



# THE LOSER

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Too chicken to fight me?

Then go home to your mama!

Ugh!

Wake up stupid...  
This is **our** turf!

What's the matter...  
**no guts?**

Come back  
and fight us!

**NO!**

You can't get away from us!



Tommy, what's going on?



Sorry I ran into you,  
Mr. Williams. I got in trouble  
just trying to make friends.



Let's sit  
down and  
talk about it.

Does your dad know these  
guys are harassing you?



If he did, he wouldn't care  
anyway... he thinks I'm a loser!

If you guys want some hot chocolate,  
you've got to come inside!



Tommy, have you heard about  
the *bravest* loser in the Bible?



Are you kidding?  
Who's **THAT?**



His name is Gideon.  
Do you know what  
things were like back  
in those days, Tommy?

Uh... no... I don't know  
*anything* about the Bible.

Let's go back to when God's people  
were slaves in Egypt. They suffered  
for 400 years. They were called the  
children of Israel.



God sent Moses\* who helped them to escape, but they weren't even thankful to God. All they did was complain when they left Egypt. \*See Bible tract #7.

God gave them His commandments, but because of their unbelief, He kept them in the desert for 40 years.



But God took good care of them. Finally Moses died and Joshua was made the leader. He was a great warrior...

...and God helped Joshua and his people to start taking over their Promised Land.



But when Joshua died, the people again turned from God and did evil in the sight of the Lord. Look what happened.

They followed false Gods and killed their own babies to please them.



They married the evil people of the land. Then the Israelites became worse than them!

So God let them be ruled by vicious, cruel, evil people.



The Israelites were in fear for their lives... and starving! Do you know why?

Because every animal they owned, and all the food they had was taken or destroyed by these people, called Midianites.



The Israelites were powerless, and for a while it seems they didn't even remember who God was! (Judges 6:1-6)

But the Lord decided to change all this, by using a real loser named...



**GIDEON...** He was afraid of everything.  
The men working for his father, those in  
the city, but most of all... **the Midianites!**



When Gideon was hiding, trying to  
separate his wheat from the straw...

...an angel of the Lord  
appeared to him and said...

"The Lord is with thee, thou  
mighty man of valour."

Gasp!



Was Gideon scared of the angel?

No! Gideon was worried and began asking questions.

If the Lord be with us, why then is all this befallen us?

The Lord has forsaken us.

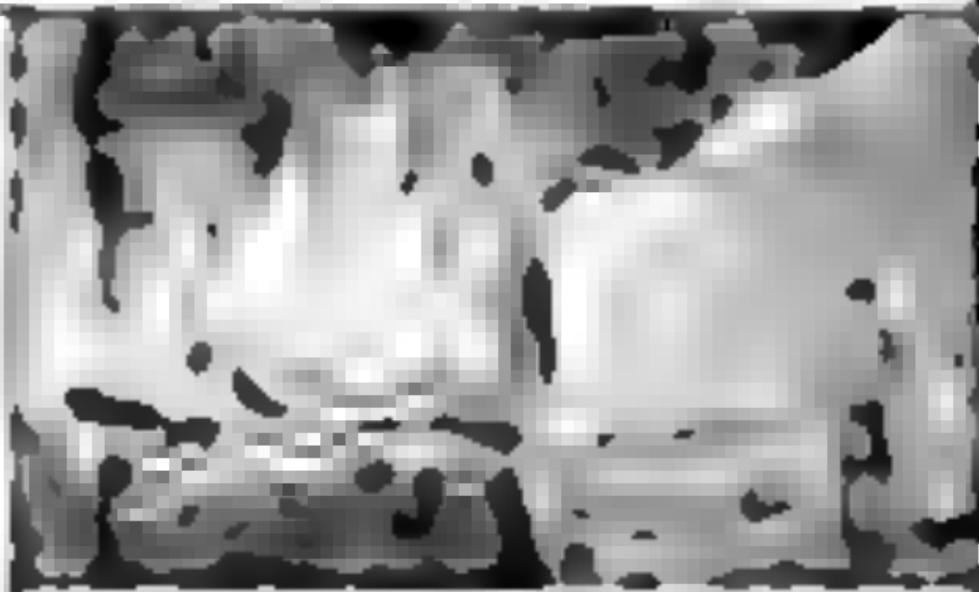
NO! NO!

But Gideon didn't expect this answer.

I know that we're lost if we're not I am there. — Judges 6:14



The angel showed him signs that God was with him. Then Gideon was given a terrible assignment.





Gideon's father faced the angry crowd  
and said:



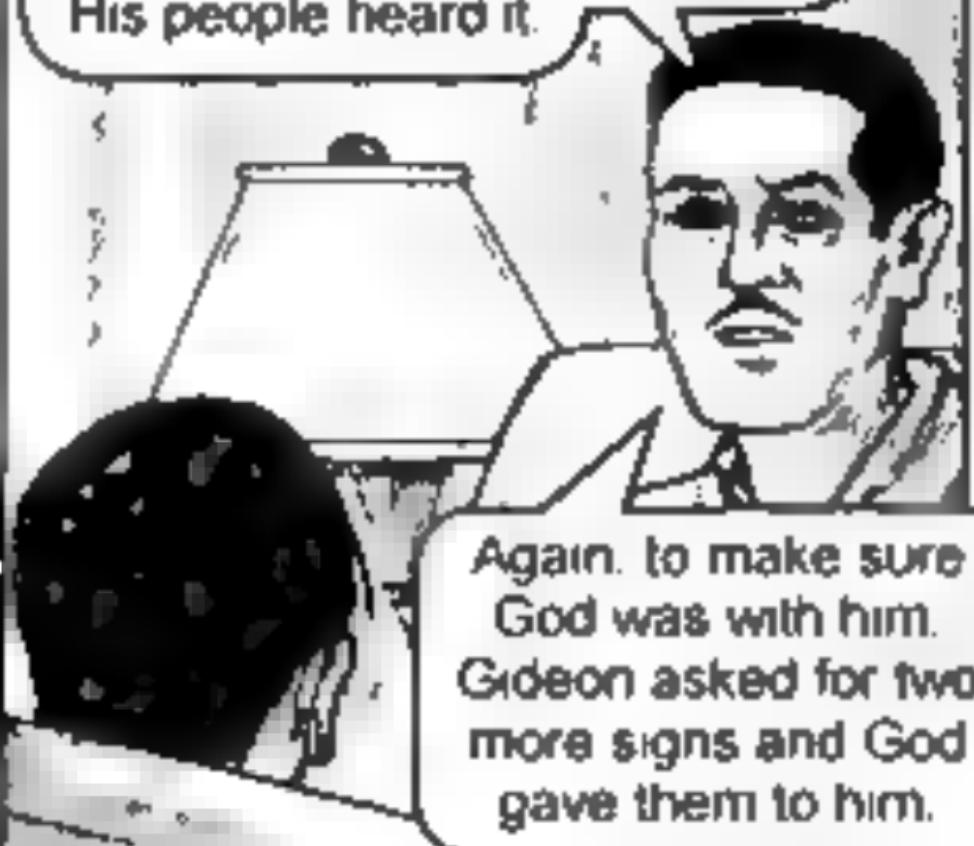
Judges 6:31

This insult to Baal sent shock waves throughout the region.  
Even the Midianites knew about it.



Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the children of the East gathered together

The Spirit of God came upon Gideon and he blew a trumpet. His people heard it.



Again, to make sure God was with him. Gideon asked for two more signs and God gave them to him.

The people responded to Gideon's call to arms



We've counted 32 000. Gideon

And the Lord said to Gideon. "The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands."

Judges 7:2





Gideon is dead meat!  
Man there is no way he could beat an army that big

But you forgot  
Tommy God was with  
them \* And God proved it by a dream

\* "It shall be left to us who can be  
against you." — Romans 8:31

The Lord told Gideon to sneak down to the enemy's camp and listen to what they were saying

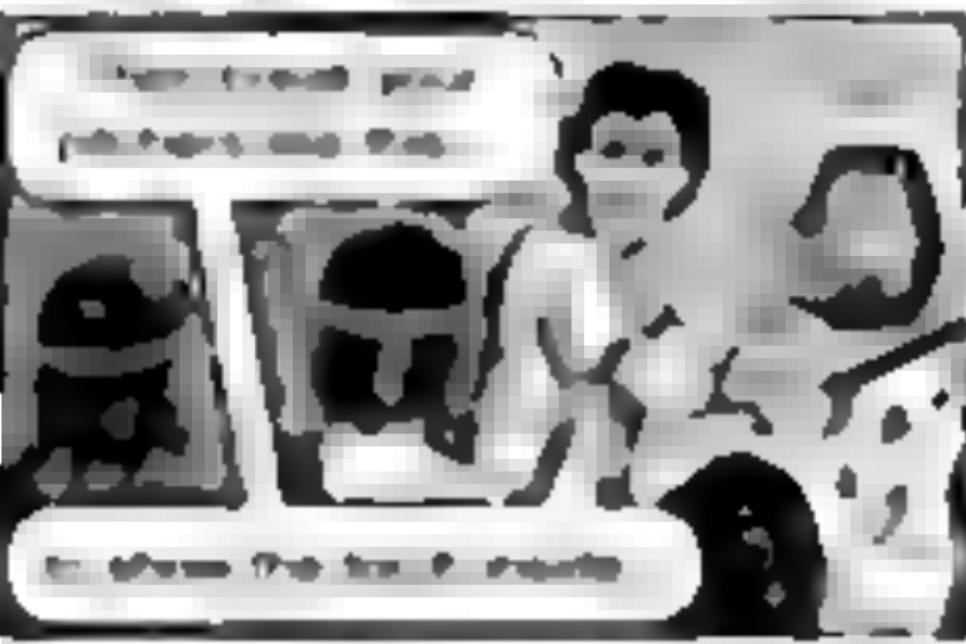


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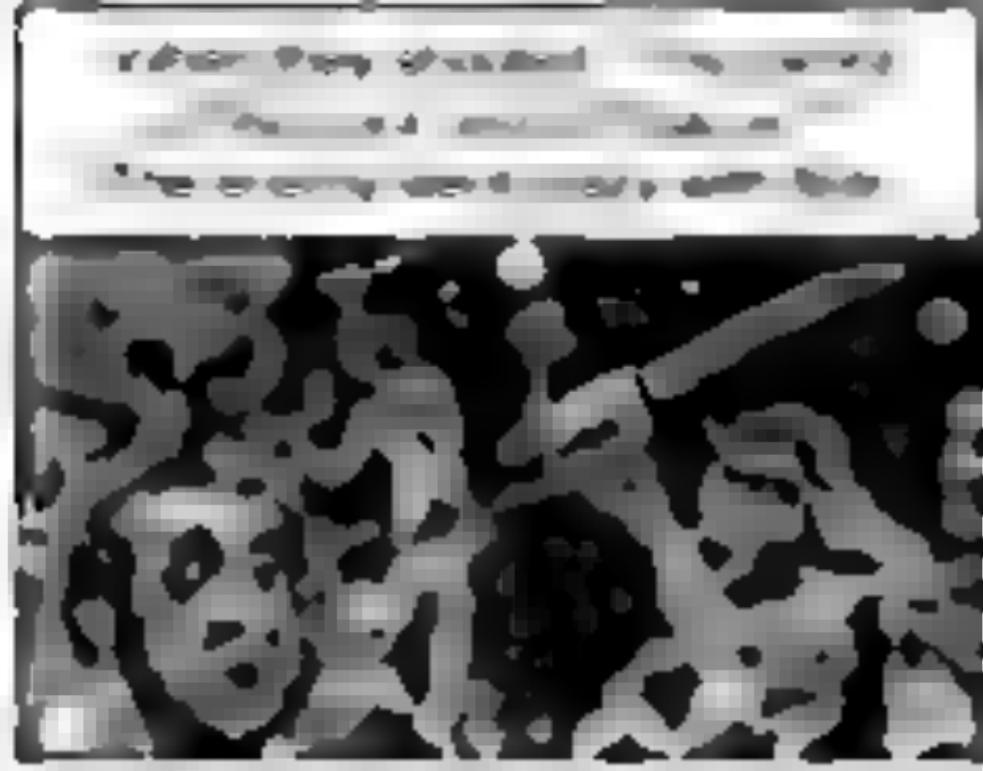
It means that God will destroy us with the sword of Gideon!

Uzzah realized that they were ahead of them. Then God gave him a brilliant idea.

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What is that book?

You know what you  
used to have and with you  
the two were quite different.

You did not  
want to bring

but you see what God did

He said the same  
things to you I bring

What did God  
do to me?



God, the Son (Jesus) left heaven to become a man. He was executed on the cross, shedding His precious blood to pay the price for all our sins.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

3 days later, Jesus Christ rose from the dead. But He is coming again to take to heaven all who put their trust in Him.

God loves you, Tommy and He wants to protect you, watch over you and be your best friend.

Really?



Tommy, it was the Lord Jesus Christ who destroyed the Midianites and gave the victory to Gideon.

If you believe that He paid for your sins and receive Him as your Saviour, He can take over your life. What is your choice?



Man, I want Jesus. Only a loser would be dumb enough to say no to that!

Let's pray...

Lord Jesus, thank you for dying for my sins. I want you to come into my heart and take over my life. Please save me... and Lord Jesus, help me face those kids who tried to hurt me.



Thank you, God.

NEXT DAY

Hey, Tommy!...  
You look different.

I know, I have  
a very powerful  
friend who's going  
to protect me.

Really?... Uh...  
Can we be friends?

OK! By the way, have  
you guys ever heard the  
story of Gideon?

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord  
is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"      Psalm 27:1

# THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

## NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

## WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

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