

Story Time

What You Need

- Preschool Bible
- Butcher paper
- Washable markers

Note

Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

① What You Do

→ Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story.

② What You Say

"Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (**HOLD UP THE BIBLE**) begins with a man named Gideon. (**DRAW A STICK FIGURE, GIDEON.**) He was afraid of the mean Midianite army (**DRAW MULTIPLE STICK FIGURES OUT TO THE SIDE— SOME WITH MEAN FACES**) so he, along with all the other Israelites, hid in holes in the mountain! (**DRAW STICK FIGURE GIDEON IN A HOLE.**)

"The Midianites would come and destroy all the Israelites' crops, and they would do this every year for seven years. One time, Gideon was trying to hide some of the wheat so it would be safe and they would have it for food later.

"While doing so, God sent an angel to tell Gideon (**DRAW STICK FIGURE ANGEL AND GIDEON**), 'The Lord is with you, mighty warrior!' God wanted Gideon to lead an army to defeat the Midianites (**DRAW GIDEON AND GOD'S ARMY**).

"Gideon didn't think he was the right person for the job. He felt small and unimportant. But God said He would be with Gideon.

"So the Israelites took trumpets, jars, and torches and quietly walked to where the Midianites were. When they got there, they made a really loud noise by blowing their trumpets and smashing their jars! (**HOLD UP A PICTURE OF GIDEON AND THE ARMY TORCHES AND TRUMPETS UP AND BROKEN JARS ON THE GROUND.**) Then shouted: 'For the LORD and for Gideon!' Let's all shout that. (**WITH CHILDREN.**) 'For the LORD and for Gideon!' Great job! Now the Midianites were afraid and ran away! God helped Gideon be brave and lead the army to defeat the Midianites. God helped Gideon be brave and **[BOTTOM LINE] God can help you be brave!**"