

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home

**5. TORCH IN A JAR**

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Torch in a Jar" and "Broken Jar" Activity Pages; cardstock; large craft sticks; yellow, orange, and red dot markers; brown crayons or markers; small hole punch; large brads; scissors; glue sticks; and a permanent marker

BIBLE STORY

God can use you,
no matter what.

GIDEON
JUDGES 6-8

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Torch in a Jar" on cardstock and cut, one per child. Copy "Broken Jar" on cardstock and cut, one per child. Punch a hole where indicated at the bottom of both Activity Pages.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to fill in the flames with the dot markers and color the jar with brown crayons or markers. Glue the craft stick to the back of the torch stick. Help children attach the jar pieces to the torch with the brad.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story and have children "break" open their jar.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Today, we heard a Bible story about Gideon and his super-small army and how they trusted God."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Color the flame of your torch red, yellow, and orange. (Pause.) Great! Now color the jar brown. (Pause.) Glue your craft stick to the torch stick. (Pause.) Now we'll cover your torch with the jar by lining up the holes and attaching them with the brad. (Pause.) Now watch how you can break the jar to show the torch. (Demonstrate.) We'll use your craft as we review our Bible story."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Today in our Bible story, God told Gideon to take his small army and fight the really big Midianite army. Gideon didn't think he should be the one to lead God's army, but he trusted God and did what He told him to do. Gideon told each soldier to take a trumpet, a torch, and a jar and follow him. They snuck into the Midianite camp. When Gideon told them to, they blew their trumpets, broke their jars, and yelled 'For the Lord, and for Gideon!' Friends, break your jars to show your torch. (Pause.) Now with your torches held high say, 'For the Lord, and for Gideon!' (Repeat.) The Midianites ran away, and God's army won! Gideon's small army beat the big Midianite big army. Friends, you are never too small to trust God. You can trust God, and I can trust God. **Who can you trust? I can trust God.**"

MEMORY VERSE

"I trust in God.
I am not afraid."

PSALM 56:11, NIRV

KEY QUESTION

Who can trust God?

BOTTOM LINE

I can trust God.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal
application and prayer

**6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER**

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclipped "Memory Verse Card" in
your Bible at Psalm 56:11, journal, and a fun-shaped pen

BIBLE STORY

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"Today, we'll make a list of things that sometimes make you afraid. We all feel afraid at times, even me. So, when I say your name, tell me one thing that sometimes makes you afraid. I will write it in our prayer journal. Get ready and listen for your name!

(Say each child's name and write down what they say. Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

"Thank you for making this list with me. We can use it when we pray. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

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PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, we know we can trust You. But sometimes we forget and things like *(read the list the children made)* make us afraid. Please help us remember that we can always trust you and we don't have to be afraid. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

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