# LESSON 16

# 300 MEN DEFEAT A MULTITUDE



**Aim:** **To show the children that we are not saved by our own effort, but by the grace of God.**

**Scripture Reading:** **Judges 7:8-22**

**Memory Verse:** **Judges 7:15**
**"The Lord has given the Midianite camp into your hands."**

## PRESENTING THE LESSON

### STARTING POINT

**Ask the class what equipment they think an army needs when it goes into battle.** Examples: It will need well-trained soldiers, guns, tanks and ammunition, as well as radios to keep in contact with the commanders.

### MAIN POINTS OF THE LESSON

1. Gideon was leading the Israelites against the large army of the Midianites. They had more men and camels than anyone could count (7:12). Gideon only had 300 men, but he also had God's guidance (7:8-9).
2. God encouraged Gideon by telling him to go in secret with his servant, Purah, down to the Midianite camp and listen to what they were saying about the Israelites (7:10-11).
3. **Describe how Gideon and Purah went and overheard the Midianite soldiers.** They discovered that the Midianites were very frightened of Gideon and his little group of soldiers because they knew God was with them (7:13-15).
4. Gideon was encouraged by what he had heard, but he gave his 300 soldiers some unusual instructions and weapons. **Describe how the soldiers were divided into three groups of 100.** Apart from a sword, every soldier was given a trumpet and a light inside a jar. Everyone had to watch Gideon and do just as he did (7:16-18).
5. Gideon led his soldiers to the Midianite camp. **Describe what happens in 7:19-20. All the children can act this out as you tell the story. Everyone can blow through their hands to make the sound of the trumpets, and clap their hands to represent the jars breaking. You could use a regular torch to shine the light, and then everyone can shout, "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!"**
6. We have now made a loud noise, but Gideon's 300 men made a greater one. It frightened and confused the Midianites so much that some started fighting each other, while the rest ran away (7:21-22). **Show Picture 16.** Israel was saved, thanks to God.



Look,Listen&Live_Book3.indd 40 2012/09/10 10:44 AM



## Our Response to the Story

Cici was a seven-year-old girl from a poor home in an Asian town. She liked to go to a Bible Club called Happy Wednesday, with about 70 others. One day she arrived there when it was almost dark, long after the meeting was over. "I'm sorry I'm late," she said, "but when it was time to come my dad locked me up in a room. He doesn't like me coming here. But I love hearing about Jesus. I have prayed about this. What shall I do?" The leader and Cici prayed together, and then they decided that she could come to the Club on another day. God helped a little girl triumph over circumstances that seemed much stronger than she was.

## Instil the Memory Verse






Look,Listen&Live_Book3.indd 41 2012/09/10 10:44 AM