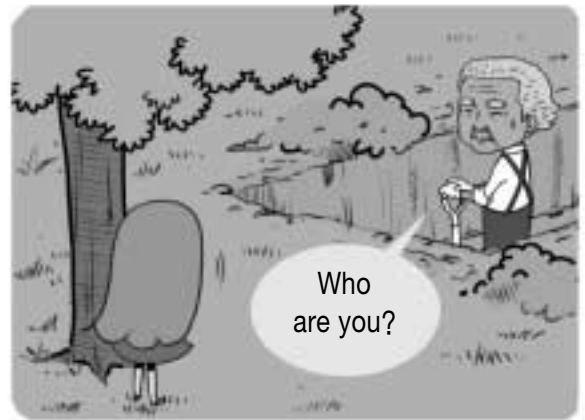
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