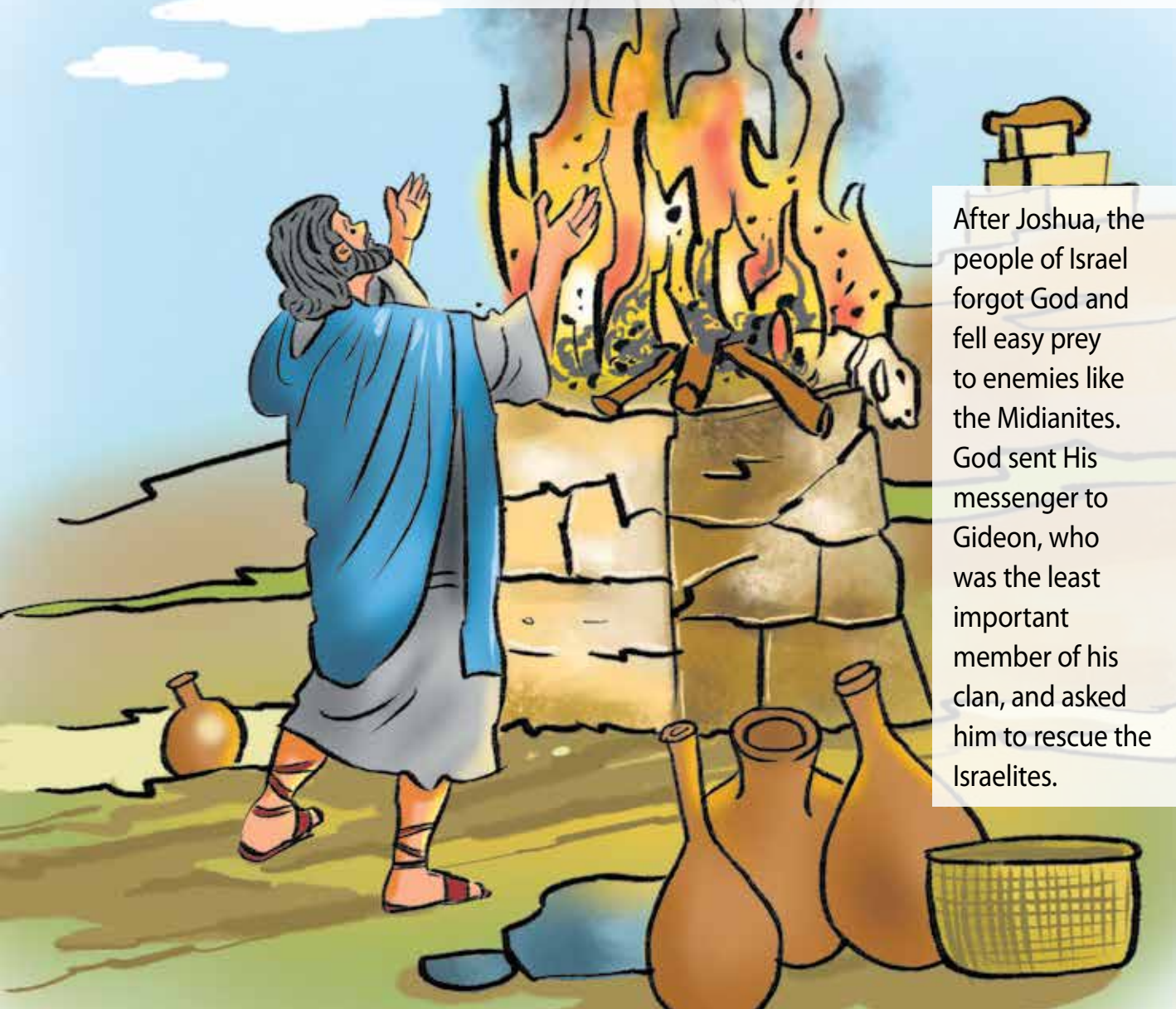




Gideon the Warrior

God helped His people but they forgot Him and made many mistakes. After they fell prey to enemies, they realised their mistakes, turned back to God and once again experienced His loving care and protection.



After Joshua, the people of Israel forgot God and fell easy prey to enemies like the Midianites. God sent His messenger to Gideon, who was the least important member of his clan, and asked him to rescue the Israelites.



Know Now: Early in the morning, Jerub-Baal (that is, Gideon) and all his men camped at the spring of Harod. The camp of Midian was north of them in the valley near the hill of Moreh (Judges 7). Hill of Moreh is a mountain range in northern Israel, located on the northeast side of the Jezreel Valley. This is the place where Gideon defeated the Midianites.
Book: *Your Weakness. God's strength* - is a book by Priscilla Shirer. When we hear the name Gideon, most of us think about his 300 soldiers or the fleece he laid out under the evening sky. But Gideon's story is so much bigger than that—bigger than any one man and his mark on Israel's history.

The messenger summoned fire to consume the food Gideon had brought, and performed other miracles, so he knew it was the Lord's angel that had come to him.

Gideon gathered thousands of men but God told him to choose an army of only 300. Armed with nothing more than trumpets and torches hidden inside clay pitchers, the Israelites crept to the outskirts of the Midianites' camp. After a signal, they broke the pitchers revealing the torches, and blew their trumpets.

Thinking they were being ambushed by a large army, the Midianites panicked and began fighting against one another before eventually fleeing the camp. Their mighty strength had been overcome by a mere 300 men led by Gideon, a man of God.



"Then the Lord ordered him, "Go with all your great strength and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I myself am sending you." Gideon replied, "But Lord, how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least important member of my family." The Lord answered, "You can do it because I will help you. You will crush the Midianites as easily as if they were only one man."

Judges 6: 14-16

Like Gideon, God sometimes asks us to do things that look impossible to us. But nothing is impossible for God. You could craft Gideon's torch and trumpet from paper. You may use a simple newspaper too.





Armed with trumpets and torches, the Israelites crept to the outskirts of the camp. You need to guide Gideon to find trust in God and find his trumpet to defeat Midianites.

