

GIDEON - Judges 6 & 7



CAST: Gideon, Angel of the Lord, Narrator, God,
2 soldiers, extra soldiers, swords

PROPS: Meat, bread, soup, staff, trumpet, fleece, bowl
of water, pitcher with torch

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ANGEL: God is with you, brave warrior!

GIDEON: If God is with us why are we in a mess? He has turned His back on us.

ANGEL: Go and save Israel because I have sent you.

GIDEON: My Lord, our clan is the weakest and I'm least important in my family.

ANGEL: You will defeat the enemy as if they were only 1 man!

GIDEON: How do I know who you really are? Wait here while I get my gift.

NARRATOR: Gideon produces goat-meat, unleavened bread and soup.
The Angel's staff ignites the offering on the rock and burns it up.

GIDEON: Oh no! God, I've seen your special Angel face to face!

ANGEL: Relax! Don't be afraid - you won't die.

Later that night...

GOD: Knock down the town's idol, chop it up and sacrifice your father's 2nd
bullock on it.

NARRATOR: So Gideon took 10 servants and did it at night because he was
afraid. He sure wasn't popular with the townsfolk next morning!
Soon the enemy invaded the land so Gideon blew his trumpet and summonsed
everybody to fight them.

1st Test: fleece wet & ground dry > 1 bowl of water

Next night: fleece dry and ground wet

NARRATOR: 32,000 people showed up. 22,000 were scared, so they went home.

GOD: 10,000 is too many. Take them down to the creek and watch them drink.

NARRATOR: 9,700 crouched down on their knees to drink, faces to the water.

GIDEON: OK, give us your food and trumpets. Thanks, now go home.

NARRATOR: Only 300 men lapped hand to mouth.

That night...

GOD: Get up and attack the enemy camp, but if you're still afraid, take your servant and go and listen to what they are saying.

NARRATOR: There were so many enemy soldiers that they were like the sand on the beach and you couldn't possibly count their camels there were so many!

SOLDIER: Hey listen! I had a dream... a loaf of bread tumbled into our camp and it knocked a tent flat!

2nd SOLDIER: That's Gideon and God has given him our whole army.

NARRATOR: When Gideon heard that, he worshipped God.

Gideon split the 300 men into 3 groups and gave them each a trumpet and a pitcher containing a torch.

GIDEON: When I get to the edge of their camp do whatever I do. When I blow my trumpet you blow yours and shout : "For Jehovah and for Gideon!"

NARRATOR: They came to the camp at midnight, when the new sentries had just taken their posts.

They blew the trumpets in their right hand, broke the pitchers and held the torches in their left hand and shouted:

"The sword of Jehovah and of Gideon!"

The enemy army was so confused they ran away, fighting each other!