

"Victory in war does not depend on the size of an army.
It is from heaven that strength comes."

As Judas' fame spread,
King Antiochus ordered a huge army to attack Judas.

Dear God, please help us put our trust in you
rather than in anyone or anything else

Chapter 4

The army of Antiochus was led by Gorgias and had 40,000 men. Judas and his men numbered only 3,000.

Judas implored God for help and then fought bravely.
The army of Gorgias was routed.

The next year another force, numbering 60,000 men,
was sent against Judas who had 10,000 men.

Once again by prayer and courage, Judas was victorious.
Judas gave thanks to God, and then went to Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem Judas re-dedicated the Temple
and re-built the city walls.

Dear God, please give me the courage of Judas

Chapters 5, 6

As the years went on, several nearby countries made war
on Israel. But Judas and his followers used prayer
and courage to defeat all enemies.

When King Antiochus heard of Judas' continued victories,
he became severely depressed and realized he was dying.

The king's son succeeded him
and he too sent a huge army against Israel.

This army also failed to defeat Judas. The king then made
peace with the Jews and for a time there was peace.

Dear God, please help all nations to live in peace