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GET IN THE MIX

PRETEEN ACTIVITY (4th-5th grade)



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

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION: How could God use you?

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

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

BASIC TRUTH: I can trust God 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)*

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed, but kids will use things found around their home.

WHAT YOU DO:

- Tell the kids they're going to compete in a scavenger hunt to find objects that could be used in creative, silly, or funny ways.
- You'll give them a hypothetical situation (ideas below) and then they'll race off to find an object that can be used in that particular situation.
- Keep track of the order in which kids return.

- When everyone has returned, let kids take turns quickly sharing how their object will be used.
- Then let them vote on who's idea is the best. (Most creative, funniest, weirdest, most appropriate, etc. let kids decide for themselves how they define "best.")
- Tell kids they cannot vote for their own ideas.

Award points as follows:

- First to return: 3 points
- Second to return: 2 points
- Third to return: 1 point
- Winner of the group vote: 3 points

Hypothetical situations (or get creative and make some up on your own):

- Your dog gets upset anytime someone leaves the room.
- Your little brother's pants keep falling down because they're too big.
- You want to watch TV, but the sun is shining in from the window and messing with your vision.
- You're at a sleepover and everyone is scared because the lights are flickering during a thunderstorm.

Note: Depending on how many kids you have and how "verbose" they all are, you might only be able to do a couple rounds. That's okay! Kids will still have fun.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Those were some awesomely creative ways to use random objects! If you could use all of those random things in the situations we talked about, imagine how much more God can use YOU to accomplish His plans and show others who He is!"

Use the following as a guide to review the story and help kids internalize today's message:

- What are some reasons Gideon thought God couldn't use him?
- How did God use him?
- Imagine you are Gideon and an angel told you God was sending you to save the Israelites. Why do you think Gideon kept asking God for signs?
- How could God use you to serve other people? Or how could God use you to encourage their family or a friend? What about just showing God's love to other people? How could God use you to do that?
- [Make it Personal] (Share about a time you thought God couldn't use you but He did!)

CLOSE IN PRAYER:

"God, what a great story we heard today! It is amazing how you used Gideon to defeat the Midianites! God, we forget You can use us, too! We tend to focus on the reasons we can't do something. But You are ready to help us and fill us with Your confidence, just like You helped Gideon. Open our eyes to see how You want to use us and then give us the confidence to move and reflect Your love to others. In Jesus' name! Amen!"