

Skit of interview with Gideon
(using puppet or character in costume)

- Teacher Hello, we're very happy you could come today. Please tell us how God spoke to you.
- Gideon I was working one day in the field, when an angel appeared and told me that God had chosen me to lead Israel into victory over our enemies.
- Teacher Were you surprised when he said that?
- Gideon Of course! Because there had been many years of war with our enemies, and I was the youngest in our family, and our family was the weakest in the land and had no power or influence with the people.
- Teacher So what did the angel say?
- Gideon He told me that I was going to overcome our enemies! I couldn't believe it but then God did some miracles to show me His power.
- Teacher Does anyone know yet who our visitor is? His name is Gideon. I remember reading in the Bible, how you put a fleece (sheep's skin) on the ground all night and in the morning there was dew on the fleece but not on the ground. Then the next morning there was dew on the ground but not on the fleece, just as you had asked God.
- Gideon Yes, God showed me his power that way, so I put my trust in Him and did everything He told me. First I destroyed the altar to Baal (another god) and then I built a new altar to God. Then I told the other Israelites and many of them came with me to fight.
- Teacher Yes, and I remember that God said you had TOO MANY men and to reduce their number!
- Gideon That's right! I had 32,000 at first, but then I obeyed God and sent away all those who were really afraid. That left 10,000, but then God chose only 300 of them to go with me.
- Teacher Wow! How many men did the enemy have?
- Gideon We found out at the end, that there were about 125,000!!
- Teacher But that was ridiculous!! How could you possibly win with so few men?
- Gideon I have to admit I was scared! But God told us to divide into 3 groups and stand in 3 different places around the enemies' camp in the middle of the night.
- Teacher What weapons did you have?
- Gideon We didn't have any weapons!! Every man had just a trumpet and a pot with a flaming torch inside. When everyone was ready, we broke the pots, blew the trumpets and shouted out loud!
- Teacher Then what happened?
- Gideon God made the enemy panic - they were so terrified, they started to kill one another!
- Teacher What a miracle!! And all because you obeyed God. Thank you Gideon.

[Gideon leaves]