

Script – Gideon - A Mighty Warrior

Opening scene: Crowd the stage with Gideon and with as many Israelite army “extras” as possible. The Gideon is center stage and the army is around him. The narrator will stand to the side.

Narrator: Early in the morning Gideon and all his men set up their camp. The enemy camped north of them. God spoke to Gideon.

God: You have too many men to defeat the enemy. I don't want the Israelites to brag that they saved themselves.

Gideon: God says our army is too big. Anyone who is afraid may leave and go back home.'

[About half of the army leaves the stage]

God: There are still too many. Take them down to the water, and I will test them.

Gideon: [Motions to the army to follow him; he leads them to stage right.] Come everyone and get a drink of water.

God: Separate them. Those who drink water by lapping it up like a dog will be in one group. Those who bend down to drink will be in the other group.

[Some of the army uses their hands to drink. Gideon takes these and lines them up on stage left. Some of the army drinks by putting their head down to the “water” and these Gideon tells to go home; they leave the stage.]

Narrator: There were a few who used their hands to bring water to their mouths, all the rest got down on their knees to drink.

God: I will save you, using the few who lapped the water. And I will allow you to defeat the enemy.

Narrator: Gideon sent the others back home. The rest made camp and waited for night.

Scene change: Gideon leads the army offstage, stage left. While offstage, Gideon's army gets their flashlights and noisemakers. The enemy army comes on stage right and gathers in a circle around a campfire. The room lights should be darkened.]

Gideon: [with stealth, returns to stage left with Purah, looking over at the enemy camp and waits]

God: Get up. Go down and attack the enemy camp. If you are afraid, take your servant Purah with you. Listen to what they are saying. Then you will not be afraid to attack the camp.

Gideon: [and Purah, with great stealth move towards the enemy camp and stop]

Narrator: The enemy camp was so large. Their army covered the whole valley. They had so many camels no one could count them. There were as many as there are grains of sand on the seashore! [Pause] When Gideon came to the enemy camp, he heard a man talking. That man was telling his friend about a dream.

Enemy 1: Listen, I dreamed that a loaf of barley bread rolled into our camp. It hit the tent so hard that the tent turned over and fell flat!

Enemy 2: Your dream is about the sword of Gideon and the army of Israel. God will let Gideon defeat the whole army!

Gideon: [Looks up and silently thanks God. He and Purah sneak back offstage left]

Scene change: The enemy army begins to be tired, lie down and go to sleep. Gideon and his army, with flashlights and noisemakers, gather quietly on stage in three groups nearby the sleeping enemy army]

Narrator: Gideon gathered his army and person a trumpet and an empty jar. A burning torch was inside each jar.

Gideon: [quietly speaking to his army] Watch me and do what I do. [Pause, then Gideon and everyone turns on the flashlights and shouts] For the Lord and for Gideon! [Everyone stays in place]

[The sleeping enemy wakes up in confusion; they begin fighting each other]

Gideon: [yells to his army] Follow me! [Gideon and his army chase the enemy offstage]

The End.