



WEEK THREE – OCTOBER 2025 – PRESCHOOL

Bible Story: *Gideon | Judges 6 + 7*

Key Question: *Who can help you be brave?*

Bottom Line: *God can help me be brave.*

Memory Verse: *“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid...for the LORD your God goes with you.” (Deuteronomy 31:6 NIV)*

Basic Truth: *God made me*

Series Overview: Deep down, everybody wants to be a super kid, and nothing defines super kid better than the word ‘brave.’ What we do to be brave—and Who can help us be brave—is what this month is all about. We can pray, like Esther, and be brave. We can remember that God is with us, like David, and be brave. We can trust what God says, like Gideon, and be brave. And when we pray, remember, and trust, God can help us be brave so we can help others, like Abigail. We want our preschoolers to grow up knowing that when they are afraid, God can help them be brave, and that is what makes them a super kid. Join us as we pray for our preschoolers and their families, as well as those of us who lead them. Pray that we will look to God and God alone when we are afraid and have to do hard things, because God can help us be brave.

9:05 - 9:20 | 11:05 – 11:20 | EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITY

OPENING ACTIVITY

What You Need: “Emoji Match” Activity Page; Avery Labels #22807; 8-Ounce Paper Cups

What You Do:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - Copy “Emoji Match” on label paper, two sets per Small Group.
 - Place one sticker at the bottom of each cup.
 - Arrange cups in a square formation, bottom side down, on the table.
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - Encourage children to turn over two cups at a time to try to make a match.
 - Identify the emotion on each cup.
 - When matches are made, stack them together and move them to the side.
 - Review each emotion once all the cups have been matched.
 - Reset and repeat as desired.
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - Introduce the Bible Story.

Inclusive Pro-Tips:

- Pair children up to do the activity together.
- Start with the cups sticker side up and play the game by stacking the matches on top of each other.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Friends, come to the table and let’s play a matching game. On the bottom of each of these cups is an emotion sticker. *(Turn a cup over*

and show them.) We'll take turns, and you'll get to flip two cups over at a time to try to make a match."

- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*

- "Let's get started. [Child's name] flip over two cups. *(Pause.)* Great job! This is a [emotion] face, and this is a [emotion] face. Are they a match? *(If they are a match, you can stack the cups and set them to the side. If not, flip the cups over.)* [Child's name], your turn. *(Continue with each child until all the emotions are matched. Reset and repeat until all the children have a turn.)* We made all the matches! Let's look at all the emotions. *(Hold up and identify each emotion.)* Great job!"

- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*

- "In our Bible Story today, we'll hear about someone who was afraid. *(Hold up the afraid face cup.)* His name is Gideon. Let's go hear all about it!"

9:20 - 9:50 | 11:20 – 11:50 – LARGE GROUP

Story Focus: I Can Be Brave Even When I'm Afraid

9:50 – 10:10 | 11:50 – 12:10 – SMALL GROUP

GIDEON SAYS

[Hear From God | Memory Verse Review]

What You Need: "Gideon Says" Activity Page; Craft Knife

What You Do:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*

- Copy "Gideon Says" on cardstock, one per child and the leader.

- Cut along the dotted lines around the mouth.
- Say the verse together as you do the motions.
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - Encourage children to hold the picture of Gideon up to their face and say the verse.
 - Repeat as desired.
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - Connect the Memory Verse to the Bottom Line.

Inclusive Pro-Tips:

- I Pair children up to do the activity together.
- Allow children to say the verse without holding the Activity Page up to their face.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Friends, come over and stand with me. Let’s say our verse together as we do the motions. Everyone ready? ‘Be strong and courageous. *(Muscle arms)* Do not be afraid . . . *(cross and uncross hands)* for the Lord your God *(flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down)* goes with you,’ *(march in place)* Deuteronomy 31:6. *(Open hands like a book.)* Great job, everyone!”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Look at this picture, it’s Gideon, the man from our story! I thought it would be fun to use this to practice our verse. Watch me. *(Hold one of the papers up to your face, making sure your mouth is visible through the opening.)* ‘Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid ... for the Lord your God goes with you,’ Deuteronomy 31:6. *(Give each child a picture of Gideon.)* Now let’s all hold up our pictures and say the verse together. Let’s go! ‘Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid ... for the Lord your God goes with you,’ Deuteronomy 31:6. *(Repeat as desired.)* Great job, everyone!”
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*

- “The Bible teaches us to be strong and courageous and not to be afraid. Gideon was afraid of the Midianites, but God was with Gideon and helped him be brave. God is with you and can help you be brave, too! **Who can help you be brave? [Bottom Line] God can help me be brave!**”

TIP TOE TIME

[Live for God | Application Activity]

What You Need: Party horns; permanent markers

What You Do:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - Write each child’s name on a party horn.
 - Give each child their party horn.
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - Encourage children to tiptoe quietly around the room and blow their horn when you say, “Make a loud noise.”
 - Repeat as desired.
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

Inclusive Pro-Tips:

- For children with sensitivities to noise, provide them with headphones.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Let’s pretend to be Gideon’s army. I’ll pretend to be Gideon and you’ll be the army. I’ll give you a party horn to use as a trumpet. But don’t blow it yet.”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Okay everyone, we’re going to be really quiet and tiptoe around the room. When I say, “Make a loud noise,” I want you to blow your

horns really loud. Ready? Tiptoe with me. *(Pause.)* Shhhh, be super quiet and keep tiptoeing. *(Pause.)* Make a loud noise! *(Pause.)* Wow, great job! The Midianite army was so scared that they ran away. Let's play again! *(Repeat as desired.)* That was so much fun.”

- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - “God was with Gideon and helped him be brave. Gideon led God’s army with trumpets, jars, and torches, and told the army to follow him quietly. Gideon told the army to blow their trumpets, smash their jars, and shout ‘For the LORD and for Gideon!’ And just like that, the Midianites were afraid and ran away. God helped Gideon be brave! And God can help you be brave, too! **Who can help you be brave?** *[Bottom Line]* **God can help me be brave!**”