

LETTERS FROM A KIDS CHURCH LEADER

Hello everyone,

I hope you're still enjoying your summer holidays with home school a distant memory. Even though the weather hasn't been amazing recently I am sure you have put your raincoat on and got out and about. Some places feel very different at the moment don't they? Especially in shops for example. Chelsea and Marshall got their feet measured last week with a lady who wore a mask with a face visor on top and then pulled out a plastic screen in front of her too. The new conditions have been hard to get used to and can maybe make us a bit fearful at times too.

Gideon in the Bible was once described as fearful and timid but God spoke to him through an angel. When the angel of the Lord appeared Gideon, he said, "The Lord is with you mighty warrior." This should be a comfort to us to know that God is with us always and will help us cope, especially if we find out new situations in shops and school a bit difficult to get used to. Hope you enjoy today's lesson and have another fun filled week of your summer holidays ahead before our next letter to you all.

Love,

Abigail, Judith, Mark, Ruth, Lois, John, Nikki, Ben and Katie!

Challenge:

"When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, 'The Lord is with you, mighty warrior'." Judges 6:12

(NIV – we know you love to add this in!)

When you are trying to remember this verse, why don't you try repeating it over and over, challenge your parents or siblings to say it or write it out.

Sing-A-Long:

Here is a little song to sing and dance along to, we hope you enjoy it!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNe4HCO4SuQ>

Bible Story:

"Heroes of Faith" based on Hebrews 11 (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OlgXVihi_S8) is the series that Kids Church are going to focus on over the summer! We will learn about a different person from Hebrews 11 who demonstrated faith and this week we are focussing on Gideon. Watch the video below and read Judges 6:11-18 and Judges 7:1-8, 19-22.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c3CDZjpkDKU>

Gideon was fearful and uncertain but God told him that He would be with him. God called him a 'mighty warrior.'



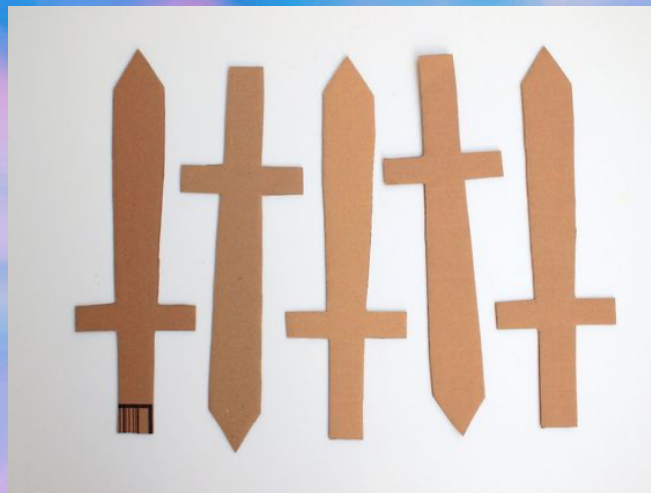
God already viewed Gideon as a mighty warrior because he knew his character, but Gideon wasn't sure of himself. However, he worked for God and did what he was asked in the midst of uncertainty. Whenever he was asked to reduce the numbers in his army, he did so. The army went from 32,000 to 10,000 but God wasn't finished. Gideon was instructed to take his men to the water to drink and only 300 scooped water to their mouths with their hands. They were the 300 that would make up Gideon's army. But God explained that He was not going to let Israel boast about a win, instead any win would be attributed to God through Gideon's work. You might have noticed that every prayer at the end of this booklet finishes with "for your glory and our good." Gideon's story is an example of that. God was glorified because of Gideon's faith and an army of 300 (not 32,000).

Gideon might have been scared but he had faith in what God was doing despite how he might have been feeling. God will be with us despite any obstacle that we may face.

Craft:

Thor has a hammer, Captain America has a shield and Gideon had faith, a sword and a torch. Today's craft will see you making a sword. There is a template at the end of this booklet that can be used or you can cut your own shape.

What you will need: Scissors, glue, cardboard, tin foil, felt tip pens and decorations.



1. Use the template provided or create your own shape.
2. Get your cardboard and draw your template, then carefully cut it out. To make your sword stronger, you could have a few templates to glue together.
3. Glue tin foil to your sword, but leave the handle.
4. Decorate and colour in your handle. If you want, you can also decorate the rest of the sword.
5. We would love to see your creations, please take a photo and send to steven@railwaystreet.org



Worksheet.

Color each section by the colors shown in the list at the bottom of the page. You can choose to color the stars white or yellow. If you don't have all of the colors listed or find an area that's not numbered, make your best color choice.



1. Yellow 2. Light Green 3. Blue 4. Dark Blue 5. Dark Green 6. Skin 7. Dark Gray
8. Gray 9. Orange 10. Purple 11. Tan

Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you for Gideon's story and the example of faith he shows us. Help us to remember that you are with us always, just as you were with Gideon. Whenever we face obstacles in our own lives, we pray to remember you and have courage and faith in you.

For your glory and our good, Amen.

The End:

Jesus is our ultimate hero of faith because he is perfect, but we can still learn from imperfect people. We are so excited for you to work through the "Heroes of Faith" series. We hope this guide points you to God and reminds you of His love. Until next week,

Abigail, Judith, Mark, Ruth, Lois, John, Nikki, Ben and Katie!

Other Resources:

The Bible Project are sending out weekly family encouragements: <https://bibleproject.com>

Illustrated Ministry have lots of Free resources that can be used as well:
<https://www.illustratedministry.com/>

Railway Street Presbyterian Church: <http://www.facebook.com/RailwayStreetPC>

Hope for Youth Ministries are doing assemblies on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays:
<https://www.facebook.com/hopeforyouthministries/>

She Reads Truth have a Kids Read Truth section with a free digital download, 'Kids Read Matthew.' This is a daily scripture and activity book, follow the link below to download:
<https://shereadstruth.com/downloads/>

Made for More have an Encounters with Jesus booklet which can be requested from
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