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BIBLE STORYLINE

Gideon

PursueGODkids.org**Slide: Welcome***(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)***Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.****Slide: Series Intro****Leader Tip:** Dress up like Gideon. Put on a robe and a beard and wrap a scarf around your head. Carry a torch with flames in one hand and a horn or broken pot in the other. Introduce yourself to the group as Gideon, a judge called by God to lead the Israelites to victory over the Midianites. Present the rest of the script in character.**Before we get into our lesson I have a question for you guys! What is the bravest thing you have ever done? (allow kids to answer). Good! Maybe it was trying out for a sports team, or talking to the new kid at lunch.****Well, in today's lesson we are going to learn about a guy named Gideon. Gideon was chosen by God to help the Israelite get free from the mean people controlling them. Gideon had to be really brave to do that!****We'll learn more about that in a few minutes, but first let's stand and sing a song!****Song***Live It Out***Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.****Slide: Big Idea***All together: With God on your side, you can win any battle. (Repeat)***Video***Play lesson video.***Slide: Recap****So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...**

- Who was the enemy that Gideon needed to defeat? (the Midianites)

- How many men did Gideon get to have in his army? (300)
- True or False: With God, we can win any battle. (T)

This is a lesson we have learned before and it's a really important one to remember! Life is going to be very hard sometimes. We are going to deal with things like bullies, losing friends, having to move, losing our pets, and so many other things that will make us sad. When those things happen, it's easy to feel hopeless and it might feel like God is far away. But in those times we need to remember that God is right there next to us in those trials. He is fighting with us. With him by our side, we can overcome even the scariest of battles.

This is what Gideon learned when he was faced with a battle he didn't think he could win. God told him to go to battle with the Midianites but Gideon wasn't very strong or brave. But, God told Gideon he would be right there with him.

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

Slide: Memory Verse

"A sword for the Lord (point up) and for Gideon (hands on hip triumphantly!" Judges 7:20
(Repeat)

In Gideon's story, God could've sent him to battle with hundreds of men and lots of weapons. Gideon probably would've felt more brave if that were the case. But, God had a different idea. God told Gideon that he would go to battle with only 300 men and no weapons at all! Gideon ended up winning the battle but not because of his own strength or even because of a powerful army. The battle was won because God was on his side.

This is true in our lives, too. God will help us to win any battle we face. We just need to trust in his power, not our own.

Now, let's all stand and sing one last song together.

Song

Sing Sing

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

Slide: Big Idea

With God on your side, you can win any battle. (Repeat)

Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and release the kids to small group.