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if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.
2 Chronicles 7:14

1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?

My child has completed the Christ Connection on his/her own and has discussed it with me:
Parent Signature: _____



Unit 8 • Session 3

GIDEON LED ISRAEL

Judges 6-7

WHAT IS REPENTANCE?

REPENTANCE IS TURNING AWAY FROM SIN AND TURNING TO JESUS.

The Israelites continued to do what was evil in the sight of the Lord. So, the Lord handed them over to the Midianites. God's people cried out to the Lord. The angel of the Lord appeared to a man named Gideon. The angel said, "The Lord is with you. I am sending you to rescue My people from Midian."

"But how can I do that?", asked Gideon. "I am from the weakest family in Israel." God said, "I will be with you, and you will have victory." The Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon. Gideon said to God, "I will put a wool fleece on the ground. If there is dew on the fleece, but the ground is dry, then I will know that you will give Israel victory." When he woke, the fleece was wet, and the ground was dry. Again, Gideon said to God, "Let me make one more test. This time, let the fleece be dry and the ground be wet." That night, God did as Gideon requested. So, the army went to fight the Midianites.

The Lord said to Gideon. "You have too many troops. If you fight with this many people, Israel will think they defeated the Midianites on their own. So, Gideon told anyone who was fearful of the battle to go home. Twenty-two thousand troops left. The Lord said, "There are still too many troops. Take them down to the water, and everyone who laps water like a dog will stay to fight the battle." Only three hundred troops remained.

The Israelites made a great noise, shouting, "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!" The Midianites turned on each other with their swords. God's people won the battle.

Christ Connection: Gideon could have never won the battle without God's power. Victory came from God alone. We cannot save ourselves from sin. Only Jesus can save us from our sin.

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