



KIDS army for JESUS DEVOTION

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Judges 7:2-22

JESUS, TAKE THE WHEEL

God instructed Gideon to form an army to fight the Midianites. Initially there were 32,000 men to fight, but in the end, after a few tests, only 300 men were selected to fight in the battle together with Gideon. Gideon didn't understand how God was going to help them win with only 300 men BUT he still obeyed God.

Gideon and his men were armed with only torches, trumpets and empty jars. Gideon broke his jar and blew his trumpet and his men followed. The Midianites, not knowing what was happening, panicked and started to kill one another. Israel won just by breaking their jars, blowing trumpets and shouting. This was possible because God was the One who took the wheel of the battle.

Let God take over the wheel of your life. There are many things that are hard for you to understand. But like Gideon, just trust and obey God. When God takes the wheel of your life, even when going through the difficult paths, you can be assured that you are safe.

Key verse:

*Psalm 62:8
People, trust
God all the time.*

Prayer

*Jesus, You are
the Ruler over
all things. Please
help me to obey
You more. Take
the wheel of my
life. Amen.*



JUDGES 9:1-6 & 50-57

DON'T BE WICKED

Gideon had 70 sons. One of them was Abimelech. When Gideon died, Abimelech killed all of his other brothers except Jotham, who managed to hide and escape. After that, he was made king by the people of Shechem. Abimelech was a very wicked man.

One day, God sent an evil spirit to make a war between Abimelech and the men of Shechem. At the end of the war, a woman dropped a large stone on Abimelech's head and crushed his skull. It was so humiliating when a king or a warrior died in the hand of a woman. In order to protect himself from this embarrassment, he asked his armorbearer to kill him. This was how God punished Abimelech for the evil thing he had done.

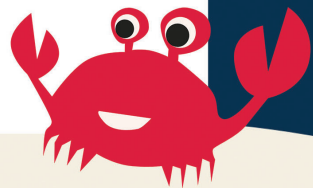
Without doubt, God is a merciful God and He will always forgive those who repent from their wrong ways. On the contrary, God will repay the wickedness of those who do evil and refuse to turn away from their evil ways.

Key verse:

*Proverbs 21:12
The righteous
God wisely
considers
the house of
the wicked,
overthrowing
the wicked
for their
wickedness.*

Prayer

*Dear God, I want
to guard my
heart from all
wickedness. I give
You my heart and
my soul. Amen.*



JUDGES 11:1-10

GOD IS NOT A SPARE TIRE

There was a man named Jephthah. His brothers disliked him. When they were adults, they chased Jephthah out of the house and he had to live alone elsewhere. Somehow, Jephthah became a very skillful fighter.

One day, the people of Ammon fought against the Israelites and Jephthah's brothers came to Jephthah and asked for his help. It must have been a painful experience for Jephthah. Firstly, his brothers sent him away and neglected him but when they were in distress, they came to him and asked for his help. However, in the end, he was willing to help them fight against the Ammonites.

Let Jephthah's story be a reminder to you and me: Do not see God as your last resort. God is not a spare tire that you only notice and need when you have a flat tire. A spare tire is only used in an emergency situation. Read the Bible and pray to Him every day. Ask Him first before making any decision. Live a life that is constantly close to God and don't just come to Him only during emergencies.

Key verse:

*Deuteronomy
6:5*

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Prayer

*Dear God,
forgive me if
I forget about
You sometimes.
Teach me again
to always put You
first in my heart.
Amen.*



JUDGES 14:6-9

SUPERHERO!

Do you know the name of the strongest man who ever lived according to the Bible? It is Samson. Samson was a judge. The Bible wrote that he tore a lion apart with his bare hands just like tearing apart a young goat. He was like a superhero!

How could Samson be that strong? The One who gave him such power is the Holy Spirit. The Bible says that the Spirit of God came mightily upon him and he got the supernatural strength like a superhero!

Do you know who is the ultimate Superhero with the ultimate superpower in our lives? It is Jesus! He is way stronger than Samson. He did so many miracles, such as healing the sick, raising the dead and many more! The most amazing thing is that Jesus died on the cross and He rose again and went to Heaven. His death gives eternal life to you and me! There is no other superhero that has supernatural power like this.

Key verse:

*Psalms 24:8
Who is this King
of glory? The
Lord strong and
mighty.*

Prayer

*Dear Jesus,
You are my
Superhero. Thank
You for dying
on the cross to
redeem my sins
so I can have
eternal life. Amen.*



JUDGES 16:4-19

HIGH QUALITY FRIENDS

Samson fell in love with a lady named Delilah. The Philistines were still trying to find a way to destroy Samson so they used Delilah as part of their scheme. They offered to give her a sum of money if she managed to find out the secret of Samson's strength. Delilah tried so many ways to get Samson to reveal his secret. Finally, Samson fell into her trap and told her everything. As a result, he lost his power.

Good friends will always encourage you to be good but the bad ones always pressurize you to do bad things. Always be aware of who is making an influence on your life. Good friends will not cause you to get into trouble. Good friends will not ask you to steal. Good friends will not threaten you and make you cheat on your exam. Good friends will not mentally and physically hurt you. Good friends will not badmouth you.

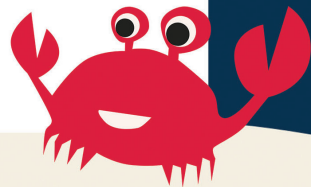
Pray to God that He will place good friends around you, and that you and your good friends can work together to bring a good impact on others. You need to be kind to everyone, but you also need to pray that you will be able to see whether a person is giving a bad or a good influence on your life.

Key verse:

*Proverbs 18:24
Some friends
may ruin you.
But a real friend
will be more
loyal than a
brother.*

Prayer

*Dear Jesus,
protect me from
any bad influence
from others. I
want to be a
good friend and
I also need good
friends that bring
a good influence
on my life.
Lead me in my
friendship, Lord.
Thank You. Amen.*



JUDGES 17:1-6

GUIDANCE FROM ABOVE

At that time the Israelites did not have a king. So everyone did what he thought was right. Micah had a temple for worshipping idols. He wanted to worship God, but the god he worshiped was the wrong god. Since there was no Godly leader in Israel at that time, he had no one to correct his mistake.

This is what happens if someone does not have anybody to correct him when he is wrong or to guide him to do the right thing. He will just do what he thinks is right, just like Micah. And this is very dangerous.

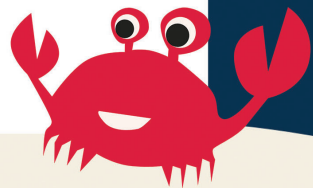
As children of God, we are very blessed to have the Bible as our life guidance. The Bible corrects our faults and teaches us how to live right. However, sometimes when you read the Bible, you might not understand some parts of it. Pray to God to give you the understanding. You can also ask your parents, your pastor or your Sunday school teacher to explain it to you.

Key verse:

*2 Timothy 3:16
All Scripture
... is useful for
correcting faults
and teaching
how to live
right.*

Prayer

*Dear God, give
me wisdom and
understanding
whenever I read
Your Word. I need
Your guidance in
everything I do.
Amen.*



RUTH 1:8-18

RUTH'S FAITHFULNESS

There was a man from Bethlehem named Elimelech. Elimelech and his wife, Naomi, together with their two sons, Mahlon and Chilion, went to the country of Moab and lived there. Then Elimelech died. After that, each of the sons married a Moabite woman. Their names were Orpah and Ruth. After living there for about 10 years, the two sons also died. Naomi, who had lost her husband and her sons, decided to go back to Bethlehem. She told her daughters in law, Orpah and Ruth, to go back to their own families.

Finally, Orpah said goodbye to Naomi and went back to her family. However, Ruth chose to leave her homeland, Moab, and followed Naomi to Bethlehem. She chose to take care of the brokenhearted Naomi. What Ruth did was an example of an act of faithfulness.

God wants you to be faithful. Be faithful to your family and friends by loving and supporting them, in any situation, especially when they need your help. Be there for them when they need you. And above all, be faithful to our Lord, Jesus Christ, by loving Him and obeying His word in our daily lives.

Key verse:

*Proverbs 3:3
Let love and
faithfulness
never leave
you.*

Prayer

*Dear God, I
give You my
heart and my
soul. I want to
be completely
faithful to You.
Teach me to be
a faithful person
to my family
and friends too.
Amen.*

