

Unlikely Heroes

Judges 6:1–6, 11–16; 7:12–22

Israel kept sinning and getting into trouble. God still loved them so much. Whenever they were sorry for their sins and asked for help, God would help them, no matter how bad they had been before.



When they needed this help, God would appoint someone to be their leader, to help them get out of trouble. One time he appointed Gideon. Even though Gideon was not an important man, God wanted to use him. God promised him that he would become a powerful warrior and save his people.

When it came time for war, God directed Gideon to send home all but a few men in his army. He made sure that everyone would understand that God was the one winning the battle, not Israel or Gideon's army. Sure enough, God gave Israel a great victory over their enemies so they could again live safely in the land that God had given them.

God would keep on delivering his people, even when they were to blame for getting into trouble in the first place. One day, the Branch from Jesse's tree would become an even greater deliverer than Gideon. Today we are going to hang a picture of a water pitcher to remind us of Gideon's victory.

Questions:

1. What did God promise Gideon?
2. What did God tell Gideon to do?