

March 22

PRE-SCHOOL Family Activity and Discussion Guide



BIG IDEA

God gives extraordinary peace.

THE BIBLE

Gideon Asks for a Sign: Judges 6;
(Philippians 4:7)

ACTIVITY TIME

ACTIVITY | Are you a Good Listener? Game

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Let's see how well we can listen when we whisper a few words to your mom, dad, sister or brother. Everyone sits in a circle. Pick someone to start and think of a short phrase such as "Jesus loves you", "God is with us" or "I love my family". Now whisper that phrase to the person next to you. Continue until the last person, where they will now say the words out loud!
- Did they get it right?? Have fun repeating until everyone whispers something.

ACTIVITY | Obstacle Course

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Set up an obstacle course in your space using blankets, hula hoops, jump ropes, play tunnel, pillows etc. Depending on the age of your kids, use a blindfold or not!! One person can be blindfolded while another will guide them through the obstacle course without touching them, only by giving them directions! Be silly and have fun!!
- **TALKING POINT:** There is no way anyone would've made it through that wacky obstacle course alone without being able to see, right? They wouldn't have known where to go or what to do. But when someone is telling you what to do then all you would have to do is listen. We are going to talk about someone in the Bible who was able to do great things because they heard from God and listened.

DISCUSSION TIME

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SCRIPTURE | Judges 6

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Look up the story from Judges 6 in a preschool Bible and read it to your preschoolers after you've watched the Bible Story. We recommend *The Beginner's Bible*.
- **Who was the man in our Bible story today?** That's right, his name was Gideon.
- **What special job did God have for Gideon?** God wanted Gideon to free the Israelites.
- **What did Gideon think about this? What did he do?**
- **Did Gideon think God would do what God had promised?** Maybe, but he wasn't sure at first. So, Gideon asked God for signs that God would do as promised.
- **How did God give extraordinary peace to Gideon?** God gave Gideon the signs he asked for. God wanted Gideon to know that God would always be him!
- **Why was God not happy with the Israelites at the time when Gideon lived?**
- **Is it easy for you to listen and obey?**
- **Who can you talk to and trust when you might be afraid?**

ACTIVITY TIME

ACTIVITY | Extraordinary Me!

- **TALKING POINT:** God asked Gideon to do a special job, but Gideon thought God picked the wrong person. But God loved Gideon, and God was patient with him and proved Gideon had heard God correctly. Even though Gideon felt he was ordinary, God made sure he knew that with God's peace on his side, Gideon was extraordinary! God thinks you're extraordinary, too! You are a very special person made to do big things for God!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Use blank paper with "[Name of child] is extraordinary!" written across the bottom. Trace each child's hand onto the paper. Color the hand and talk about what they want to be when they are older.
- **TALKING POINT:** God had a plan and job for Gideon to do. And guess what? God has a plan and job for you, too! Take a person and draw a picture of what you might want to do for God when you grow up. Maybe you want to be a doctor, a musician, a missionary, a firefighter, a parent, an astronaut, a ballet dancer, a veterinarian... maybe you want to be a lot of different things!

ACTIVITY | Lead the Way

- **TALKING POINT:** Gideon and his army beat the Midianites' army. They used torches instead of swords. Let's remember God will always be with us to make us feel calm and give us peace.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Encourage your kids to use a paper towel tube or any dull utensil to lead a march around the room.

ACTIVITY | Human Fleece

- **INSTRUCTIONS;** *This is a simple game to remind your kids of the signs Gideon asked for in today's story. When you say, "Fleece... wet!" the kids will roll around on the floor however they want. When you say, "Fleece... dry!" they have to lie completely still.*

ACTIVITY | Fleece Tag – (Great game for playing outside)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Put a large fleece blanket on the ground. Play a regular game of tag, except when someone is tagged, they need to sit under the blanket. Keep playing until everyone is under the blanket.*

PRAYER

- Dear God, help us to be brave, just like you did for Gideon. Help us to hear You correctly and feel Your peace.



