

"Mighty" strong man; "of valour," bravery; "all this"—trouble and distress; "be'all'n"—come upon us; "miracle-," wonderful works, (name some) Midianites—the wicked people who distressed the israelites. Make real before the class the Lord's wonderful command. "Go—save;" the modest reply, "Where-with?" and the promise, "I will be with thee." Family poor, Gideon least in that family, but because God was with him he was a "mighty man;" in "this, his might," he could save Israel. Who had been encouraged by this same promise before? Teach here the Golden Text. Who said it? Meant for the "least"—smallest in the house, as well as for larger people. Jesus wants every one, even the "least in the house," to work for him, and give to every one this promise. Did Joshua succeed when the Lord was with him? Will Gideon? Shall we?

### CATECHISM.

3. *What is the outward and visible sign or form in baptism?*

The outward and visible sign or form in baptism is, the application of water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. (Matthew 28. 19)

4. *What is the inward and spiritual grace signified by this?*

The inward and spiritual grace signified by baptism is, our being cleansed from sin, and becoming new creatures in Christ Jesus.

*Acts 22. 16.* Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

### WHISPER-SONG.

I will never fear,  
For the Lord is near;  
All my feeble prayer  
He will hear.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 1875.

LESSON IV.—GIDEON'S ARMY. Judges vii. 1-8.

### Berean Notes.

**Lender.** 1 Then Jerubbaal, who is Gideon, and all the people that were with him, rose up early, and pitched beside the well of Harod: so

that the host of the Midianites were on the north side of them, by the hill of Moreh, in the valley.

**School.** 2 And the Lord said unto Gideon, The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands: lest Israel should vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me.

**L.** 3 Now therefore go thou, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand.

**S.** 4 And the Lord said unto Gideon, The people are yet too many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there: and it shall be, that of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go.

**L.** 5 So he brought down the people unto the water; and the Lord said unto Gideon, Every one that lappedeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink.

**S.** 6 And the number of them that lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water.

**L.** 7 And the Lord said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the other people go every man unto his place.

**S.** 8 So the people took victuals in their hand, and their trumpets: and he sent all the rest of Israel every man unto his tent, and retained those three hundred men: and the host of Midian was beneath him in the valley.

### HOME READINGS.

*Mon.* Judges 7. 1-23. *Th.* 1 Samuel 14. 1-23.  
*Tu.* Judges 6. 16-40. *Fr.* 1 Samuel 17. 32-54.  
*Wed.* Joshua 6. 12-20. *Sat.* Rev. 1. 10-20.  
*Sabbath.* John 19. 19-30.

### GENERAL STATEMENT.

Brightly the light shines again. God is with his people, with them in skill and spirit and strength—with them by day and by night. Three hundred lights flash out over the valley

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