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GET IN THE MIX

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ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY (K-3rd grade)

JUNE 20, 2021

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY: Use Somebody (Gideon) • Judges 6–8)

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE: God can use you no matter what.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE: *I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Psalm 27:13 (NIV)*

MONTHLY LIFE APPLICATION: Confidence—Learning to see yourself the way God sees you.

BASIC TRUTH: I can trust God no matter what.

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Lead the kids in a game of "Commander Says." Play the game just like "Simon Says," but with motions that a soldier might be commanded to do.

Some examples:

- March in place
- Stand at attention
- Run in place
- Jumping jacks

- “Climb” a wall
- Belly crawl

As long as you don’t think it will descend into chaos, let kids volunteer to be the “Commander.”

Guide kids to recall/review today’s story. Get them started with the first Story Review Point (below) and then let them take turns talking about the next part of the story. Use the story points below if kids get stuck remembering what comes next or if they leave something out.

Story Review Points

- God’s people, the Israelites, turned away from Him. So God allowed the Midianites to take over their land. The Israelites called out to God for help! God heard them and sent the angel of the Lord to Gideon.
- The Angel of the Lord told Gideon that God would use him to save Israel from Midian. Gideon didn’t know why or how that could be possible because he didn’t come from a strong family tribe, and he was the weakest member of that tribe.
- Gideon asked God to send him a sign that the message was really from Him. So God sent fire to burn up meat and bread that Gideon had prepared.
- Gideon asked God for another two signs. God listened and gave him two more signs with a wet and dry fleece.
- Gideon was finally convinced that God wanted to use him. So, Gideon got ready to fight with 32,000 men. But God told him there were too many men to defeat the Midianites.
- Gideon was confused. But God told Gideon He wanted the Israelites to know they didn’t beat the Midianites with their own strength but with God’s!
- God continued to make Gideon’s army smaller until he only had 300 men left!
- With God’s power and help, Gideon and the 300 men conquered the Midianites using trumpets, jars, and torches, proving that [Bottom Line] God can use you no matter what. Explain that you will play a guessing game about some of the people and parts of today’s Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

“God said that Gideon’s army was TOO BIG! Do you remember why? (God said that if they defeated the other army, they would think that they did it themselves.) So what did God do? (Pause.) Yes! God sent all but 300 of Gideon’s army home! God said, ‘With the help of the three hundred men . . . I will save you. I will hand the Midianites over to you.’ (Judges 7:7, NIV) Wow! God used 300 men to defeat an army of 135,000! God wanted Gideon to know that He could use him, no matter what. **[Bottom Line] God can use you no matter what, too!**

“God can use you to be kind to someone who needs to know that God loves them. He can use you to be a friend to someone who needs a friend. He can use you to invite someone to church, and He can use you to tell someone about His Son, Jesus. **[Bottom Line] God can use you no matter what!**”

CLOSE IN PRAYER:

“Dear God, thank You, SO much, that You can use us, no matter what. Thank You for the example of Gideon. Thank You for giving him confidence and using him even though he was scared and felt small. Thank You that You are good to us and give us confidence when we’re scared, too. We love you, SO much, God. Amen.”