

ONE CONVERSATION™

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

BIBLE
STUDIES
FOR LIFE

EXODUS 23:1-3,6-9

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: Justice is what most people look for in any society. Unfortunately, the reality of injustice is just as common. We all want justice when we've been wronged, but are we as ready to step up when it's someone else needing justice? We cannot ignore injustice because our apathy or inaction is simply another form of injustice. We can't right every wrong, but God calls us to be His champions for justice.

PRESCHOOL



JUDGES 6-8

LIVE IT OUT: Ask your child to name some things God wants people to do. Help her work to do what God says.

Some people called Midianites were hurting God's people. The Midianites stole their crops. The people prayed for God's help.

One day as Gideon was working, an angel appeared to him. The angel called him a mighty warrior. The angel said that Gideon must lead his men to save his people from the Midianites.

Gideon did not know how to do this, since he was not strong. "God will give you the victory," the angel said.

God chose the men who would go with Gideon by the way they drank water from a stream. Gideon had 300 men. Each man had a torch in a clay jar and a trumpet. Gideon and his men surrounded the Midianites' camp. It was dark and late. At the signal, the men blew their trumpets and broke their jars. The Midianites were confused and ran away. Gideon and his men followed and defeated them. God had given them the victory!

KIDS



JUDGES 6-8

LIVE IT OUT: Talk with your child about different choices she makes every day. Remind her that God wants her to make right choices. Pray with your child that she will make the choices God wants her to make.

One day, God sent an angel to Gideon. "God sent me to tell you that He has heard your people praying and asking for His help," the angel said. "You are the one God chose to help them."

Gideon said he did not have an army and that the Midianites were too strong. God announced that He would be with Gideon.

God chose men to fight by the way they drank from a stream. Now Gideon had only 300 men. And the enemy had 120,000 men!

God helped Gideon know what to do. Gideon gave every man a trumpet and an empty pitcher with a torch inside. He placed directed the men to surround the enemy camp. At Gideon's signal, the men broke the pitchers and blew their trumpets. "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon!" they shouted.

The enemy was frightened and began to fight one another. The battle was won!

STUDENTS



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THE POINT: God wants us to defend those who can't defend themselves.

- Discuss with your student some of the injustices you see in your community and how you can take action to help.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to do one or both Live It Out activities in the Personal Study Guide. Here are some suggested ways to help your student:

*If your student plans to complete **Called To Action**:*

- Help your student determine what social justice topic to choose.
- Commit to serve alongside your student.

*If your student plans to complete **Do More**:*

- Encourage your student to stand up against bullying.
- Be an encouragement to students, or even other adults, who may be bullied in your community or church.

Discuss the following quote: "It takes great courage to open one's heart and mind to the tremendous injustice and suffering in our world."¹—Vincent A. Gallagher

1. Vincent A. Gallagher, *The Truth Cost of Low Prices: The Violence of Globalization* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Book, 2006), 96.