

God speaks to Gideon

Hello Mom and Dad

Welcome to Spring! This season reminds us that new beginnings are inevitable and should be joyfully anticipated.

Perhaps you find yourself in a place of discouragement and disillusionment, incapable of enjoying the gift of this season. You can speak to your being as David did in his dark moment "Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my saviour and my God." Psalm 42:11. As you determine to fix your eyes and lock your hope in God, you too will begin to experience anew season accompanied by resounding praise to the Lord.

This week we seek to ensure that each child has a revelation of the power of listening to the Lord in dispelling all fear. Gideon, our hero for the week, was called by God from a place of obscurity. He overcame his fear and obtained victory over the enemy through the help of the Lord.

Our lesson objectives for this week:

- To learn to identify the spirit of fear and rebuke it
- To know that God has chosen each of us to know Him and hear Him

As is fitting, we encourage you to start your time together in thanksgiving and praise. Be intentional to remember the faithfulness and goodness of God in this season. If you have the conveniences, use the selected songs to enter the presence of God through praise and worship. God is with you as you gather in His name.

May you and your family find hope in God at the start of this new season.

With love,
3CKids Tea



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What to prepare:

- Read Judges 6:1-2, 12-16
- Read Judges 7:2-8, 15



Praise and Worship:

Copy these links and paste it into your browser to play the songs of the week:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=twFAZfU_x4 (Send Your Rain)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Wxi-F9R7Io> (First)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=shzOEbCWWS0&t=21s> (I will go)

Memory verse:

Psalm 56:3

"When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You"

Declaration for the week:

When I hear the voice of God, all fear goes away!

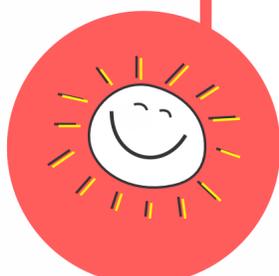
Activity Sheets

The activities are added to aid with general knowledge

- Activity – Crossword
- Activity – Word search
- Activity – Match the fruit
- Activity - Colour sheet

Fitness Fun

Play the game with fitness moves for the whole family.



Lesson Time

Opening Activity: Incy wincy spider (make your own moves with fingers moving like a spider)
“Incy wincy spider climbed up the water spout.
Down came the rain and washed poor incy out.
Out came the sun and dried up all the rain.
So incy wincy spider climbed up the spout again”

Say: Fear is like incy wincy spider. It likes to come and climb into our hearts. But when we hear God’s word (like the rain), it washes the fear out. Today we are going to learn about a guy named Gideon. Gideon was living in fear until God spoke to him and he did what God told him. We are going to learn how to not be afraid but to trust God when He speaks to us.

Pray with me: Father God, thank You for this day. Thank You that I can learn something new from Your word that will change me. I want to be free from fear today. In Jesus’ name. Amen

Repeat the declaration: When I hear the voice of God, all fear goes away!

Lesson Read the passages from the Book of Judges:

- Judges 6:1-2, 12-16
- Judges 7:2-8, 15-22

Ask: Who has ever been afraid? What have you been afraid of? (Let the children answer)

Say: Fear is something that comes from what we see, hear and feel. For example if you see something on tv that you do not understand, you can start being afraid that it can happen to you. Or if you hear a loud noise that you have never heard, it can make you afraid of what is coming.

Say: God’s special people, the Israelites, were afraid of the bad guys, the Midianites. The Midianites were strong and took what belonged to the God’s special people without asking. They took their fruit and vegetables and killed their animals (sheep, cattle and donkeys). They were really mean and also very powerful.

Say: When God’s people prayed and asked God to save them from the Midianites, God chose one special guy called Gideon to help His people.

Ask: Do you know that God loves to answer us and help us when we ask Him? (nodding and simple yes answer is good for a response)

Repeat the declaration: As I hear the voice of God, all fear goes away!

Say: Gideon was a normal guy who was from a normal small family. He was also scared of the Midianites. But when God called him, God said to him, “The Lord is with you mighty warrior!”

Ask: Do you know what a warrior is? A warrior is a soldier or a fighter.

Say: So God called a guy who was afraid, a mighty soldier and fighter... That is so amazing! Remember boys and girls that God does not see us like we see ourselves. He does not call us afraid, or scared, or failed or angry or anything that is wrong. God always calls us how He sees us. Today He says we are mighty warriors. (Make a sound of a warrior – showing strong arms)

Say: When we hear what God says about us and we believe it, we become strong on the inside and we can do anything He asks us to do.

Say: Gideon listened to what God spoke to him and he believe God when He said he would be with him and help him rescue the Israelites from the Midianites.



Repeat the declaration: As I hear the voice of God, all fear goes away!

Say: Gideon believed what God said. He started afraid but He kept trusting and obeying what God told him to do.

Say: Girls and boys, we do not have to wait to feel like the fear is gone. When God says you are His child and He loves you, you can believe Him and obey what He asks you to do.

Say: In the end Gideon and the Israelites won the fight against the Midianites because they believed God and He helped them. Whoooohoo!

Say: God will use you to do great things for Him as you listen to His voice!

Application:

Ask: Can you remember a time when you were scared? Maybe you saw something that made you afraid even after you saw it? Do you want to get rid and let God use you to do great things for Him? We can pray together for that.

Pray after me: Father God, thank You for showing me where I have been hiding and been afraid, Please forgive me for not trusting You fully. Please help me to remember that You are with me always, just like You were with Gideon. The fear goes away today as I apply the blood of Jesus. In Jesus name, Amen."

Here are some things you can read and learn about what God says about you.

- You are His favourite (Psalms 5:12)
- You are loved (Jeremiah 31:3)
- You are a mother/father of nations (Genesis 17:4 and 16)
- You can do anything with Him (Philippians 4:13)
- You are a mighty warrior (Judges 6:12)

Say the declarations of the blood of Jesus together:

- By the blood of Jesus, I have been redeemed from the power of the enemy.
- By the blood of Jesus, all my sins are forgiven.
- Because I spend time with other Christians, the blood of Jesus cleanses me from sin.
- By the blood of Jesus, I am justified, and God sees me as if I have never sinned.
- By the blood of Jesus, I am sanctified and set apart for God's holy purpose.

Devotion plans:

The devotions are aimed to help each child spend daily quiet time with the Lord through His word. If you have the means, assist each child to create a special place and help allocate a special time for their devotion. Younger children: we encourage you to spend a few minutes a day reading the scripture to your child and helping them say the declaration.

Older children: help the children to read the daily scripture, reflect on what the Lord is saying to them and then write their own declaration for the day.

