

Family Theme | **Rely on God's Power** Date | **January 12, 2025**

Study Text | **Judges 7:1-23**

Read the Word: Judges 7:1-23

Disciple Your Family: Encourage family members to trust and obey God knowing He has the knowledge and power to accomplish His purposes.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.

 **Key Truth: Success Comes From God's Power, Not by Our Own Strength (Judges 7:1-8)**


APPLY: Learn to depend on God in every situation. Do not trust in your own strength.

- *What lesson was God teaching by reducing the size of the army? (God can give us victory no matter the odds against us; humbly depend on God in every situation; etc.)*
- *God was doing something so miraculous that everyone would know only He deserved credit for the victory. What are some areas in which we might boast in ourselves, taking credit away from God?*

APPLY: Trust and obey God even when it doesn't seem to make sense.

APPLY: God gives success and victory when we trust and obey Him.

- *When do you find it difficult to trust God? Why should you trust Him anyway?*
- *Tell the group of a situation where you faced insurmountable odds, but God worked through it, which caused you to trust Him more.*

 **Key Truth: God Encourages and Strengthens Us When We Need It (Judges 7:9-15)**

APPLY: Trust God to do what is necessary to accomplish His purposes.

- *Gideon was facing an internal struggle. What are some things in life that might cause us to be anxious, hesitant, or afraid?*

APPLY: Step out in faith to do what God leads you to do, trusting God with the outcome.

- *What do you know about God that gives you courage to follow and obey Him?*

APPLY: Look to God, His Word, and His people for encouragement, and encourage others who need it.

- *When has God used His Word to encourage and strengthen you?*
- *In what times and ways have people encouraged you? Whom could you encourage this week?*

 **Key Truth: God Does Amazing Things When We Trust and Obey Him (Judges 7:16-23)**

APPLY: God deserves the glory for all He has done for us.

- *We often praise and honor God for "major" blessings and victories. What are some "small" blessings and victories we should give God glory for? (Daily provision; the health and ability to earn a living; a roof over our head; etc.)*

APPLY: It's best to follow every command and instruction God gives us.

- *This battle plan was certainly unorthodox. What are some unusual things that God sometimes asks us to do?*
- *Why is God still worthy of praise even when things don't work out like we think they should?*
- *If we truly believe God's ways are best, how will that change our daily lives and decisions?*

Build a Foundation: Discussion questions for elementary students.

- Why did God reduce the number of men He sent with Gideon?
- How did hearing the Midianite soldier's dream encourage Gideon?
- Why is it important to know what the Bible says about sin?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: *Psalm 46:1*



Discuss This Week's Building Block:

Archaeological discoveries are additional evidence of the reliability of Scripture.

Everyday Extras:

Name different situations that bring fear and require courage. Talk about different things that give your child comfort and courage (special blanket or stuffed animal, verses from the Bible, etc.) Talk about ways you bravely face fearful times and situations. Remind family members to remember to rely on God's power. Learn some verses together to use to remember to trust God's plan.

Preschool Highlights:

Today your child learned God left Gideon with only 300 men to fight against the huge Midianite army. Gideon and his men attacked their enemy by shouting and smashing jars with torches. The Midianites were so afraid that they began fighting with each other. God helped Gideon and his men defeat the Midianites. **I Can Trust God** in every situation.