

# GIDEON DEFEATED MIDIAN

WE WERE MADE TO BRING GLORY TO GOD.



## TORCH BUNDLE

**GIDEON** gathered several thousand soldiers to battle the **MIDIANITES**. But after time and testing, only 300 soldiers went into battle. Each soldier **CARRIED A TRUMPET** in one hand and **A TORCH** in the other. The torch in this picture is from the 9th or 10th Century BC and could be similar to the ones carried by the soldiers.

Usually only army officers carried torches but this time, **ALL 300 ISRAELITES** carried a torch. This made it seem like their army was huge. Turn to **JUDGES 7-8** to discover how the Midianites reacted.

## GOD'S WEIRD, AMAZING PLANS

God's plans may seem weird to us, but God's plan is never weird to God. He can do the impossible! Match the Bible story to the correct description to review some of God's amazing plans.

DAVID AND GOLIATH

THE BATTLE OF JERICO

GIDEON DEFEATED MIDIAN

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

300 MEN DEFEATED AN ARMY USING TRUMPETS, TORCHES, AND PITCHERS. (JUDGES 7)

A SHEPHERD WAS SENT TO FIGHT A GIANT. (1 SAMUEL 17)

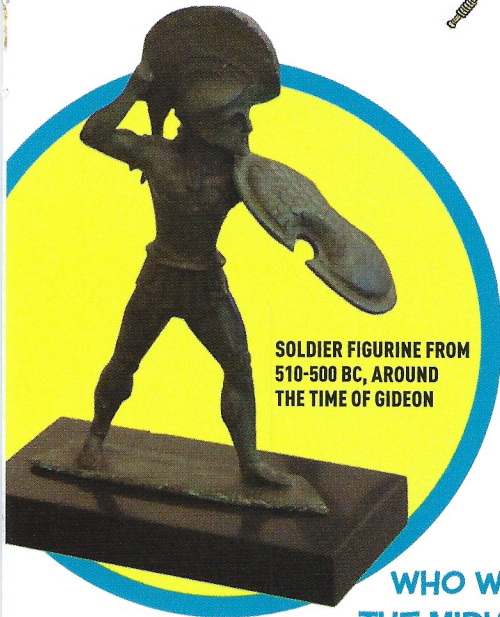
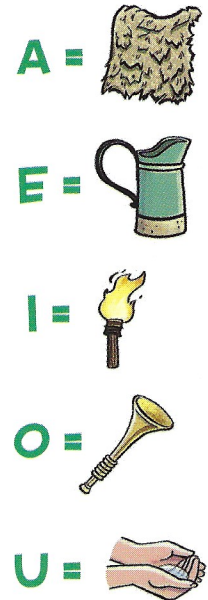
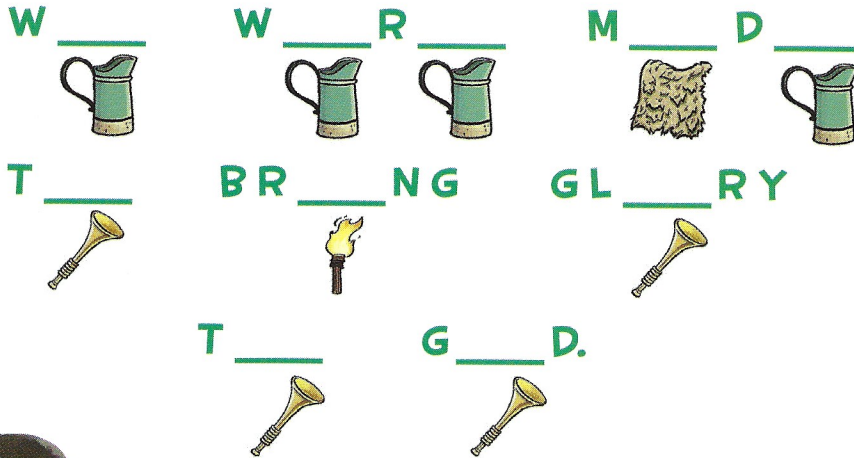
A YOUNG WOMAN GAVE BIRTH TO THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD IN A PLACE ANIMALS WERE KEPT. (LUKE 2)

A CITY WAS DEFEATED WHEN A GROUP OF PEOPLE MARCHED AROUND IT. (JOSHUA 6)



### CODED VOWELS

Use the code to review a message from today's Bible story.



### WHO WERE THE MIDIANITES?

The Israelites and the Midianites had common ancestors and were related tribes—similar to how you are related to your cousins.

The Midianites worshiped false gods and led Israel to sin against the one true God. Because of this, the tribes were at war with one another. Bible stories about the Midianites are recorded from the Book of Exodus through the Book of Judges.

### STARTLING BEHAVIOR

The Midianites must have been so scared when they saw 300 torches in the night. 300 torches should have meant 300 commanders leading THOUSANDS of soldiers to invade their camp.

But the 300 Israelites were using the torches to make their army seem larger than it was.

These cool creatures also make themselves look larger to scare off predators.



### EURASIAN EAGLE OWL



**THIS IS KNOWN AS DEIMATIC (DIE-UH-MA-TIC) BEHAVIOR, OR STARTLE DISPLAY.**