

Judges 6-7

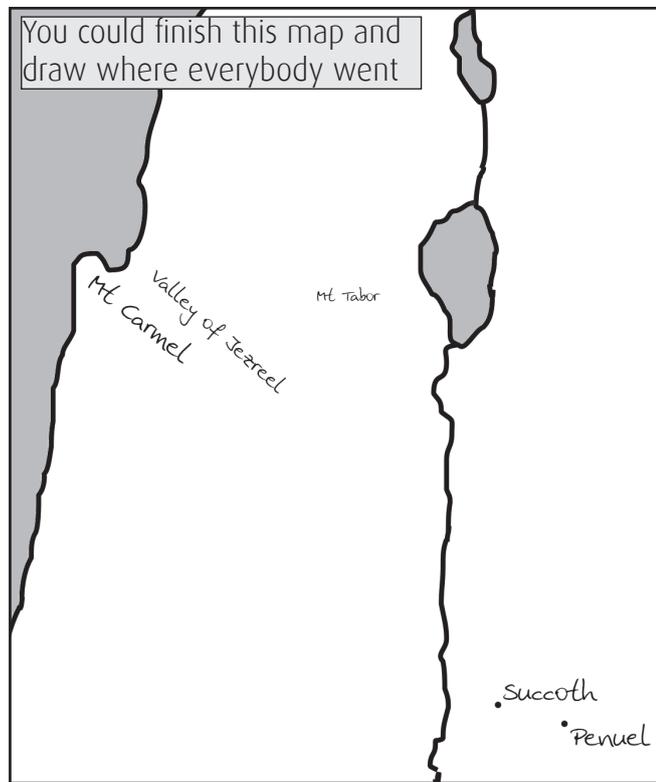
I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Psalm 34:4

1 How did God first show himself to Gideon?		How does God show himself to you?
2 Did Gideon think he could solve things with his own strength? 6:14-15		Do you?
3 What did God promise Gideon? 6:16		What does God promise you?
4 Which sign impressed Gideon? 6:21-22		Of all that God has done, what are you most impressed by?
5 What was the first thing God asked Gideon to stand up for?		Does God ask you to stand up for the same things?
6 Did Gideon still have doubts when he obeyed God's second command? 6:34-36		Do you sometimes have doubts even when you are doing what God wants?
7 How did God reassure Gideon? 6:37-39		How does God reassure you when you have doubts?
8 What did Gideon learn about God from the third step of faith?		How can you learn the same thing about God?
9 What do you learn about God from the last reassurance he gave Gideon?		Do you think God is kind and patient with you?
10 What effect did the victory over the Midianites have?		What victory does God want to win with us? How does that affect our lives?

The story of Gideon teaches us that we can get better at following God. We can learn to change our responses to things in our lives. We learn things by practising them. Can you think of anything you need to learn to do, to follow God?

Readings for the week:

- S Judges 2
- M Judges 6
- T Judges 7
- W Judges 8
- Th Judges 9
- F Romans 8:28-39
- S Romans 12



In your group, identify a set of things you are going to practise doing this week. Talk about how you will do them. Start the lesson next week by seeing how you all got on!

Pray that you will not have confidence in your own abilities, but in God.

Digging Deeper

Judges

Find out what happened after Joshua died. Judges 2:6-11.

The people never completely got rid of the nations that had been living in the land before they arrived and these nations became more powerful and often persecuted them.

What happened when the Israelites cried to God about their enemies? Judges 2:16

You can find out who these judges were and something about them if you look up the following verses. There is probably too much reading here to find everything out about all of them in one go, so you might like to find out just their names and see if you know some stories about any of them. Or you could just find out about number 4 for the moment.

1. Judges 3:7-11
2. Judges 3:12-30
3. Judges 3:31
4. Judges 4
5. Judges 6-7
6. Judges 9
7. Judges 10:1-2
8. Judges 10:3-5
9. Judges 10:6-18 and 11
10. Judges 12:8-10
11. Judges 12:11-12
12. Judges 12:13-15
13. Judges 13-16

Now look at Hebrews 11:32. Think about some of the lives these judges led. **We** might not have put them in a chapter about really special people. What is Hebrews 11 about and so what is so special about them?