

# GOD GIVES US PURPOSE!



## Consider this breakdown:

Running low on time this week? Consider combining Days 1 & 2. Just be sure to pick and choose which activities you'd like to do!

Day 1 – God Calls Gideon (Judges 6:7-24)

Day 2 – The Sign of the Fleece (Judges 6:36-40)

Day 3 – Gideon's Army/Gideon Defeats Midian (Judges 7:1-25)

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## Scripture Readings & Discussions

### Day 1 – God Calls Gideon

Read: Judges 6:7-24

Discuss:



- Context (Judge 6:1-6): God is punishing the Israelites for not obeying Him by allowing the Midianites to come and take all of their food as it grows.
- What does it say about the Israelites that their first instinct was to cry out to God? *They knew better. They knew they were answering to God for their wrong decisions.*
- What is Gideon’s attitude when he is talking to the Lord (see v.13)? *This would be a good time to talk about humility. Coming before God with a heart and attitude of understanding that He is so much more than we are. And without Him we can do nothing.*
- What is God’s attitude toward Gideon (see v. 18)? *This is the same God that we talk to today. He is kind, gracious, and patient.*
- Why did God call Gideon? *Not because he was strong or brave but because he was willing.*
- How can we have a willing heart? *First we have to pray that God, through the Holy Spirit, will give us a willing heart.*

### Day 2 – The Sign of the Fleece

Read: Judges 6:36-40

Discuss:

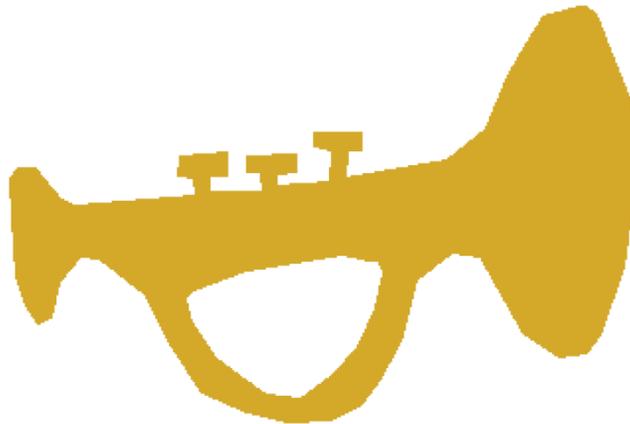
- Why did Gideon test God in this way?
  - He knew he wasn’t strong or wise enough to lead the Israelites to victory.
  - He didn’t trust that God would work through him or that it wasn’t his own strength he needed to rely on.
- Was it okay for Gideon to test God?
- When have I/we ever tested or questioned God?
- With what attitude did Gideon test God (see v. 39)?
- What was God’s attitude toward Gideon?

## Day 3 – Gideon’s Army/Gideon Defeats Midian

Read: Judges 7:1-25

Discuss:

- Why did God want Israel to have such a small army (see v.2)?
- Why did God not want them to use strong weapons?
- How might the Israelites have felt about a small army and no weapons? *Reminder, we can't know for sure because the Bible doesn't tell us. But it IS okay to wonder!*
- Why did the Lord test the army the way that He did? Is that important? *It didn't really matter. The point was to focus on God and His authority.*
- What ended up happening? *The Israelites won the battle.*
- Who got the credit for the Israelites defeating the Midianites (see v. 15)?
- Who was responsible for leading the Israelites to victory?
- In summary... God used Gideon because he was willing to follow Him. Because of Gideon's willingness to be used by God and to faithfully follow His instructions, the Israelites were saved and God was glorified.



## Daily Activity Ideas

### Day 1 – God Calls Gideon

- Memory Verse Ping Pong – Whoever is first calls out the first phrase of a verse, then another calls back the second phrase, and so forth. Get the whole family involved! What better dinner conversation?
- Red Light green Light – Start with everyone along the starting line, When you say 'Green Light' everyone will move towards the finish line, When you say 'Red Light' everyone must immediately stop. If players are still moving when you call 'Red Light', they must go back to the starting line.
  - Talk about your responses. In this game it is difficult to stop right away when someone calls “Red Light!” Just like it can be difficult to respond to God obediently right away.
- Prayer – Draw a picture of how you might respond to hearing the voice of God calling you to do something. Pray that the Holy Spirit would give you courage, strength, and wisdom to respond willingly (like Gideon) to His calling.



### Day 2 – The Sign of the Fleece

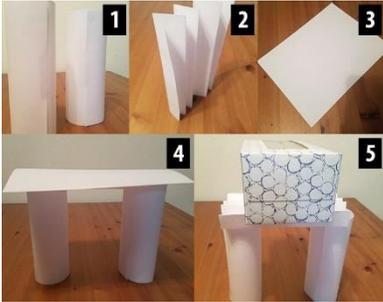
- Make a Collage – Use magazine pictures to make a poster comparing the world’s heroes with God’s heroes.
- Prayer – Make a word splash of things that might make us question God. *I.e. storms, people or pets dying, sickness, a hard test, losing your favorite toy, a dinner you don’t like, etc.* Pray that God would help you trust Him and that, in those moments when you wonder if He is even there or if He even loves you, that He would help you to ask good questions, with a humble heart (like Gideon), that help you find Him.

## Day 3 – Gideon’s Army/Gideon Defeats Midian

- **Object Lesson** – <https://betterbibleteachers.com/2018/01/sunday-school-object-lesson-on-gods-power-from-the-story-of-gideon/>

You Will Need - 2 pieces of paper taped into tubes (see picture 1 below), a piece of paper folded several times like an accordion (see picture 2 below), a regular piece of paper (see picture 3 below), Kleenex box

- God was going to show his supernatural power through Gideon. Gideon looked at the men in his camp and thought, “THERE IS NO WAY we are ever going to defeat the Midianites!”



- Take an object like a Kleenex box and attempt to set it on the ‘table’ structure as pictured in picture 4 below. It will fall right through the paper.

- But God wanted to show that with His power Gideon could accomplish what seemed impossible!

- Replace the piece of paper on top of the ‘table’ structure with the accordion folded one (like picture 5 below). It will now hold the box!

- **Prayer** – Draw or journal about some of your favorite things about God. Pray that you would always remember to see God’s goodness, even when it is hard. Pray that when you are tempted to take credit for a good thing, that you would remember that every good and perfect gift is actually from Him. Just like the Israelites’ victory.

## Additional Resources & Worship

### Worship:

- Worship Folder - [https://cma1-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/person/children\\_alliancechurch\\_com/EmHg-MZPu2hBo9\\_CkxloXAwB4-ARLozNem0W4FbZDPpb4Q?e=EAQFjP](https://cma1-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/person/children_alliancechurch_com/EmHg-MZPu2hBo9_CkxloXAwB4-ARLozNem0W4FbZDPpb4Q?e=EAQFjP)
- Fly - [https://cma1-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/person/children\\_alliancechurch\\_com/EbT8mF9I-8VPiu-H6U\\_gWlcbHyrr3kXHX5BDpkRo2VLOFw?e=0Gtpxb](https://cma1-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/person/children_alliancechurch_com/EbT8mF9I-8VPiu-H6U_gWlcbHyrr3kXHX5BDpkRo2VLOFw?e=0Gtpxb)
- Peace Like a River - [https://cma1-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/person/children\\_alliancechurch\\_com/ETnu0aO3kf9JiUTZizle-NABly-iYwLSRnGkl81g5te-ZA?e=GgSf0L](https://cma1-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/person/children_alliancechurch_com/ETnu0aO3kf9JiUTZizle-NABly-iYwLSRnGkl81g5te-ZA?e=GgSf0L)

### Videos:

#### God's Story: Gideon

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U68clMZSgvQ>



#### Bugtime Adventures: Scare Tactics

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/KidsSeries/755?episode=1>



### Memory Verse:

Isaiah 41:10

So do not fear, for I am with you;  
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you and help you;  
I will uphold you with my righteous hand.