



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:
Who Will Take a Stand for the Living God?

Take Home Point:
Put God first.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: How did the messenger prove to Gideon he was from God? (*The food Gideon prepared for him was burned up when the messenger from God touched it with his staff.*)

God Time at Home

Select questions and adapt for your family.

FOR STARTERS: In Florissant, Colorado, during the fires of 2002, some evacuated families were given only ten minutes to return to their homes and take out whatever they could load in their cars before the fire would reach their neighborhoods. If that were your family, what would each person take? After discussing, ask what each person considers more important than any material object or thing.

READ THE BIBLE: Read Judges 6:1-32, about Gideon tearing down the altar of Baal.

KEY VERSE: Exodus 20:3 *"Never have any other god."*

TALK ABOUT IT: Why did God allow the Midianites to chase the Israelites out of their homes? (*Judges 6:1. The people of Israel did what was evil in the Lord's eyes.*) How did the angel prove that Gideon was the one to save Israel? (*Joshua 6:20-21. The Messenger of the Lord burned up the food as a sacrifice.*) The people who were angry with Gideon for destroying Baal's altar did not hurt him. Why not? (*Judges 6:30-32. Joash, Gideon's father, said that they should let the god of the altar defend himself if he was truly a god.*) Why do you think God wanted the altar of Baal torn down before he would use Gideon to chase out the Midianites? (*So they would have no other gods before the true God.*)

The very first commandment God gave us says, "Never have any other god." (Exodus 20:3). God wants us to have the power to put him first. He wants to tear down anything that would get in our way just like Gideon tore down the altars of Baal. God tears down the things that get in the way of our relationship with him. He does this by forgiving our sins. All we need to do is ask. Then we can have Jesus live in our hearts.

Because of Jesus' power in our lives we can put God first. To do that, let's think of some of the things we want to watch out for so we don't put them first instead of him.

PRAYER POWER: Have each family member think of one thing they sometimes put before God. Have them confess this as sin and ask God for the power to put him first.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

Give each family member a sheet of paper and have him complete the sentence, "I want to put God first because..." Place all the papers in a homemade family treasure box located at a special visible place. Remind them that this is a treasure that can never be stolen or lost in a fire.

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