



WEEK
FIVE
MAY 2021

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

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. GIDEON'S FLIP ARMY

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Gideon's Flip Army" Activity Page; cardstock; glue sticks; scissors; crayons; and permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Gideon's Flip Army" on cardstock and cut, one per child.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to color their papers. Wrap the blank half into a tube and glue down leaving Gideon and the army as flaps. Demonstrate how to fold down the army.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Today, we heard a story about a man named Gideon and the army God asked him to put together. Let's make a craft to help us tell the story."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "I have four groups of people for you to color. The first is Gideon, and the other three are his army. *(Pause.)* Now that you have everyone colored, I'll help you wrap it into a tube. *(Pause.)* Watch how they can move. *(Demonstrate.)* Let's use this to review our story."

"God told Gideon to put together an army. *(Make sure all of the army is upright.)* But God said his army was too big. Gideon said if any of the men were scared, they could leave the army. Put the first army down. *(Demonstrate.)* God saw the army and told Gideon it was still too big. He told Gideon to take the army to the water, and if they put their face to the water to let them go home. Put the second army down. *(Demonstrate.)* The army Gideon was left with was small and just the right size. Gideon went God's way, and the army defeated the Midianites."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "When God asks us to do something, it doesn't always make sense to us, but we can trust that God's way is perfect. **Whose way is perfect? God's way is perfect.**"

BIBLE STORY

God's way is always perfect.

GIDEON'S ARMY
JUDGES 7:1-8

MEMORY VERSE

"God's way is perfect."

2 SAMUEL 22:31, NIRV

KEY QUESTION

Whose way is perfect?

BOTTOM LINE

God's way is perfect.

BASIC TRUTH

God made me.



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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 2 Samuel 22:31, journal, fun-shaped pen, and reward stickers or handstamp

BIBLE STORY

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GIDEON'S ARMY
JUDGES 7:1-8

"Let's sit down again so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.) Today, we'll make a list with your names. I want to use it to pray that you will trust that **God's way is perfect** and JUMP, JUMP, and go God's way. When I say your name, it will be your turn to write your name. (Say each child's name and let them write their name in the journal. Encourage them to do their best and applaud them for trying.)

"You did such a great job! Would anyone like to pray before I pray?" (Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

MEMORY VERSE

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PRAYER

"Dear God, thank You for (name each child). I pray they will trust that Your way is perfect. I pray they will be brave enough to tell others that Your way is perfect. And I pray they will go Your way, even when they don't understand. Thank You for loving us and helping us go Your way. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

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