

# Sunday School Family Sheet: Speak Well

## Sunday, February 21, 2021

This sheet is for an adult member of the home to use as a guide for discussing the Sunday School Bible lesson with children.

**For this lesson:** You will need either:  
1) a Bible, or  
2) 365 Bible Stories and Prayers  
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*(Call the church office 9715-848-7286 for help getting one)*

1. **Read and Talk.** Read aloud Judges 6 & 7 or pp. 94-98 in 365 Bible Stories and Prayers.

Before reading aloud, share the following: “Gideon was known as a ‘judge,’ someone God called to help save His people Israel from their enemies. A ‘judge’ was often a person skilled in the art of war, a military leader, but even if they were very skilled, God always made sure the judge, like Gideon, trusted in Him and not in their own strength and abilities.” Then ask the children to keep these questions in mind as you read. *After reading, go over the answers and guide them towards the answers here:*

- a. What would Israel do when they would be attacked by an enemy?  
*(They would cry out to God for help. They would pray for God to help.)*
- b. What did Gideon ask God to do for him? Why did he ask such a thing?  
*(Gideon asked for a sign from God so that he knew that he could trust in God’s plan for him.)*
- c. Once Gideon was certain God chose him to be a judge, what did God tell Gideon to do? *(He told Gideon to make his army smaller! He told Gideon that He would make Gideon win the battle.)*
- d. How did Gideon and only 300 soldiers win the battle? *(They blew trumpets [like Joshua!] and held up lights for the Midianites to hear and see Israel and be scared. The Midianites even fought against their own people in the confusion.)*

2. **Teach.** After you’ve talked a bit, share these or similar thoughts: God uses the gifts that He gives to people. Some people are good leaders, like Gideon, but they still need God’s help to be successful. If Gideon didn’t do what God said to do, he and his men would have surely lost to Midian. But they obeyed and they trusted in God; they listened to Gideon (even if it seemed difficult at times) and did what God wanted them to do. In our lives we will need to do the right thing, obeying God, when it seems a lot easier to do the wrong thing. God will help us in all that we need to do!

3. **Pray.** Have the children cross themselves and say, “In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Also, lead them in this prayer: “Gracious God, we don’t know if we can lead like Gideon, but we know that we can follow Jesus, Your Son and our Lord. You have baptized us in Your holy name and given us Your Holy Spirit. Without Your love and wisdom in our lives it would be impossible. Thank You for making the impossible possible! Amen”