

Lesson 42

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Gideon

2-5 Years:

Opening Prayer to welcome the start of the session. For example:

“Dear God. We thank you for the chance to meet in your presence once again. Please help us to learn more about your work. Help us to do the good things that you want us to do. Amen.”

Bible Story:

Tell the story of Gideon, which is Judges 6-8. You can tell the story using a children's bible or just tell it in such a way that this age group can understand it.

Judges
6-8

Discussion:

Talk to the children about how scary it would be to hear the jugs break, horns blow and see the torches all at once in the night.

Craft:

Make a Gideon Story Jar.

Need: One large jar for each child
 Paper
 Crayons or Markers
 Glue
 Glitter

Pre-cut one piece of paper for each jar. Have the children draw the story on their paper. They can add glitter to represent the torches if they wish. Then glue the paper to the jars.

Craft:

Have the children make a horn.

Need: 1 toilet paper tube for each child
 1 Small square of wax paper for each child
 Markers
 Stickers
 Paper clip
 1 rubber band for each child

Let the children decorate the toilet paper tubes with markers and stickers. Then secure one piece of wax paper over one end of each tube with a rubber band. Poke a few holes in the wax paper with the paper clip. Then show the children how to hum into their horns.

Song:

Sing the song "I'm In the Lord's Army"

I may never march in the infantry, Ride in the cavalry, Shoot the artillery.
 I may never fly o'er the enemy, But I'm in the Lord's army. (yes, sir!)
 I'm in the Lord's army, (yes, sir!) I'm in the Lord's army, (yes, sir!)
 I may never march in the infantry, Ride in the Calvary, Shoot the artillery.
 I may never fly o'er the enemy, But I'm in the Lord's army. (yes, sir!)



Closing Prayer thanking God for giving us signs to help us remember to believe in him. For example:

Dear God, thank you for our class today. Thank you for giving us signs that help us remember to believe in you. Amen.

Word Search: Miracles of Jesus

W	A	T	E	R	M	R	O	T	S
E	O	D	E	L	P	P	I	R	C
S	L	E	F	I	S	H	E	S	A
L	P	E	E	H	S	T	S	O	L
O	F	S	E	L	C	A	R	I	M
A	J	A	I	R	U	S	Q	C	I
V	S	L	A	Z	A	R	U	S	N
E	N	I	W	M	A	N	K	B	G
S	R	E	T	H	G	U	A	D	J
W	O	M	A	N	D	N	I	L	B

Blind

Lost Sheep

Calming

Man

Crippled

Miracles

Daughter

Storm

Fishes

Water

Jairus

Wine

Lazarus

Woman

Loaves

OH - but there's something wrong - do you know what doesn't belong in this list? It's not a miracle, do you know what it is?

Closing Prayer: Thanking God for showing us through Jesus hands the power that he possesses and the great things he can do if we only have faith in him. For example:

"Dear God, thank you for the stories of the miracles that Jesus performed. Help us to understand that your power is great and we can achieve great things in your name if we only trust in our faith in you. Amen."

6-8 Years:

Opening Prayer to welcome the start of the class. For example:

“Dear God, thank you for bringing us here together once again. Help us to learn more about you and to do the things you want us to do. Amen.”

Bible Story:

Tell the story of Gideon, which is Judges 6-8. You can tell the story using a children’s bible or just tell it in such a way that this age group can understand it.



Judges
6-8

Discussion:

Talk to the children about how scary it would be to hear the jugs break, horns blow and see the torches all at once in the night.

Drama:

Give some children flashlights, some recorders, and some pots with wooden spoons. Explain that the flashlights are like the torches, the recorders are like the horns and the wooden spoons banging on pots are like the jugs breaking. Have the children shine the light, blow on the recorders and bang the pots when you turn the lights out, then stop when you turn them back on. Then talk about how shocking that would be if they were asleep and they heard and saw that.

Craft:

Make a Gideon Story Jar.

Need: One large jar for each child

Paper

Crayons or Markers

Glue

Glitter

Pre-cut one piece of paper for each jar. Have the children draw the story on their paper. They can add glitter to represent the torches if they wish. Then glue the paper to the jars.

Discussion:

Ask the children why Gideon led the army. Emphasize that he had signs from God that helped him to trust God and follow Him.

Closing Prayer thanking God for giving us signs to help us remember to believe in him. For example:

“Dear God, thank you for our class today. Help us to pay attention to the signs you give us so that we can remember to believe in you. Amen.”

9-11 Years:

Opening Prayer to open the session. For example:

“Dear God, we thank you for allowing us to meet in your presence today. Help us to learn more about you and do what you want us to do. Amen.”

Discussion:

Ask the children if they know what signs are. Ask them what kinds of signs God gives us. If needed, add your own examples.

Bible Story:

Have the students rotate reading the story of Gideon in Judges 6-8.



Judges
6-8

Discussion:

Discuss why Gideon asked God for signs. Ask the students if they have ever been fearful or doubted what God wanted them to do. Emphasize that God gives us signs to help us believe and have faith.

Craft:

Make a Gideon Story Jar.

Need: One large jar for each child

Paper

Crayons or Markers

Glue

Glitter

Pre-cut one piece of paper for each jar. Have the children write story of Gideon in their own words and add illustrations. They can add glitter to represent the torches if they wish. Then glue the paper to the jars.

Activity:

Have the children draw a horn, a jug and a torch on a piece of paper. Then have them write, “I am in God’s Army.”

Closing Prayer to thank God for the signs He gives us. For example:

Dear God, thank you for our lesson today. Thank you for bringing us together and helping us to learn more about you. Help us to watch for the signs that you give us. Please keep us safe in your care. Amen.”

12-14 Years:

Opening Prayer to start the session. For example:

“Dear God, thank you for bringing us together in fellowship with each other. Help us to learn from your words. Help us to gain a better understanding of you as we study together. Amen.”

Bible Reading:

Have the students rotate reading the story of Gideon in Judges 6-8.



Judges
6-8

Drama:

Have the students act this story out.

Discussion:

Discuss the signs that God has given us as Christians. Ask the students if God makes us believe without the signs. Talk about how we can find out what God wants us to do.

Activity:

Have direction cards pre-made. On the cards give directions to the sanctuary. Make the directions a different route than the students usually take. Have the students follow your direction cards as a class and see if they can follow them to end up at the sanctuary. Then emphasize that God gives us directions and signs to follow, but we have to pay attention to them.

Closing Prayer to thank God for the signs He gives us. For example:

“Dear God, thank you for leading us in our study this morning. Help us to continue to follow in your ways. Thank you for the signs you give us. Please help us to follow your signs so that we can do the right things. Please be with us this week. Amen.”