

Supplies: 1 Blindfold, 3 to 5 Balloons/Balls (or any available lightweight materials at home that will work for this activity)

Parents, please make sure to clear any obstruction to avoid any accident.

Each player will be blindfolded during his turn and will stand at the starting point. Place each balloon/ball in a designated area. The rest of the family will coach the player where to get the balloons/balls (ex. forward... left... right, etc). The player may collect as many balloons/balls as he/she can. Family members can each have their turn to play the game.

As the player, you had no idea where or how to get to the object. You were helpless but there was a voice guiding and directing you to where you needed to go and thus win the game.

In our lesson today, we will learn how we can win even when we are weak or helpless.



Read the Word

At this time, the Israelites were living in fear of the Midianites because the Midianites were cruel. They would attack and take away the people's crops, leaving them with nothing to eat. The Israelites cried out to God and one day, God appeared to a man named Gideon. Let's read from Judges 6:

12-17 And the angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, "The Lord is with you, O mighty man of valor." And Gideon said to him, "Please, my lord, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our fathers recounted to us, saying, 'Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?' But now the Lord has forsaken us and given us into the hand of Midian."

And the Lord turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours and save Israel from the hand of Midian; do not I send you?" And he said to him, "Please, Lord, how can I save Israel? Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house." And the Lord said to him, "But I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man."

Gideon didn't think that he could lead the Israelites and save them from the Midianites because he came from a small family and he felt he was the weakest in his family. But God sees otherwise. Even before Gideon ever did anything, God called him a "mighty man of valor". God did not wait for Gideon to do any mighty feat before referring to him as such.

In Judges 7-8, when they went to battle, Gideon's small army of 300 men defeated the mighty Midianites who had 135,000 fighting men. This is only possible because of God. God promised that He would be with Gideon to give him the strength he needed to deliver Israel from Midianites. And God delivered them. Their victory was not because of their own might or power but because God was with them, fighting for them.





Parent to Kid/s:

2-6 years old

- Who do you ask for help when you feel like things are hard to do? Share your story.

7-12 years old

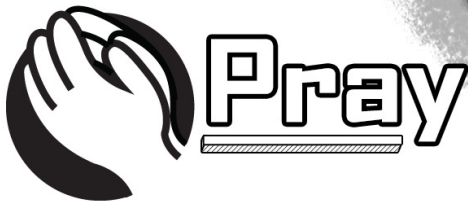
- Is there anything you want to do but you're not sure if you can do it? Share it with your family.

Kid/s to Parents:

- Have you ever had something you thought of doing but you felt too weak to do it? Did you go for it or not? Why?

Just like Gideon who had a hard time believing that he can fight against the Midianites, we also find it hard to believe we can do things for God. We think we are not good enough but God can use us to do many things for Him, whether we think we can do it or not. He can use us to bless others, to tell others about Him, to love others. We just need to trust Him.

**TRUST
IN
GOD**



Dear God,

Forgive us for our many excuses and doubts that hinder us from obeying you. Thank you for your faithfulness to us that in our weakness, You enable us to be strong.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



In the story of Gideon, each soldier only carried a horn, a torch and a pitcher. The torch was kept in the pitcher. At the signal of the horns they broke the pitchers to reveal the lighted torch.

In the same way, Greeks also used pitchers as weapon. Also known Greek fire, Greeks would release flammable substances from pitchers. No one however knows the exact form of this weapon, but it was once feared in ocean battles.

Source: https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greek_fire