

Year 2

Week 58

Gideon and God Win

Scriptures: Judges 7

Key Verse: Judges 7:20 Then the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers...and they cried, "The sword of the LORD and of Gideon!"

Key Points:

1. Finally convinced that God was with him, Gideon began to lead Israel.
2. The Lord cut about 30,000 men from Gideon's army, leaving him with 300 men to fight the Midianites.
3. God sent Gideon and his servant to the camp of the Midianites, where they overheard a man telling his dream to a friend. The friend interpreted the dream to mean that God would deliver the whole camp to Gideon's army.
4. Gideon divided his men into three groups and gave them trumpets and torches hidden inside empty pitchers. At Gideon's signal, every man blew his trumpet and broke the pitchers covering the lamps.
5. The Midianites panicked and started killing each other and running away, and the Israelites were able to follow and defeat the large army.

GOD'S MIGHTY WARRIOR



God's people had to fight many battles in the Promised Land. A farmer named Gideon led the people to fight for God.



God told Gideon to sneak into the enemy camp
with only trumpets and torches covered with jars.



When Gideon's army blew their trumpets and smashed their jars, the enemy woke up, got scared, and ran away!

63. GIDEON'S ARMY OF 300 (JUDGES 7:1-25)



"And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers,
and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right
hands to blow *withal*: and they cried, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon."

JUDGES 7:20

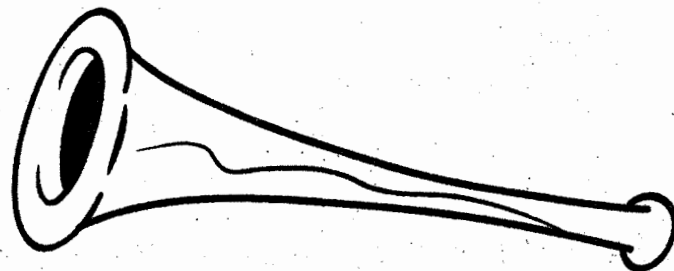
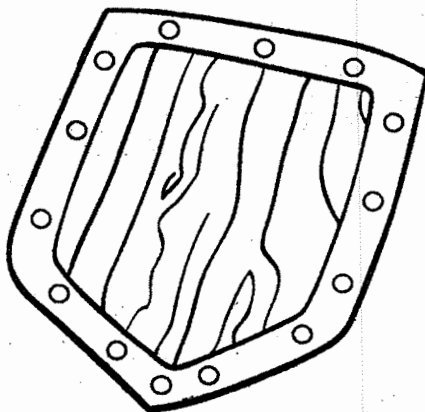
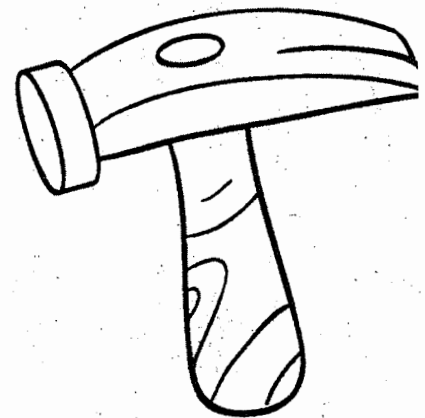
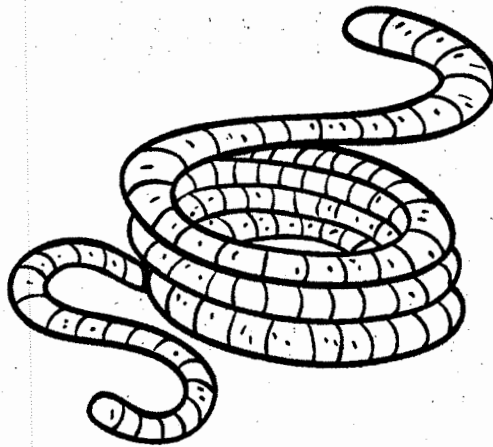
Choosing an Army

Gideon was chosen to lead the Israelites in battle against the Midianites. Such a great army of Israelites came together that every man who was afraid of the Midianites was allowed to return to his home. Two out of every three men left, but the army was still too large. So God arranged another test. Read about it in Judges 7:1-7 and you will know which of the soldiers in the picture stayed in the army. Color red the robes of those who stayed. Color the others green.



Important Tools

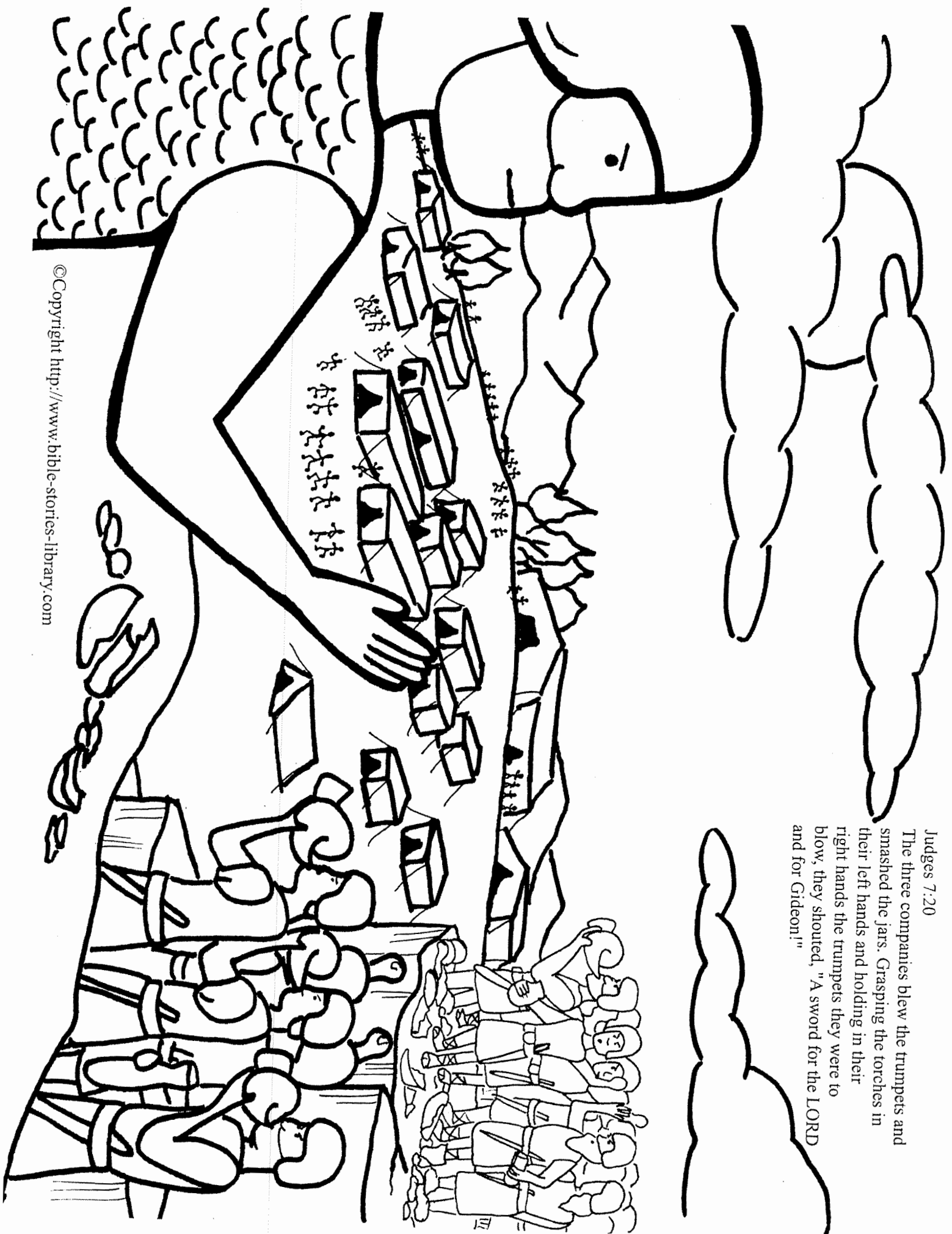
Circle the three things God told Gideon's army to bring.





Judges 7:20

The three companies blew the trumpets and smashed the jars. Grasping the torches in their left hands and holding in their right hands the trumpets they were to blow, they shouted, "A sword for the LORD and for Gideon!"



Gideon's Horn

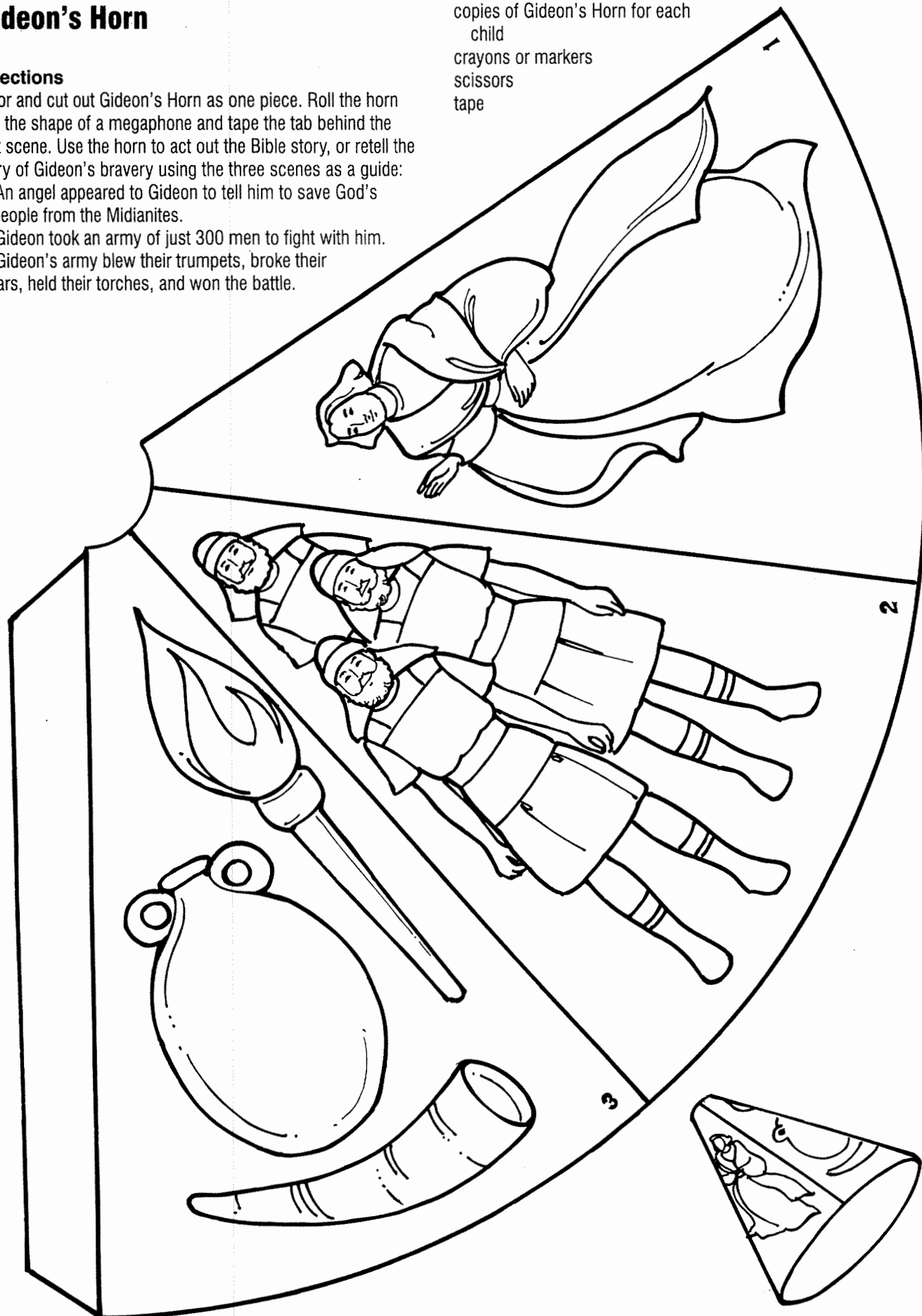
Directions

Color and cut out Gideon's Horn as one piece. Roll the horn into the shape of a megaphone and tape the tab behind the first scene. Use the horn to act out the Bible story, or retell the story of Gideon's bravery using the three scenes as a guide:

- 1) An angel appeared to Gideon to tell him to save God's people from the Midianites.
- 2) Gideon took an army of just 300 men to fight with him.
- 3) Gideon's army blew their trumpets, broke their jars, held their torches, and won the battle.

Supplies

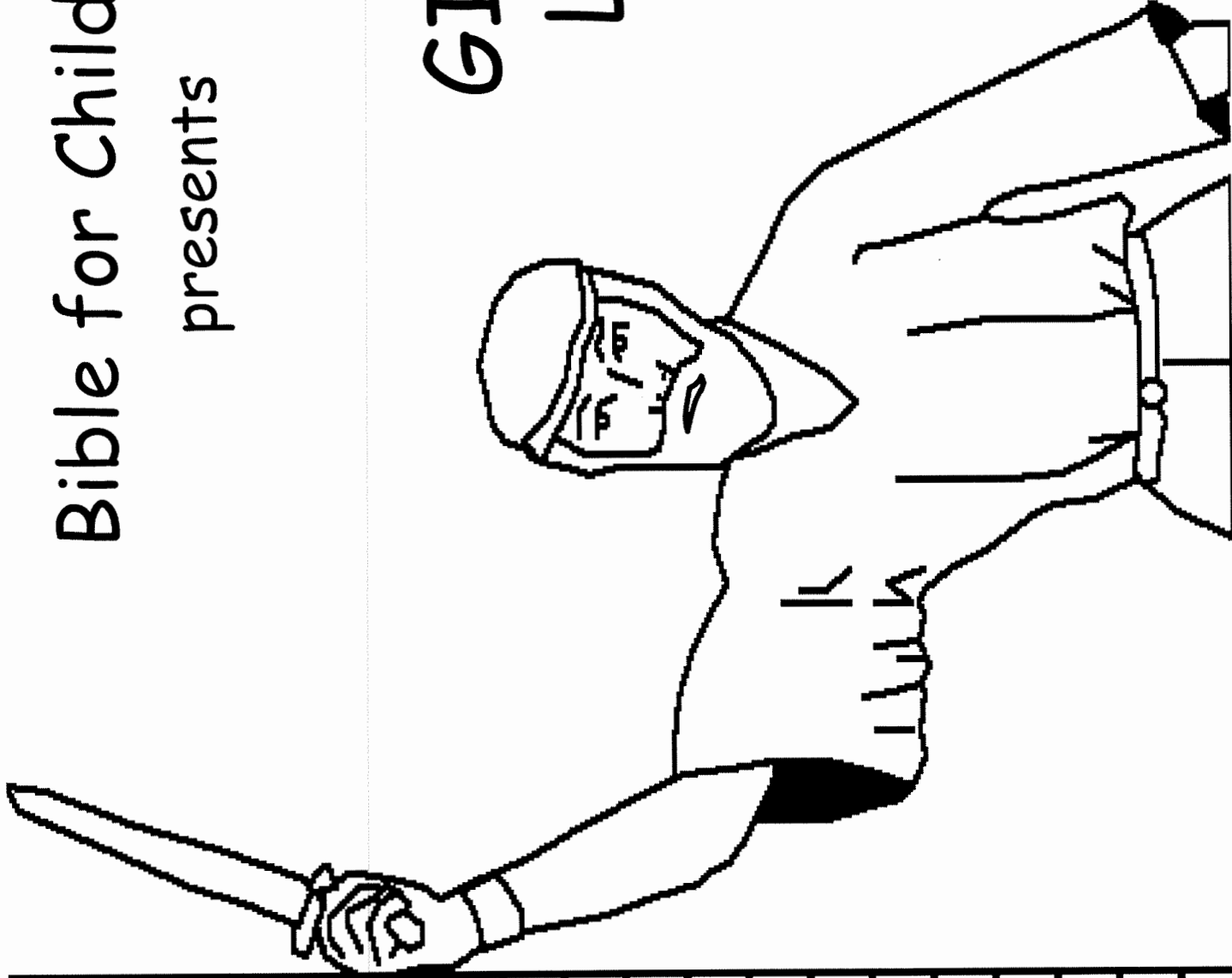
copies of Gideon's Horn for each
child
crayons or markers
scissors
tape

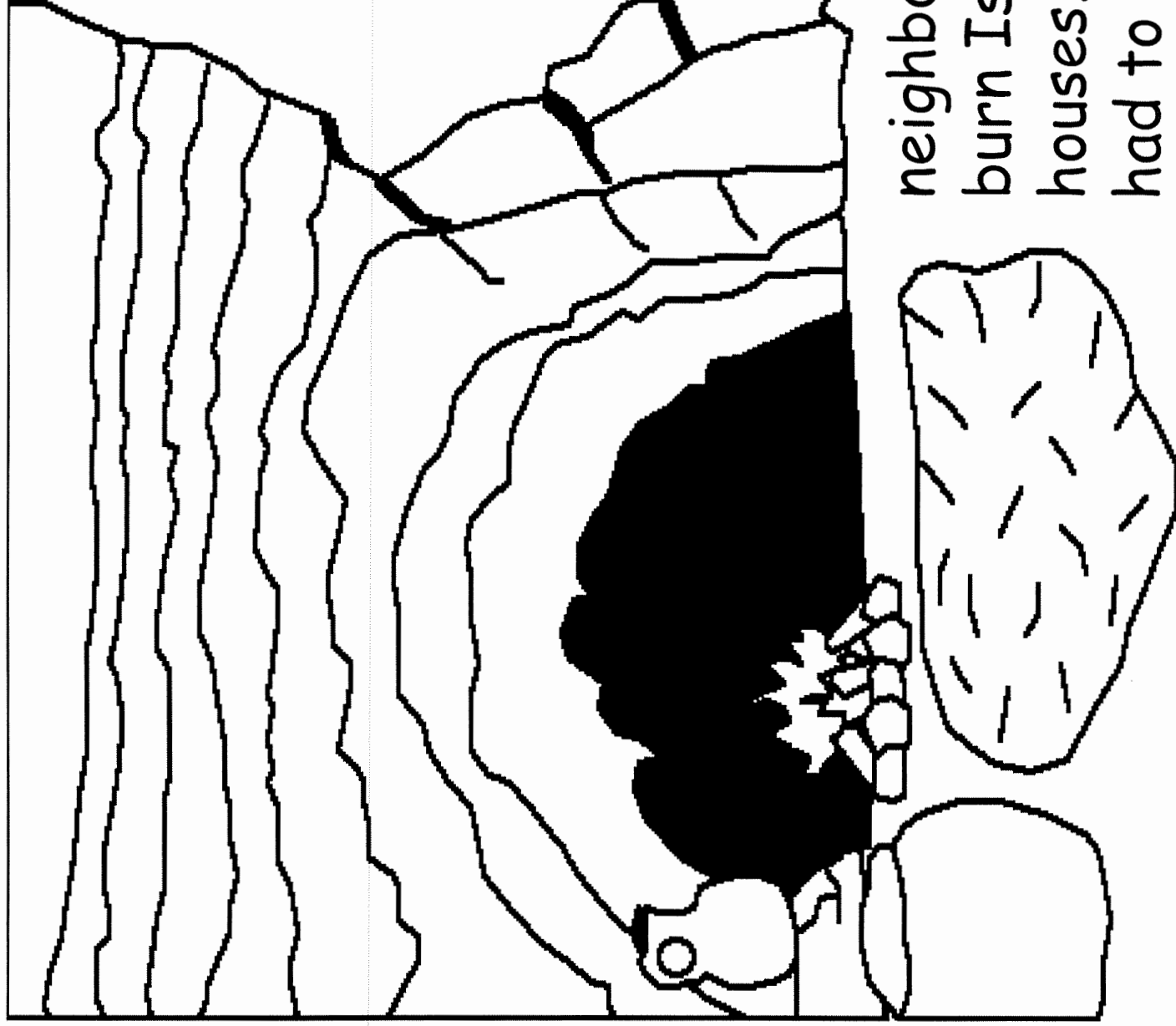


Bible for Children

presents

GIDEON'S LITTLE ARMY





After Joshua died, all the people of Israel disobeyed God and left Him out of their lives.

God let the neighboring Midianites burn Israel's crops and houses. The Israelites had to live in caves.

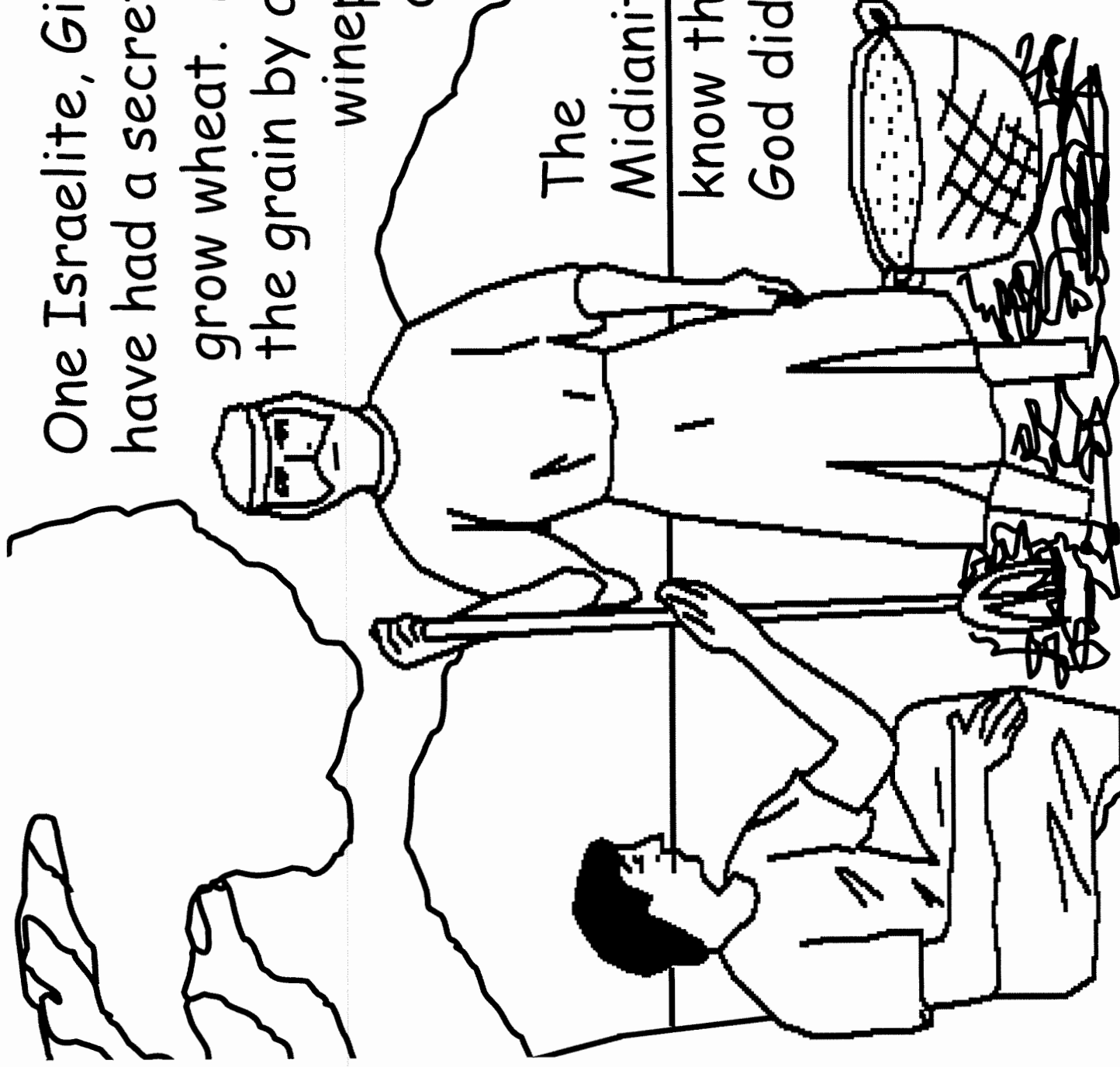


One Israelite, Gideon, must have had a secret place to grow wheat. He threshed the grain by a hidden winepress, under a large tree.

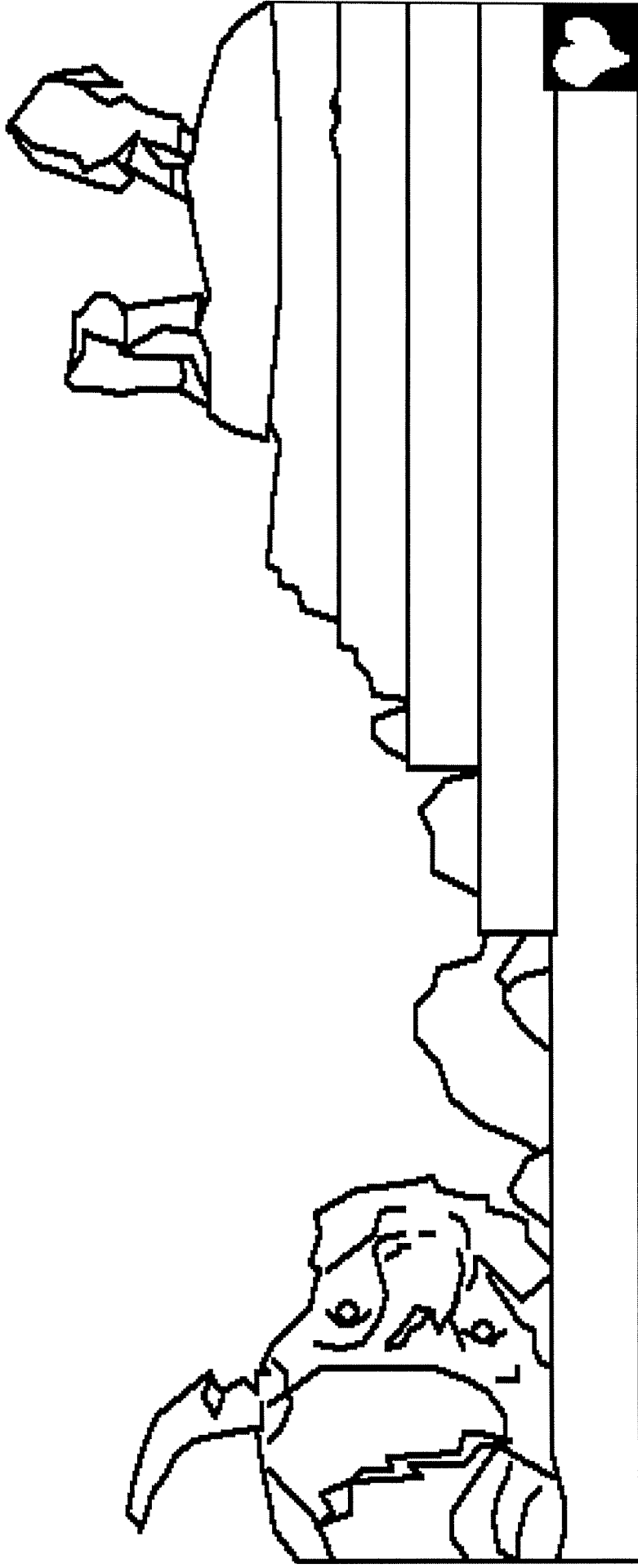
The

Midianites didn't

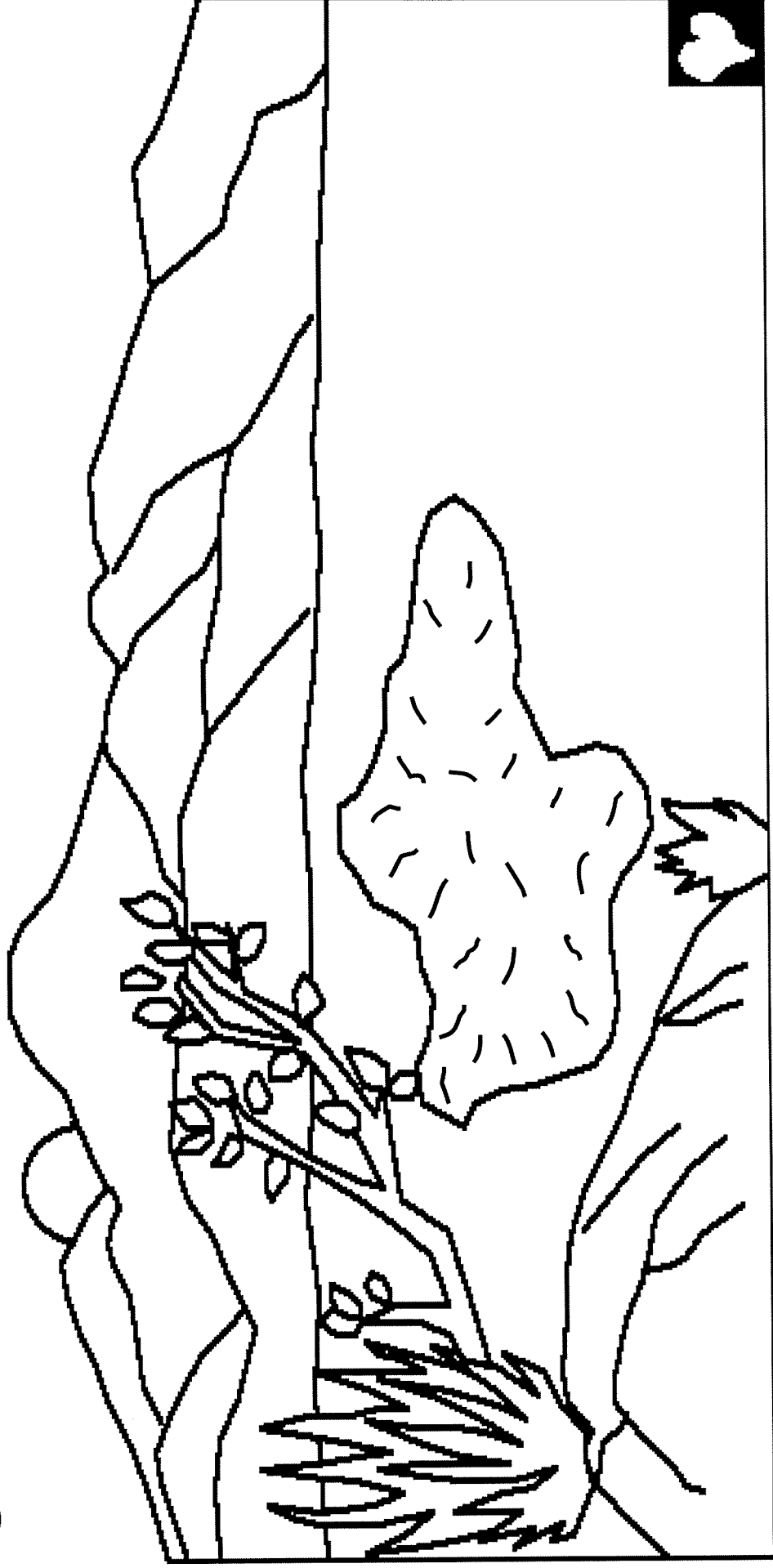
know the place - but God did! God sent an Angel with a message for Gideon.

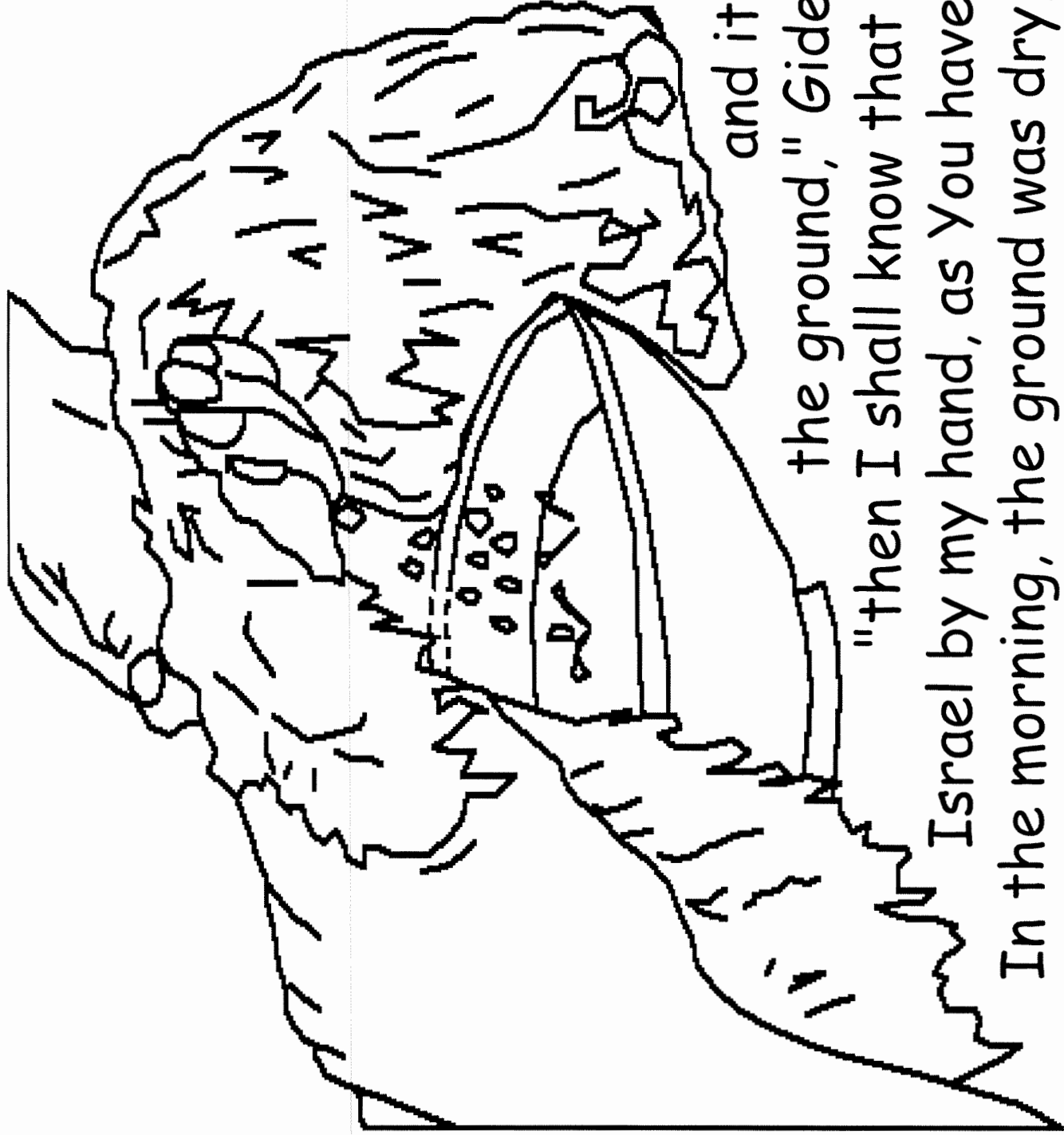


God wanted Gideon to destroy his own father's image of a false god and build an altar to the true God. Though Gideon was afraid his countrymen would kill him, he did what God commanded.



God also wanted Gideon to lead Israel's army against the wicked Midianites. But Gideon was afraid. He asked for a special sign that God was with him. Then he laid a fleecy sheepskin on the ground.





"If there is
dew on the
fleece only,
and it is dry on all

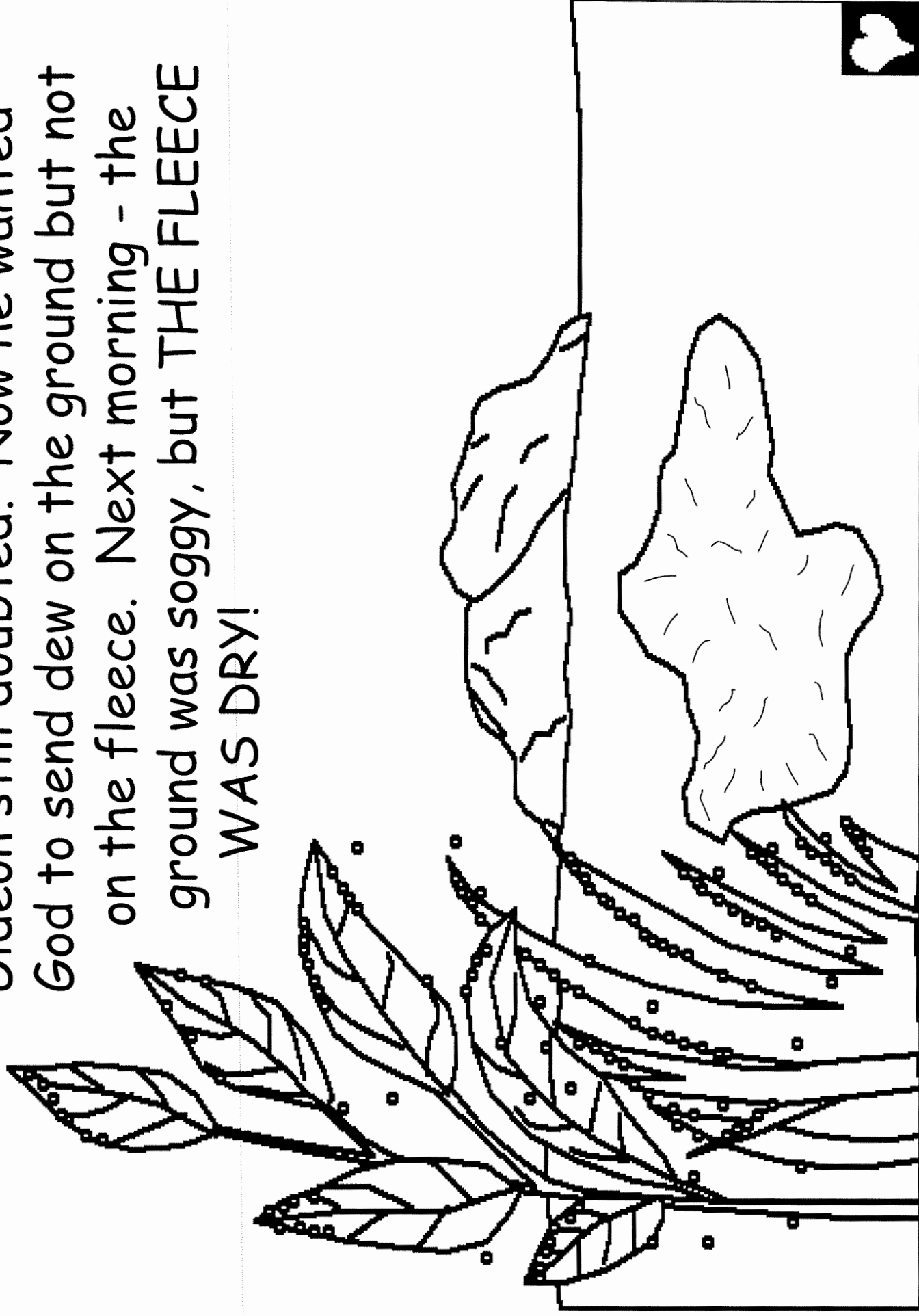
the ground," Gideon prayed,

"then I shall know that You will save
Israel by my hand, as You have said."

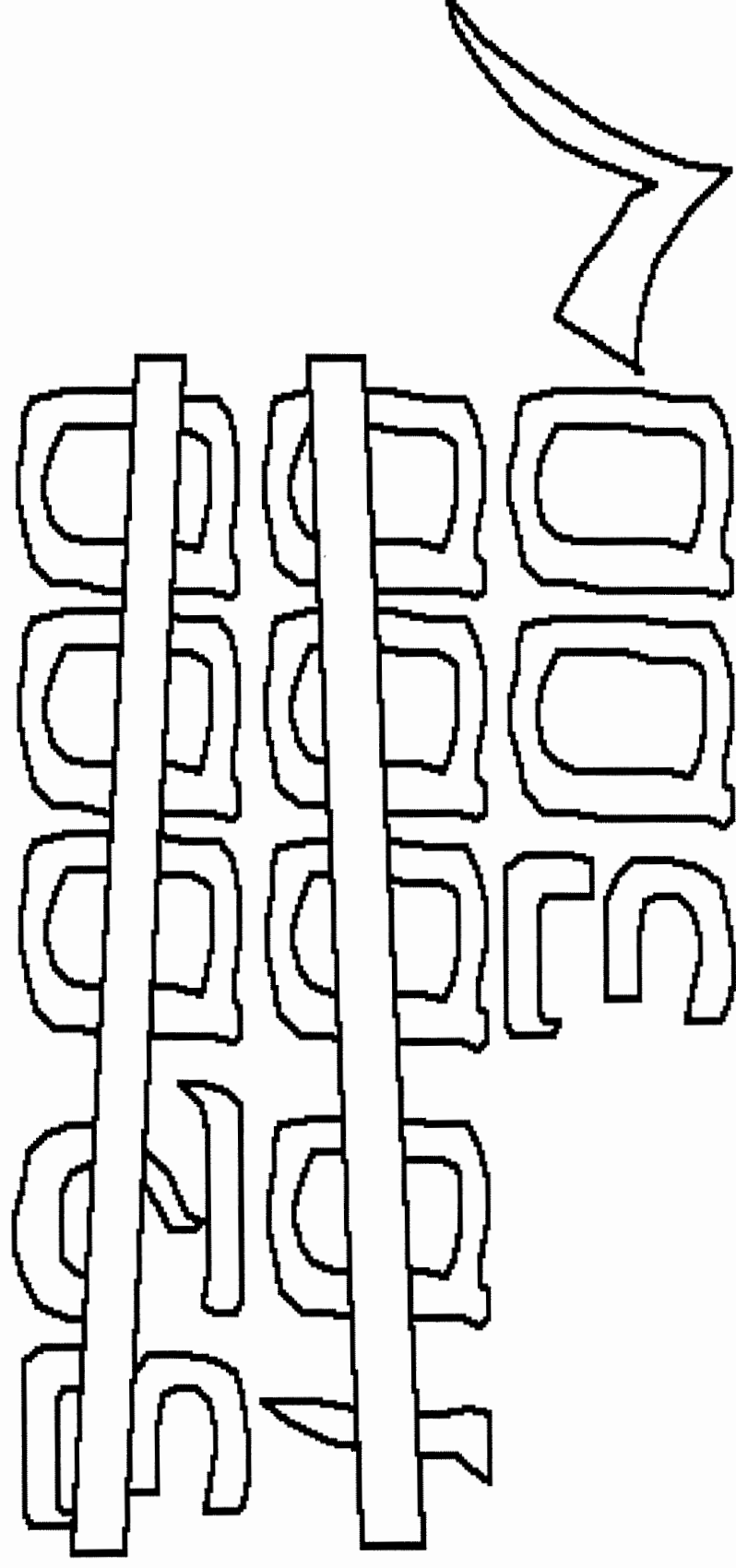
In the morning, the ground was dry, but
THE FLEECE WAS SOAKING WET!



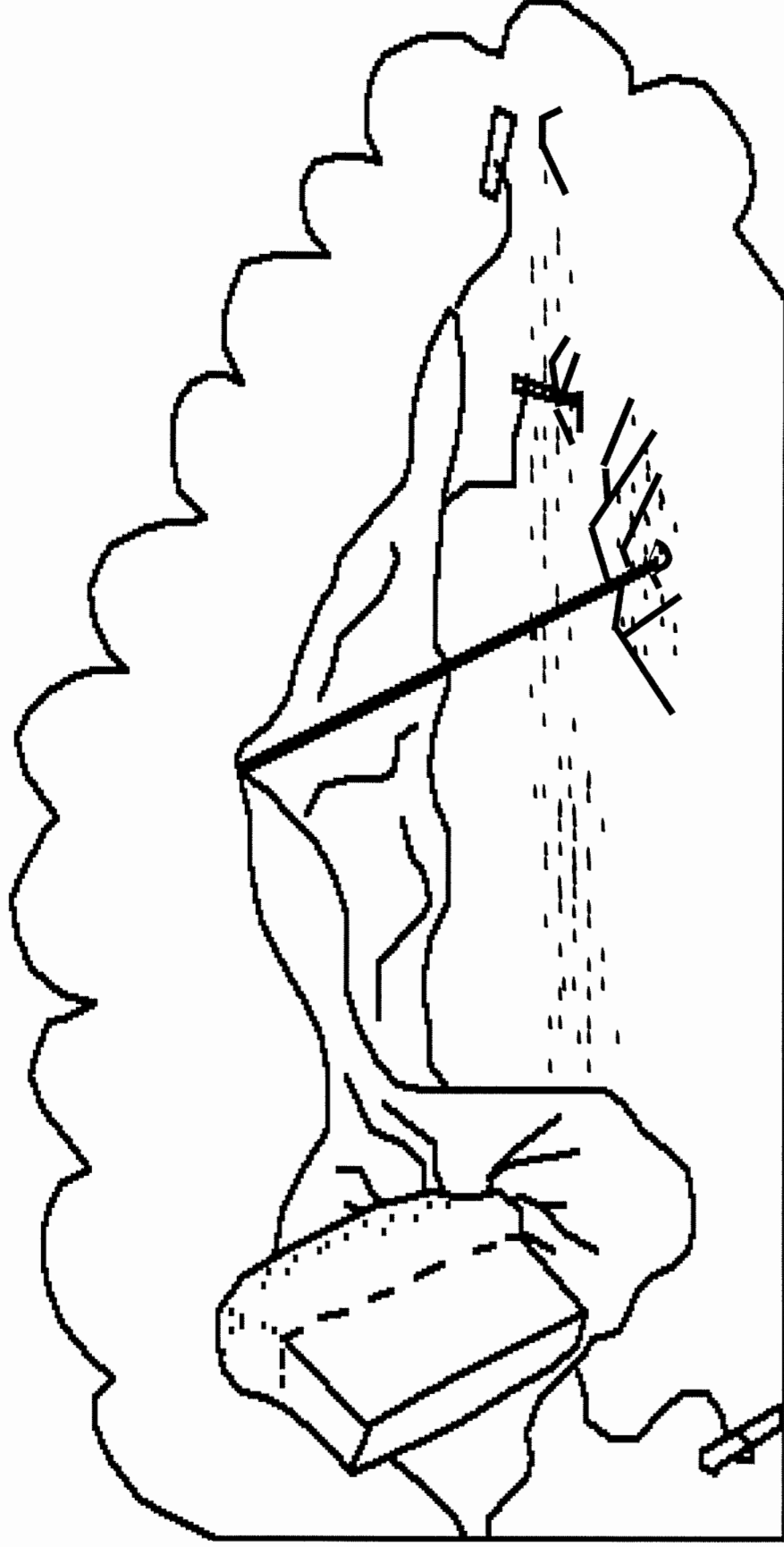
Gideon still doubted. Now he wanted
God to send dew on the ground but not
on the fleece. Next morning - the
ground was soggy, but **THE FLEECE**
WAS DRY!

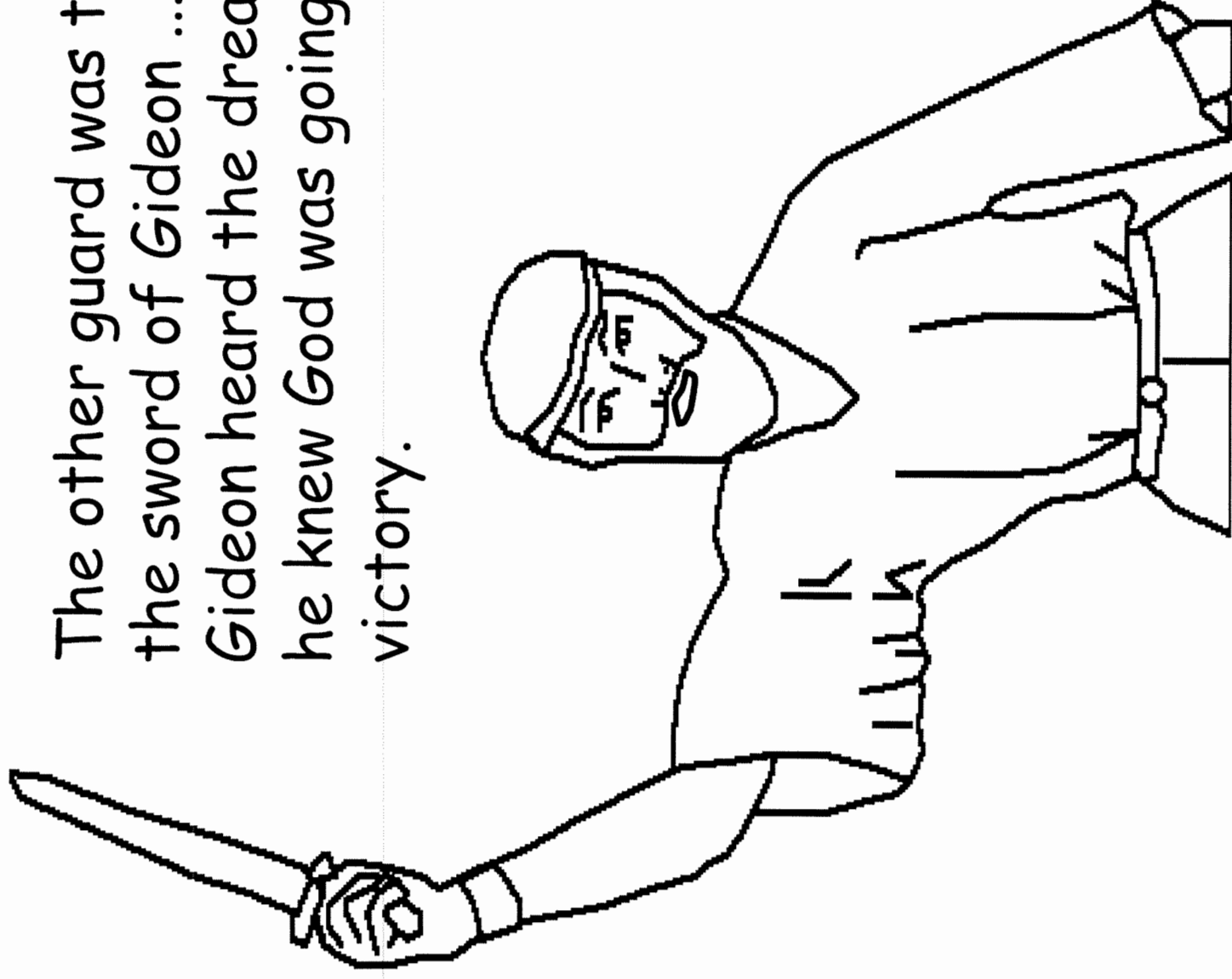


Gideon started out with an army of 32,000.
God cut it down to only 300 men. God did not
want Israel to say "My own hand has saved me."
God alone was Israel's Saviour.



Knowing Gideon was still afraid, God let him secretly overhear one Midianite soldier tell another about a strange dream. In the dream, a loaf of bread tumbled against a Midianite tent and destroyed it.



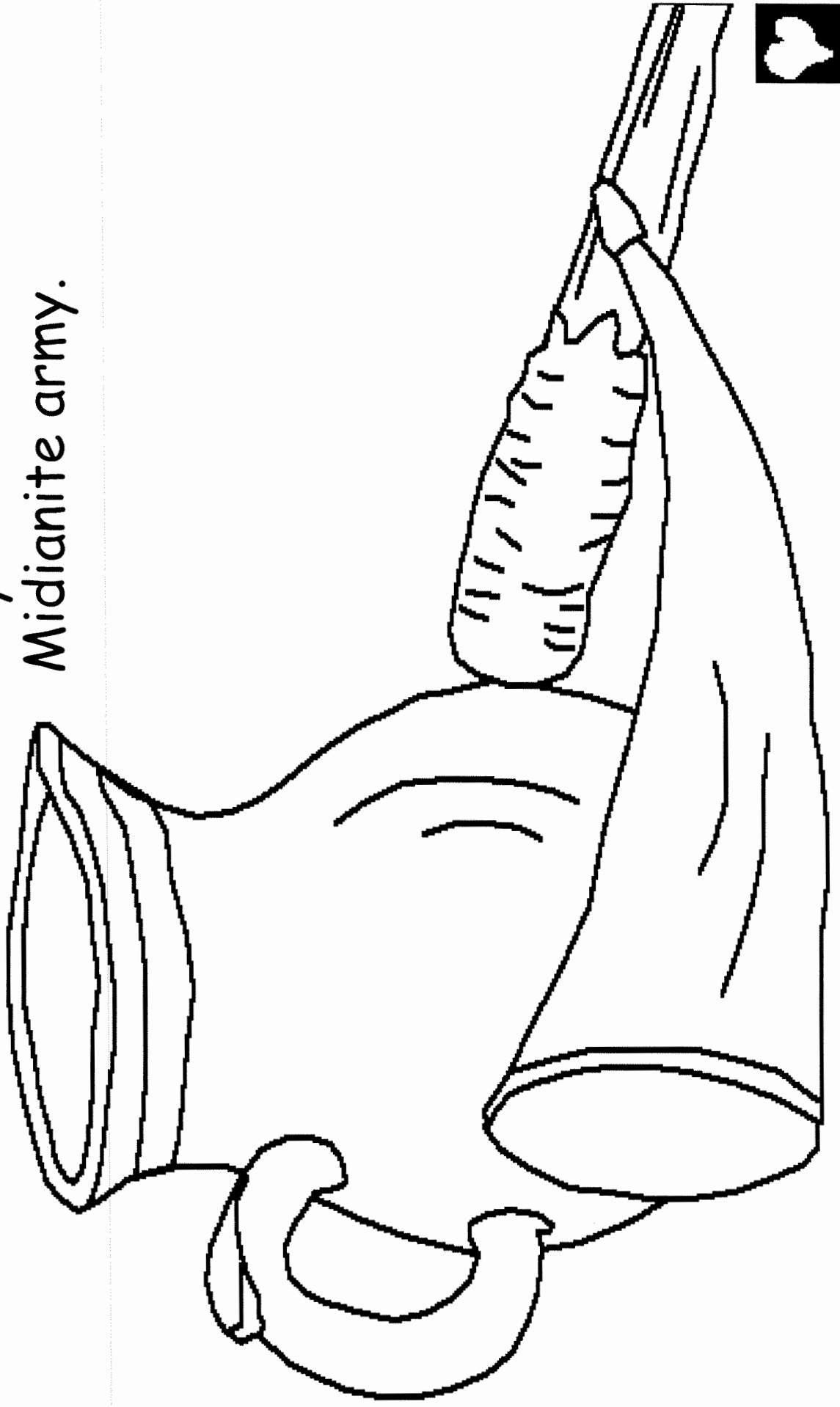


The other guard was terrified. "This is ... the sword of Gideon ..." he cried. When Gideon heard the dream and its meaning, he knew God was going to give him the victory.

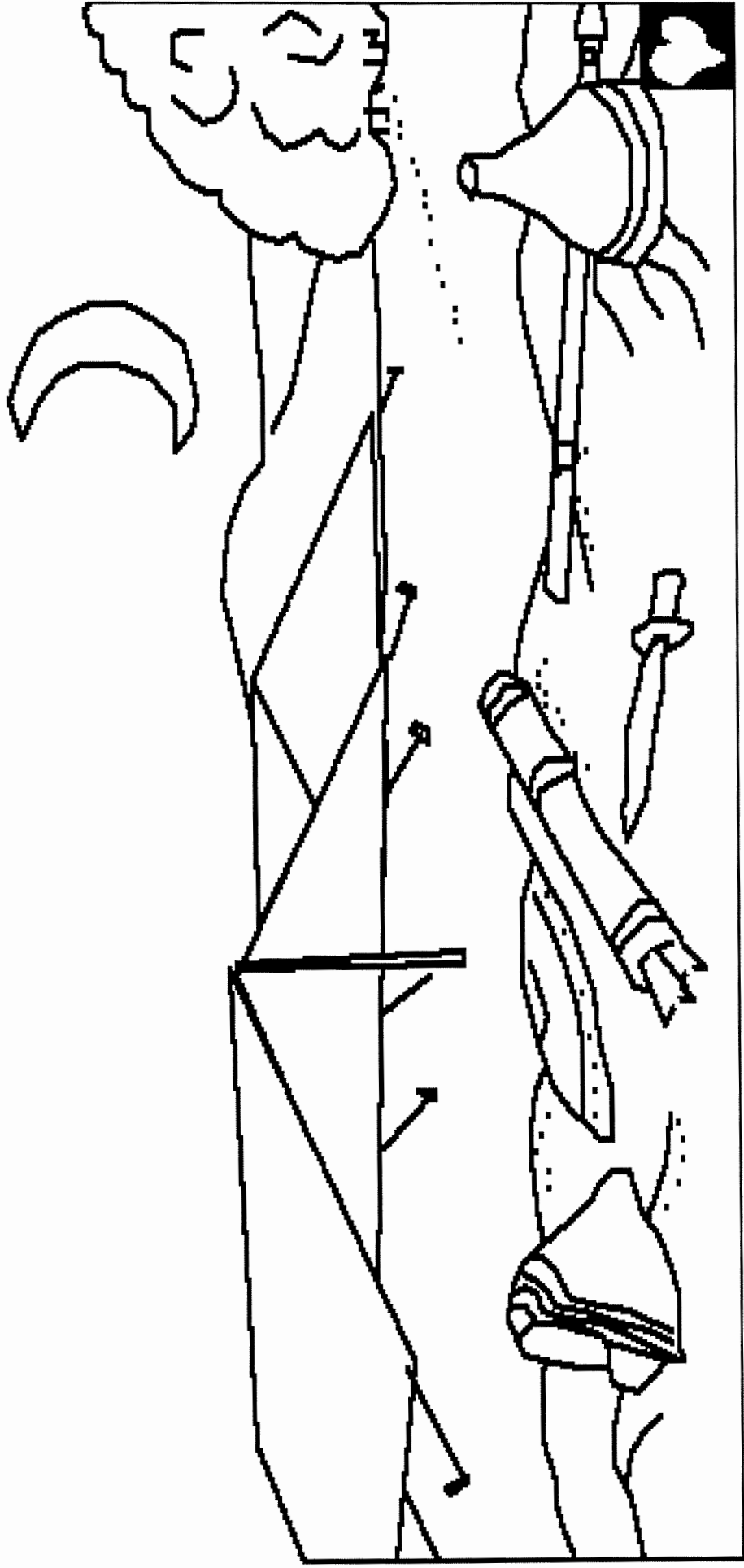


Gideon planned a night attack. He gave each soldier a trumpet, and empty pitchers with torches inside.

They surrounded the Midianite army.

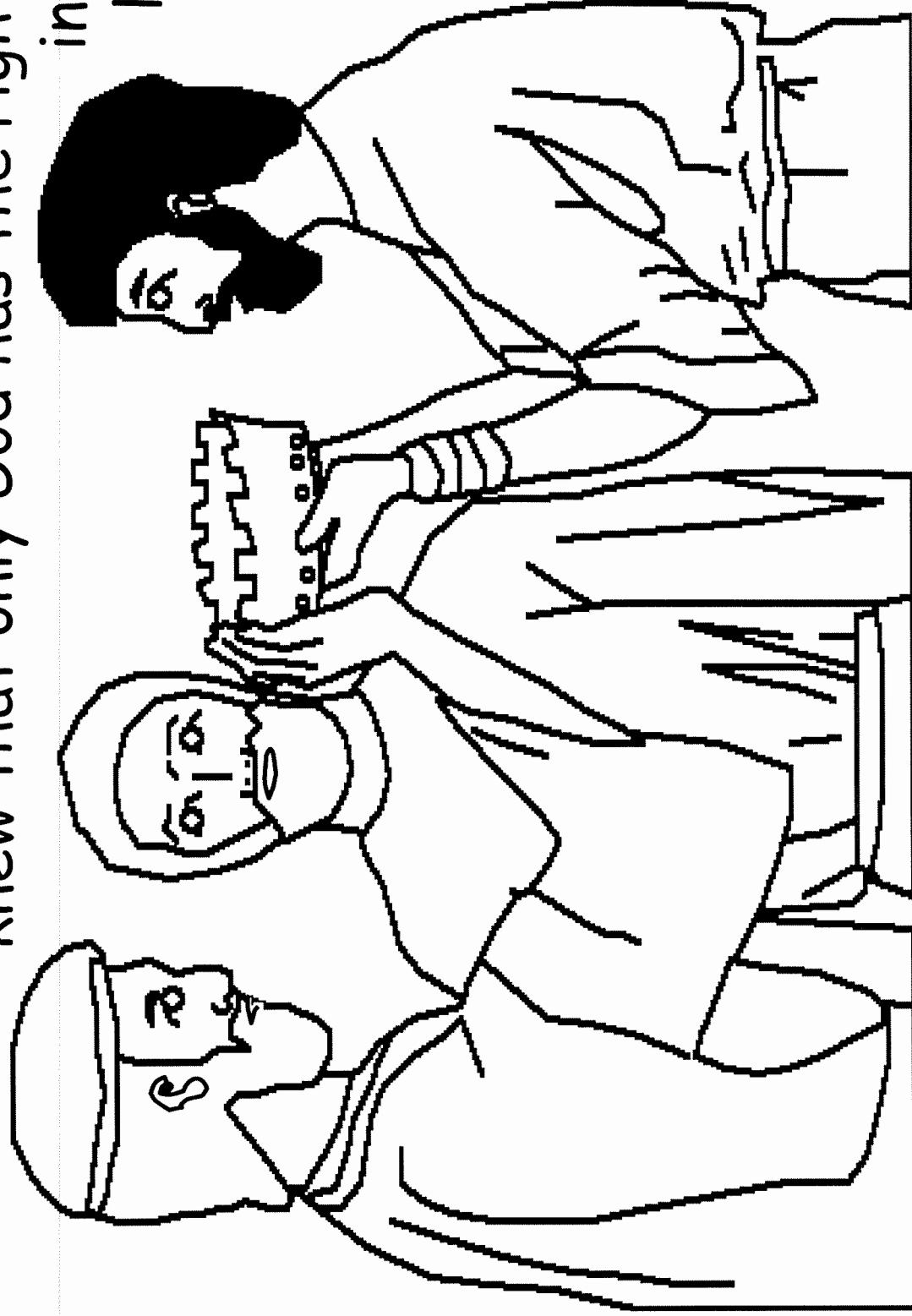


At Gideon's signal, the soldiers blew their trumpets, smashed their pitchers and lit their torches. What noise! What confusion! The scared Midianites got up and ran away.

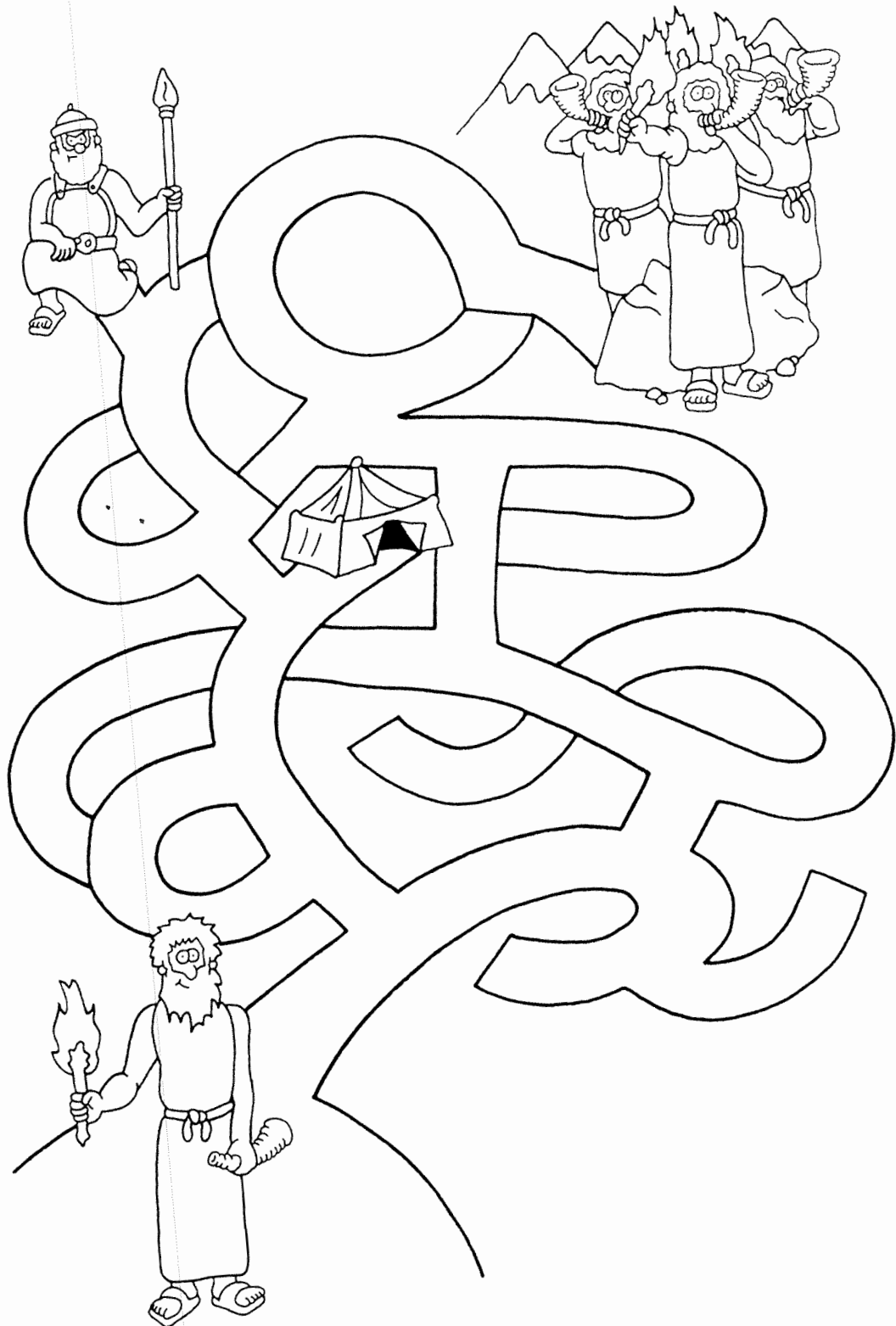


After this great victory, the men of Israel asked Gideon to rule over them. "I will not rule over you .. the Lord shall rule over you," Gideon replied. He

knew that only God has the right to rule in people's lives.



Gideon

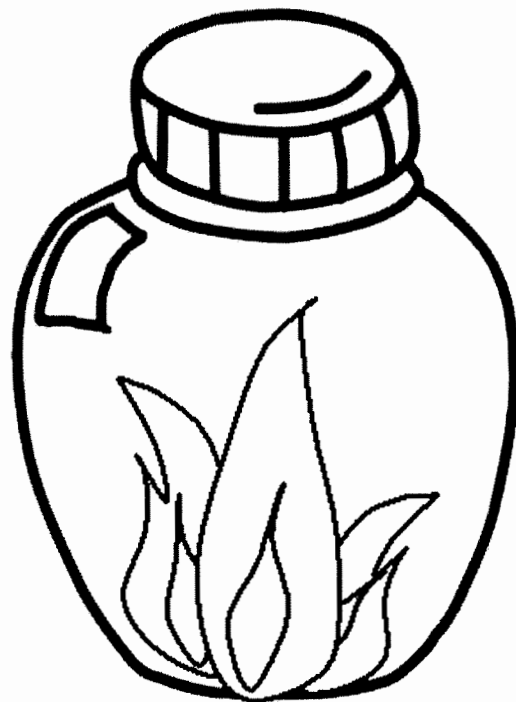


Gideon was chosen by God to be a leader of his people.
Help Gideon find his army.

Gideon Word Search

C A M P S R A J
P R O O F G L Z
E M T D R O W S
M K N I R D T T

camp
drink
jars
proof
sword



Trumpets and Torches



Israel



altar



men



army



afraid



trumpet



torch



jar



shout

Enemies took 's sheep, cows and food. The ites prayed to God for help. Gideon was a brave man from . God said to him, "Tear down the s of the false gods." Gideon obeyed. Gideon got from to make an . God said, "You have too many . who were . God said, "There are still too many .. What a small ! Each man took a . Each man had a in a . 's circled the enemy . They blew their s. They broke their and ed. The enemy 's soldiers got mixed up. They killed each other. God helped win.

Whos and Whats

Read the story "Trumpets and Torches." Then read the Questions. Match them with the Answers.

Draw a line between each correct match.

Questions

What the enemies took

What Gideon tore down

Who was sent home

What they broke

How many Gideon kept

What was in the jars

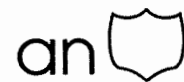
What Gideon made

Who helped Israel

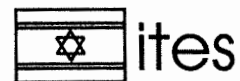
Who prayed to God

What the soldiers did

Answers



sheep



men



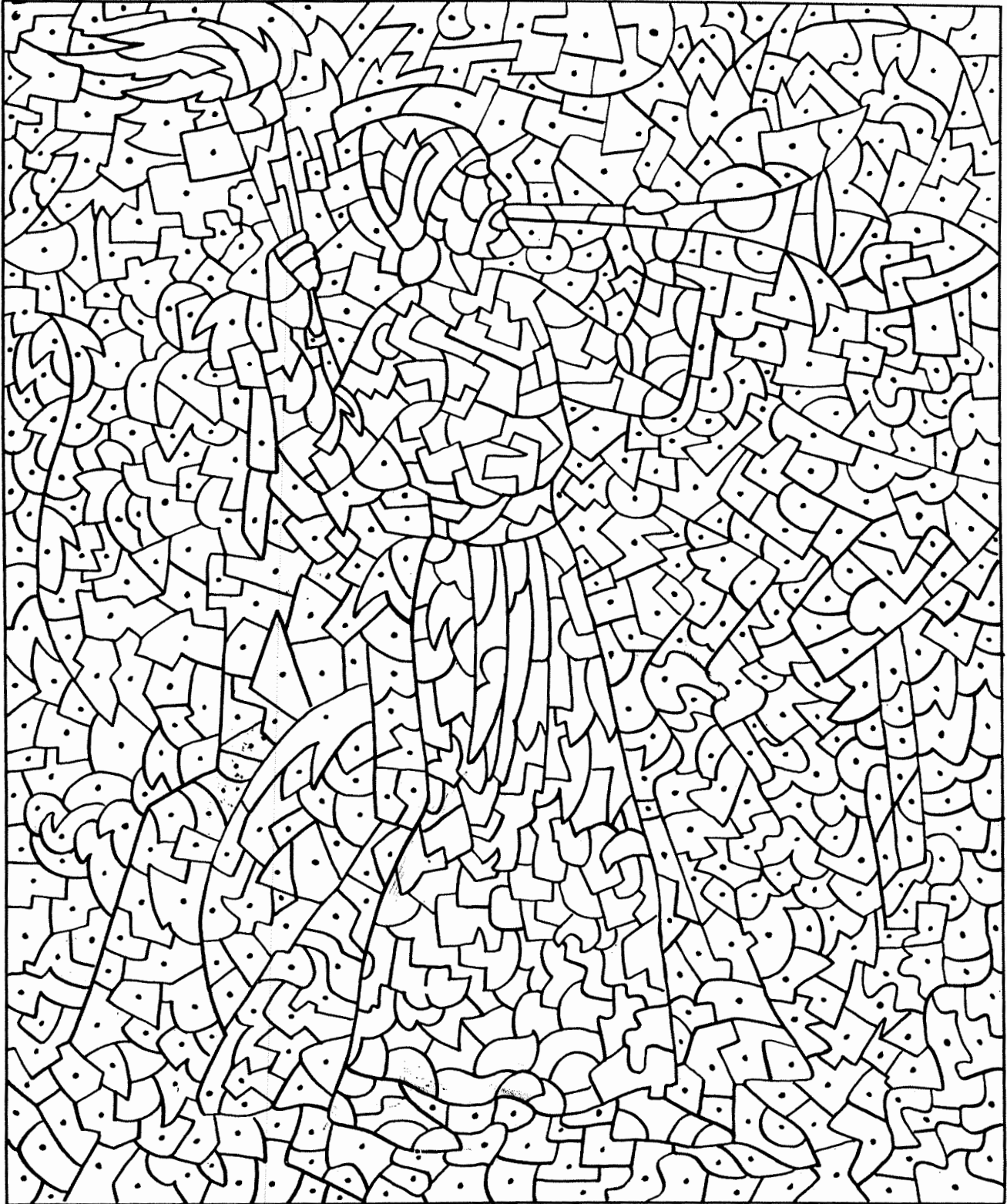
300

got mixed up

God

Gideon in Battle

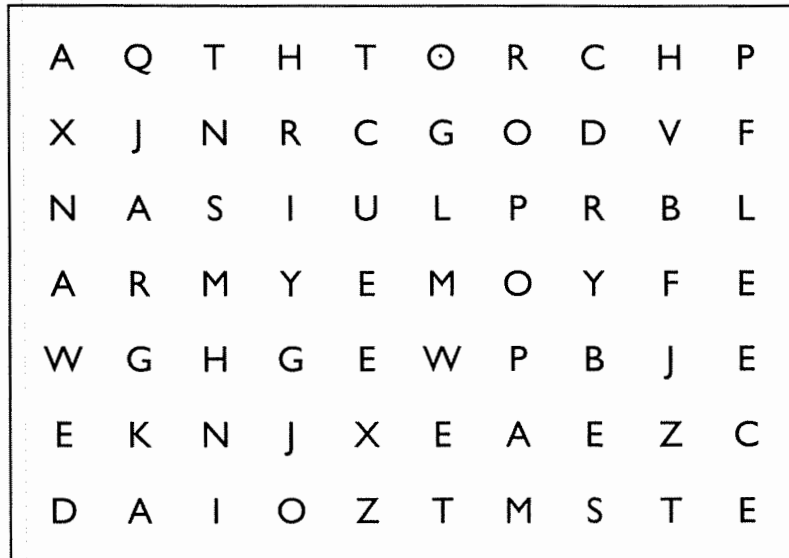
When Gideon led his soldiers against the Midianites it was very dark. Use a black crayon or pencil and color each space that has a dot in it. Do not color the empty spaces. Then see what you have left.



GIDEON'S VICTORY

God helped Gideon defeat the mighty Midianite army with only a few men.
Judges 7 tells his story.

Find the words from Gideon's story hidden in the puzzle.



ANGEL

ARMY

DRY

FLEECE

GOD

JAR

TORCH

TRUMPET

WET

Answers on page 16

Gideon Word Search

P	M	A	C	D	T	W	Y	S	V	M	K	D	T	A
S	A	B	R	T	A	B	R	H	I	S	C	E	O	N
F	D	I	H	R	W	A	T	D	D	M	A	P	R	G
P	N	R	R	U	J	G	I	F	R	L	T	I	C	E
K	E	I	S	D	N	A	S	U	O	H	T	H	H	L
E	O	M	R	E	N	D	B	Y	W	F	A	S	E	I
R	I	S	R	I	H	I	R	N	S	T	O	R	S	J
W	V	T	T	R	U	M	P	E	T	S	E	O	J	K
T	S	E	K	A	E	W	T	Z	D	M	M	W	R	N
A	S	F	L	E	E	C	E	S	D	N	A	H	T	P

angel
attack
camp
drink
fleece
hands
jars
Midianites
proof

strength
sword
thousands
three hundred
torches
trumpets
warrior
weakest
worshiped



Gideon

Judges 6-8

Read the Scripture, then circle each word from the word bank hidden in the puzzle. Words may appear forward or backwards, moving up, down, or diagonally.



Word Bank

Valley of Jezreel
dream
wool fleece
swords
drink
us (2)

hill country
unleavened bread
brothers
Midianites
Gideon
of (3)

caves
gold rings
Zeeb
Oreb
Mount Gilead

battle
Pass of Heres
succoth
bread
Zebah

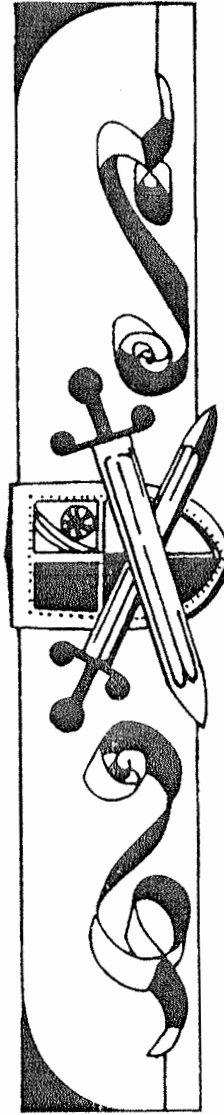
asher
water
Moreh
son
and

Bonus: To discover how many men Gideon took with him, shade in the uncircled letters.

Gideon's Army

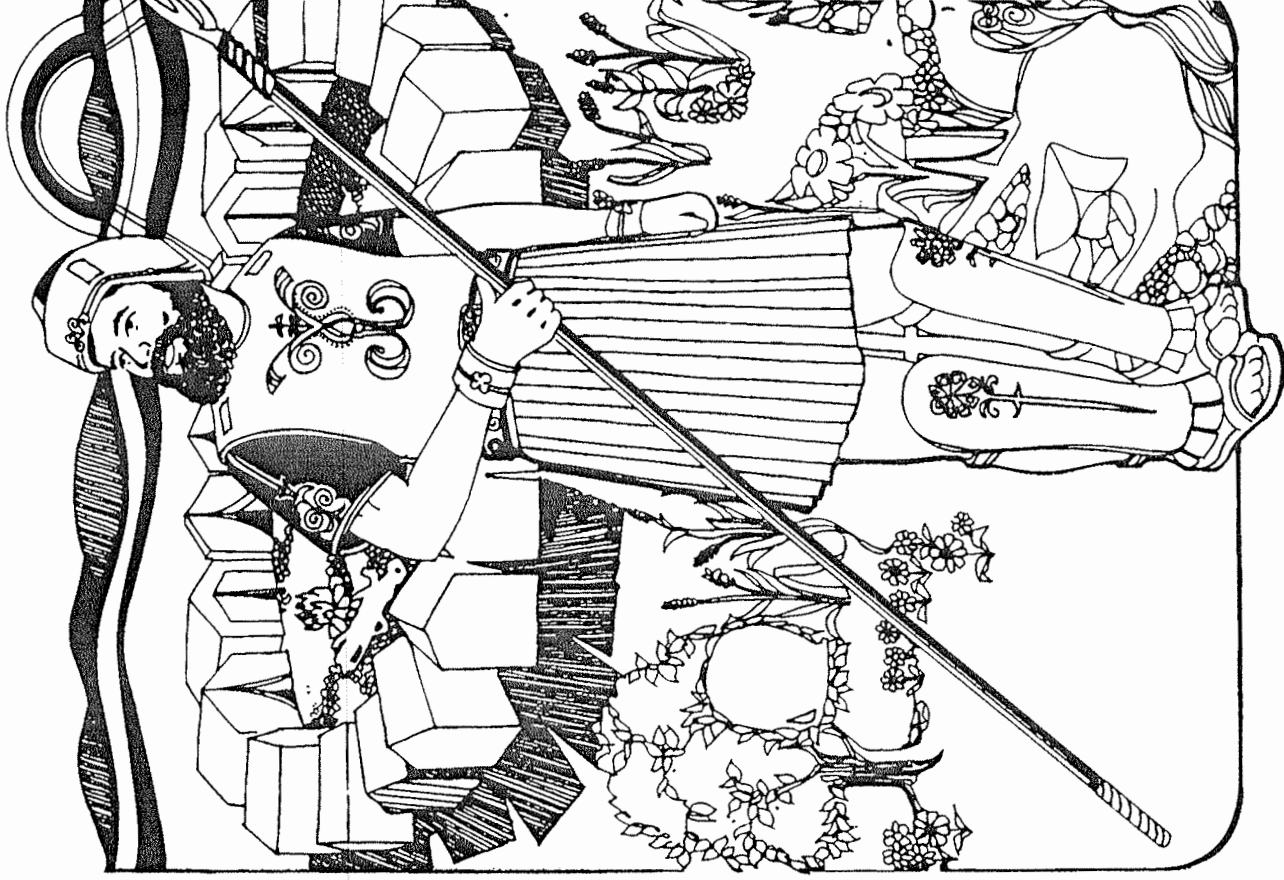
In the Book of Judges (chapters 6, 7, 8) is the story of Gideon and how he won a battle over the enemies of Israel. Read the story and fill in the blanks below. Then in the big picture find little pictures of the words you have filled in.

There were so many enemies that they seemed to be like _____
 in the valley. They had so many _____ that the Israelites couldn't begin to
 count them. God told Gideon to use only three hundred men to fight that large army.
 Gideon chose his men by watching how they drank water from the stream. Every man
 who lapped water like a _____ was chosen to be one of Gideon's men. Their
 weapons were a _____, an empty _____, and a _____
 _____. All the soldiers were told to shout, "The _____
 of the Lord and Gideon." God was with Gideon and his men. The Israelites won the
 battle. (KJV)

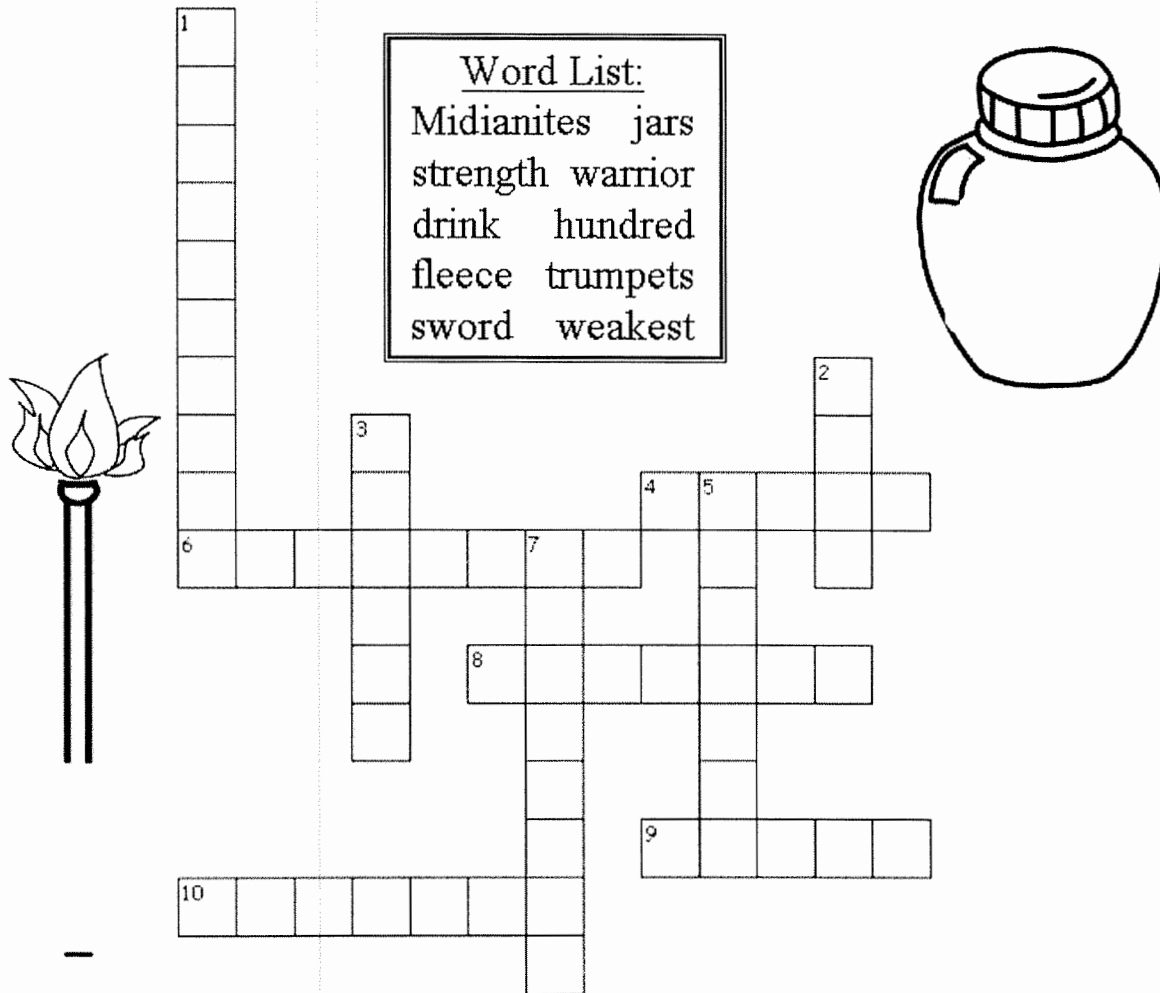


What did the angel of the Lord say to Gideon at the winepress? Unscramble the letters below.

EHT DRLO SI HIWT EHT E, UHOT GHYMTI AMN FO URVOLA.



Gideon Crossword



Across

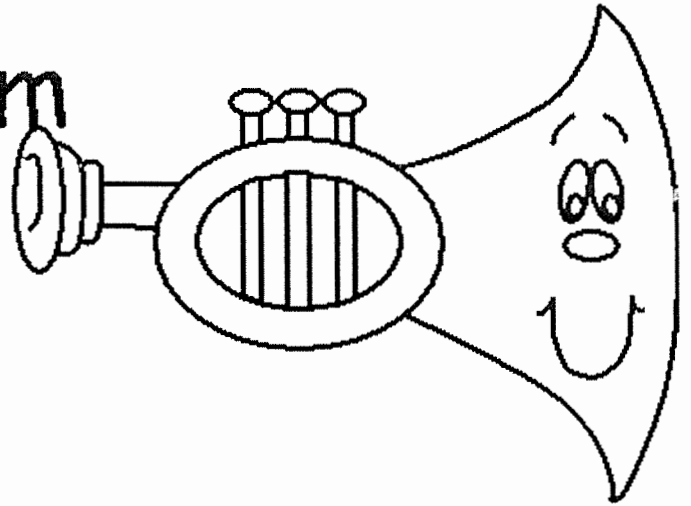
4. The Israelite army chanted: The ____ of the Lord and of Gideon.
6. It was God's ____ that won the battle for the Israelites.
8. The army started out being thousands and ended up being three ____.
9. The army got smaller after God asked Gideon to watch the men do this.
10. Gideon thought he was the ____ in his clan, but God didn't see him that way.

Down

1. These were the people that God helped Gideon defeat.
2. The army carried trumpets and broke these to scare the Midians.
3. Gideon wanted to see if this was wet and the ground was dry.
5. When the angel approached Gideon he called him a mighty ____.
7. There was no fighting. The army blew these and scared the Midian's away.

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Gideon Anagram



ceeefl _____

dehioprsw _____

adhnosstu _____

aekstw _____

aiorrrw _____

adeiiimnst _____

aacktt _____

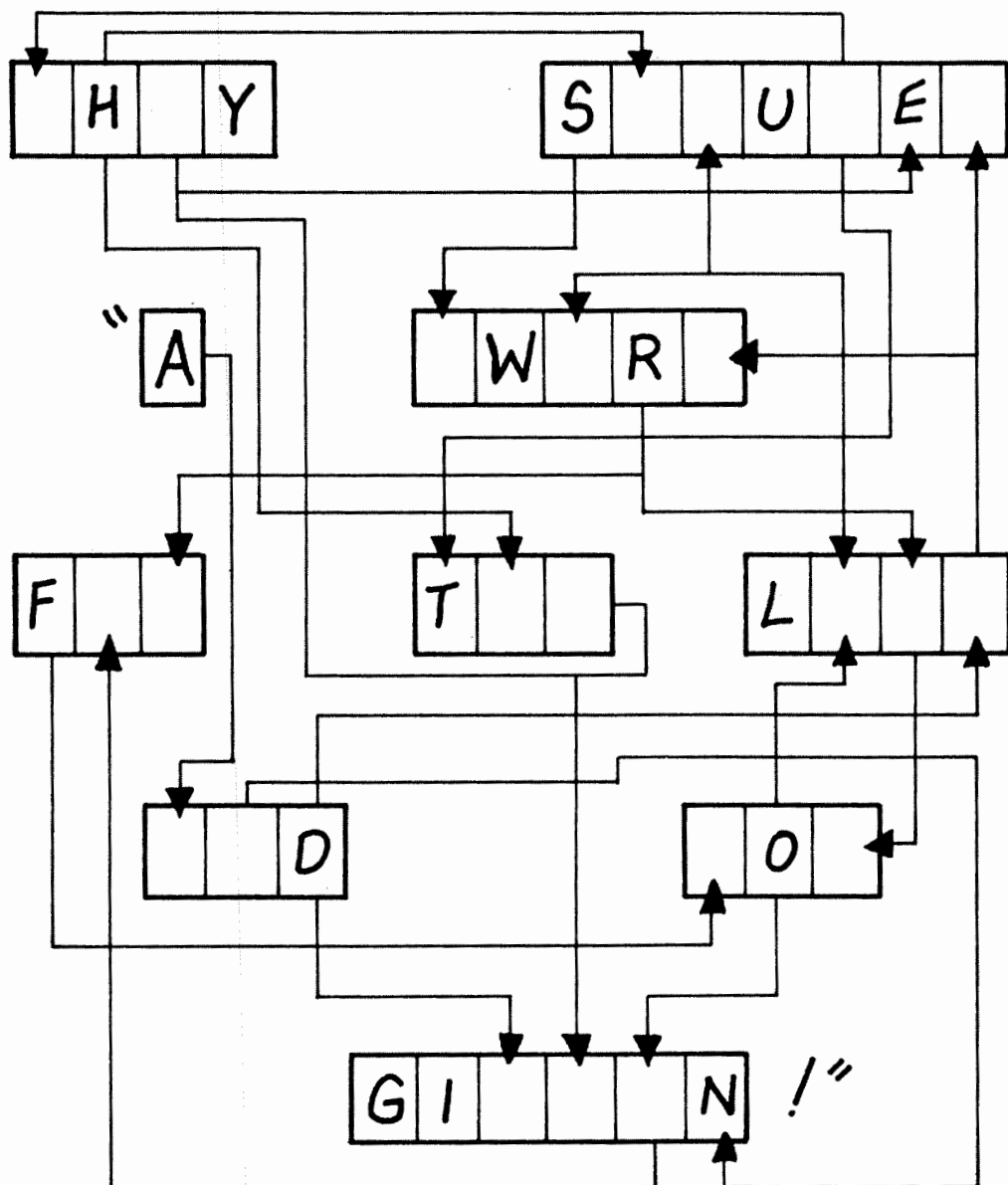
emprsttu _____

eghnrstt _____

cehorst _____

SURPRISE

Israel's army was very small, but they followed God's directions. Find their battle cry from Judges 7:20 by filling in the boxes. All the boxes connect with a box containing the same letter.



63. GIDEON'S ARMY OF 300 (JUDGES 7:1-25)

MEMORY VERSE:

"Then it will be, that of whom I say to you, 'This one shall go with you,' the same shall go with you; and of whomever I say to you, 'This one shall not go with you,' the same shall not go." JUDGES 7:4

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

1. "The LORD said to Gideon, 'The people who are with you are too (**MANY**, **FEW**) for Me to give to the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel claim glory for itself against Me, saying, 'My own hand has saved me.' " **JUDGES 7:2**
2. The LORD then said to Gideon, "Now therefore proclaim in the hearing of the people, saying, 'Whoever is fearful and afraid, let him turn and (**FIGHT**, **DEPART**) at once from Mount Gilead.' " **JUDGES 7:3**

TRUE OR FALSE:

3. "And twenty-two thousand of the people returned, and ten thousand remained." **JUDGES 7:3**
TRUE OR FALSE
4. And the LORD said to Gideon, "Now the people are too few!" **JUDGES 7:4**
TRUE OR FALSE

MATCHING:

DRAW A LINE FROM WHAT THE LORD HAS SAID TO DO TO THE CORRECT RESPONSE ON THE RIGHT-

5. The LORD said, "Bring them down to the water, and I will test them for you there. Then it will be, that of whom I say to you..." **JUDGES 7:4**

THIS ONE SHALL GO WITH YOU

THE SAME SHALL NOT GO

THIS ONE SHALL NOT GO WITH YOU

THE SAME SHALL GO WITH YOU

TRUE OR FALSE:

6. "So he brought the people down to the water. And the LORD said to Gideon, 'Everyone who laps from the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set apart by himself.' " **JUDGES 7:5**
TRUE OR FALSE
7. "Likewise everyone who gets down on his knees to drink." **JUDGES 7:5**
TRUE OR FALSE

FILL IN THE BLANK:

8. "And the number of those who lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was three _____ men; but all the rest of the people got down on their knees to drink water." **JUDGES 7:6**

TRUE OR FALSE:

9. "Then the LORD said, 'By the three hundred men who lapped I will save you, and deliver the Midianites into your hand.' " **JUDGES 7:7**

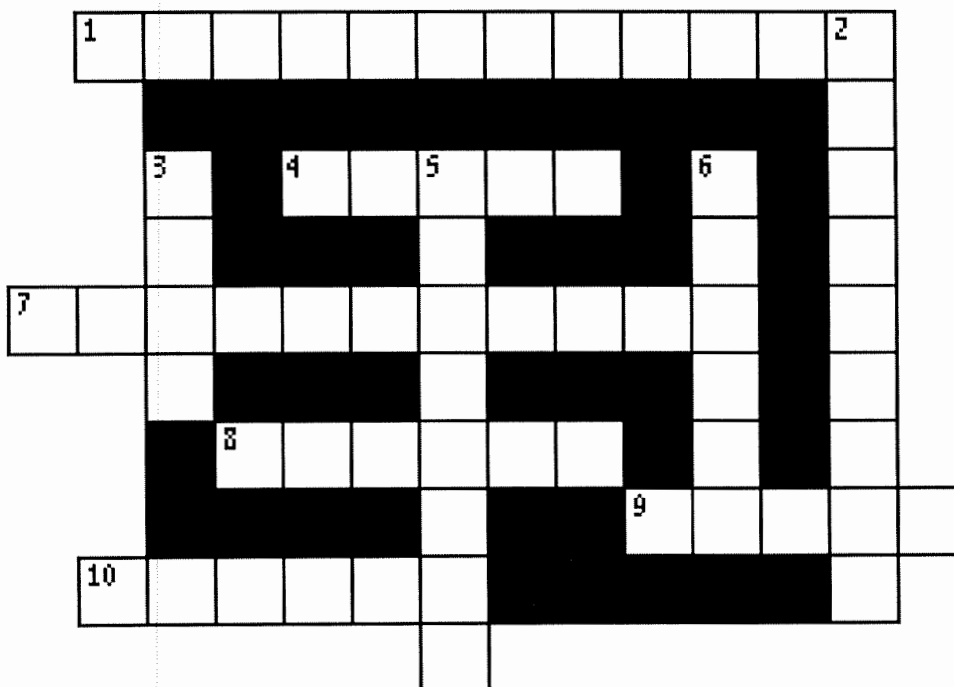
TRUE OR FALSE

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

10. "And it happened on the same night that the LORD said to him, 'Arise, go down against the camp, for I have (**DELIVERED**, **REMOVED**) it into your hand.' " **JUDGES 7:9**
11. Gideon's "three companies blew the (**FLUTES**, **TRUMPETS**) and broke the (**PITCHERS**, **ARROWS**)- they held the torches in their left hands and the trumpets in their right hands for blowing-- and they cried, 'The sword of the LORD and of Gideon!' And every man stood in his place all around the camp; and the whole army ran and cried out and fled." **JUDGES 7:20-21**

63. GIDEON'S ARMY OF 300

(JUDGES 7:1-25)



- 3 DOWN "The LORD said to Gideon, 'The people who are with you are too _____ for Me to give to the Midianites into their hands.' " **JUDGES 7:2**
- 10 ACROSS The LORD then said to Gideon, "Now therefore proclaim in the hearing of the people, saying, 'Whoever is fearful and afraid, let him turn and _____ at once from Mount Gilead.' " **JUDGES 7:3**
- 7 ACROSS "And twenty-two thousand of the people returned, and _____ remained." **JUDGES 7:3**
- 6 DOWN "And the LORD said to _____, 'The people are still too many.' " **JUDGES 7:4**
- 4 ACROSS "So he brought the people down to the _____. And the LORD said to Gideon, 'Everyone who laps from the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set apart by himself.' " **JUDGES 7:5**
- 9 ACROSS "Likewise everyone who gets down on his _____ to drink." **JUDGES 7:5**
- 1 ACROSS "And the number of those who lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was _____ men; but all the rest of the people got down on their knees to drink water." **JUDGES 7:6**
- 8 ACROSS "Then the LORD said, 'By the three hundred men who _____ I will save you, and deliver the Midianites into your hand.' " **JUDGES 7:7**
- 2 DOWN "And it happened on the same night that the LORD said to him, 'Arise, go down against the camp, for I have _____ it into your hand.' " **JUDGES 7:9**
- 5 DOWN Gideon's "three companies blew the _____ and broke the pitchers- they held the torches in their left hands and the trumpets in their right hands for blowing." **JUDGES 7:20-21**

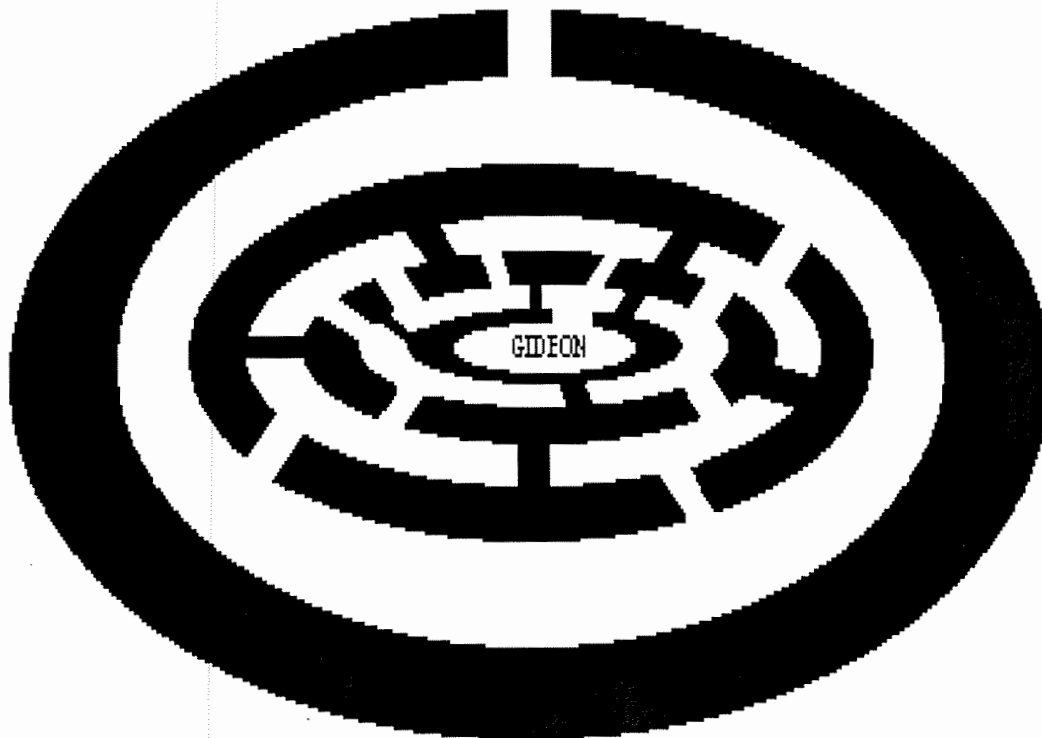
63. GIDEON'S ARMY OF 300 (JUDGES 7:1-25)

N Q T Y A I J P Y O W B P C O A J U A Q
 S S E H C R O T O J Y D N U I H C D R L
 Z I A L W W T I F J P T S M T A V S L K
 K P Q I T Z E Q V E Z O U R E H T J W D
 B K N E E S J D X A W O O D E Z W H J D
 Z H S E T I N A I D I M F L J H H Q U O
 F Z F O P K Z J S W B A L S D Y C O O K
 H I H V E K Z Q V L M N L V R N P T E Q
 N V P Q S Q K R M Z W Y M R I J J E I K
 G V J Z G J C I A X P R S C N T H W P P
 I B T U D B T L Z P F C Z M K P Q E T L
 D D E R D N U H E E R H T L K S O B C W
 E Q B A E B I S S J I G F B K T A K S K
 O Y I N P R O T H H X R P P P E W S C I
 N E A M Z B T L M G G G G A Z P V U H J
 G L M G C K A F E E Y N K C Y M M H U S
 M O U N T G I L E A D G B W Y U F P E U
 Y N P F C E N A R U R Z U J O R E T A W
 G V D E P P A L S W P S G L J T S E C E
 R Q T H Q F R Y V D Y J I M F L W V N A

DRINK
 GIDEON
 ISRAEL
 KNEES
 LAPPED

MIDIANITES
 MOUNT GILEAD
 PITCHERS
 THREE HUNDRED

TOO MANY
 TORCHES
 TRUMPETS
 WATER



Gideon Obays God

Judges 6 — 7

The Midianites were enemies of God's people. God chose Gideon to lead an army to defeat the Midianites. Because Gideon obeyed God, his little army of only 300 men won a great victory.

The hidden words come from this story in Judges 6-7. The code following each word tells the coordinates where one of the letters of the word is hidden in the puzzle. After you have found all the hidden words, start at the upper left and use all the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the bottom of the page with a Bible verse that tells us how we can learn about God.

AFRAID (4K)		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N		NOTHING (6F)
AMALEKITES (14C)	1	B	B	E	S	D	N	M	I	A	L	C	O	R	P	1	OUTSIDE (4B)
BLOW (2A)	2	L	N	D	O	O	T	S	V	A	U	N	T	T	P	2	PEOPLE (12E)
BRAKE (13K)	3	O	I	O	E	W	O	L	L	E	F	L	L	L	S	3	PITCHERS (5H)
CAMP (8J)	4	W	U	D	T	N	A	N	D	T	R	R	A	K	A	4	PLACE (5K)
DEPART (12B)	5	P	I	T	C	H	E	R	S	H	A	C	A	L	V	5	PROCLAIM (1N)
DOWN (4E)	6	G	N	R	S	O	I	W	A	G	E	T	C	I	E	6	ROSE (11K)
FEARFUL (7J)	7	A	D	U	H	I	A	N	T	I	F	A	I	K	D	7	ROUND (12H)
FELLOW (3F)	8	T	E	M	A	M	D	G	G	N	M	O	R	E	S	8	SAVED (3N)
GATHERED (7A)	9	H	P	P	D	S	S	E	R	P	E	N	I	W	D	9	STOOD (2G)
GIDEON (3D)	10	E	A	E	R	H	P	S	O	A	L	B	O	I	R	10	SWORD (12J)
GOD (12I)	11	R	R	T	O	M	W	F	U	O	G	R	O	S	E	11	TRUMPETS (9C)
HANDS (6H)	12	E	T	S	L	P	E	R	N	O	D	A	T	E	T	12	TUMBLED (13E)
HEAR (8L)	13	D	T	U	M	B	L	E	D	Y	S	K	I	X	A	13	VAUNT (2K)
HOST (10E)	14	T	E	A	M	A	L	E	K	I	T	E	S	N	W	14	WATER (14N)
LIKEWISE (5M)		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N		WELL (11F)
LORD (9D)																	WINEPRESS (9J)
NIGHT (7I)																	

HIDDEN VERSE: _____ , _____
 _____ . _____ - _____ :