

## Reader Script/GIDEON, BIBLE AS LITERATURE

- 1/NARRATOR:** God gave the Israelites the Promised Land, but *they* forgot their God, so He allowed the Midianites to rule.
- 2/PURAH (scared):** Gideon, did you hear that prophet? I don't think things are going to get any better.
- 3/GIDEON:  
(frustrated)** Well, things can't get much worse! We live in caves and hide in the mountains while the Midianites live in *our* land.
- 2/PURAH (in awe):** I've never seen so many camels in my whole life! The Midianites are like locusts.
- 3/GIDEON (bitterly):** They *move* and we *stay*!
- 2/PURAH:  
(wondering)** What are you going to do?
- 3/GIDEON:  
(discouraged)** I'm going to thresh some wheat. We will have bread for a while longer.
- 1/NARRATOR:** God loved his people and sent an angel to Gideon.
- 4/ANGEL (loudly):** GIDEON, GOD IS WITH YOU, YOU MIGHTY SOLDIER! I am the angel of the Lord and I am sending you to save Israel from the Midianites!
- (3/GIDEON POINTS TO HIMSELF AND SHAKES HIS HEAD NO.)
- 3/GIDEON (shocked):** ME? My family is the *weakest* in the tribe of Manassah and I am the *weakest* in my family.

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- 4/ANGEL:**  
*(encouraging)* Gideon, you're the one! There's no mistake!
- 3/GIDEON (*puzzled*):** This is *crazy!* Can—uh—can you give me some proof that you're really from God?—Oh, sorry, I forgot my good manners. Let me give you some food.
- 4/ANGEL (*amused*):** I'll wait here.
- 1/NARRATOR:** Gideon cooked a young goat and made bread and took the food to the angel of the Lord.
- 4/ANGEL:** Put the meat and bread on the rock and pour the juice over them.
- 1/NARRATOR:** The angel touched the rock with a stick and fire came out, burning the bread and the meat. Then the angel disappeared.
- 3/GIDEON (*terrified*):** AN ANGEL OF GOD! NOW THAT I HAVE SEEN GOD'S ANGEL FACE-TO-FACE, I WILL DIE!
- 4/ANGEL (*off stage*):** Don't be afraid, you will not die! God has plans for you.
- 4/ANGEL**  
*(instructing)* GIDEON, tear down the altars to Baal and Asherah and build a proper altar to God.
- 1/NARRATOR:** Secrets are hard to keep and the people were furious with Gideon for what he had done.