

Lesson 79: God Helps Gideon

[Judges 6:1-16; 7:1-24](#)

Youtube Link: <https://youtu.be/itDle5yeDgs>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/QWsrSgBaxYY>

Worship Theme: Nothing is impossible with God.

Memory Verse:

Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God." (Luke 18:27)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. We Will Win <https://youtu.be/Ba2UR8O5Rgw>
2. Be Strong And Courageous <https://youtu.be/Mr7oyUvG7U8>
3. Gideon <https://youtu.be/RARfWowIWls>

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: "The Impossible Game"

Materials Needed: Crumpled papers



1. Divide the children into two groups and draw a line (or use a tape) in the middle to separate them.
2. Place all the crumpled papers in the middle by the line.
3. When the teacher says "Go," everyone must work together to make sure all the crumpled paper will be on the other side of the line. (We're not trying to hit each other with the paper. Just try to throw it over to the other line.)
4. As they're playing the game, when the teacher comes and touches their shoulder, they have to change to the other team.
5. Teacher: Touch the shoulders of children from one team until the team only has 1 or 2 children.
6. After the game, ask children:
 - a. Which team had more crumpled paper on their side? (The team with less children)
 - b. How did it feel to play the game when you had less people? (it was hard)
 - c. How did it feel to play the game when you had more people? (it was fun)
 - d. Was it possible for the team with less people win the game? (no, it is impossible)
7. Today we will learn that what is impossible for humans, God can make possible!

Introduction:

The game you just played wasn't really a fair game when one team was so much bigger than the other. What happened in this game is similar to what happened in a Bible story about Gideon and his soldiers. But they discovered that nothing is impossible with God. Let's find out what happened.

Bible Story:

The Bible tells us about a time the Israelites turned against God and walked away from God's plans. God allowed a group of people called the Midianites to attack Israel. The Midianites ruined the Israelites' crops and tore down their buildings. The Israelites became so poor and miserable.

Then Israelites finally remembered God and cried out to God. God heard their prayers and sent someone to remind them of the power of their mighty God. God chose a man

named Gideon. Gideon was a weak man from a very small tribe, but he agreed to obey God's plan. Gideon gathered an army of 32,000 soldiers to fight the Midianites, but God said it was too big.

God told Gideon to send home anyone who was afraid to fight the Midianites. Then, 22,000 soldiers decided to go home. So, Gideon only had 10,000 men to fight with him. But God said this was still too many men. God really wanted the Israelites to know that it was God's mighty power who saved them, not the large number of soldiers.

So, God had Gideon take the men down to drink water and keep only men who drank from their cupped hands. When God finished eliminating soldiers, there were only 300 left in the Israelite army. The Midianite army was much, much bigger.

Normally it would have been impossible for such a small army to beat a big army, but remember, this was God's plan—not Gideon's. God told Gideon and his 300 men to blow trumpets and break jars to make a lot of noise late at night.

At the loud sound, the Midianites jumped up to fight, but God confused them. They fought with one another instead of attacking Gideon's men, then they ran away in fear. With God's help, Gideon's little army won. Israel was saved!

God showed the Israelites that nothing is impossible with him. The Israelites learned they could do anything with God's help. Remember, we can do anything with God's help, too.

Questions to discuss:

1. Why did God allow the Midianites to attack Israel? (The Israelites turned against God and walked away from his plans)
2. What did the Israelites do when they became poor and miserable? (They remembered and cried out to God)
3. Who did God raise as a leader? (Gideon)
4. Why did God only want 300 men to fight against the Midianites? (God did not want Israel to think they won because of the large army)
5. What was God's plan? (God had the 300 men blow trumpets and break jar to surprise the Midianites; then God confused the Midianites, so they fought with one another)
6. What is impossible for God? (Nothing!)

Game: "Passing The Peanut"

Materials needed: 4 plates, straws for each child, peanuts, 4 chairs.



1. Group the children into 2 groups equally. Provide the straw to all the children in each group.
2. Place a plate with peanuts on a chair at the starting line and place an empty plate on the other chair at the finish line for each team.

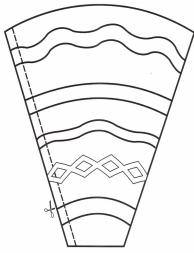
3. The children need to use the straw to transfer the peanuts without using their hand. The duration will be given by the teacher. The group that can get more peanuts to the empty plate wins the game.
4. After the game, explain to the children that even if the task seems very difficult, all things are possible with God.

Memory Verse:

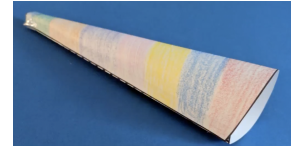
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Craft: Gideon's Trumpet

Materials Needed: Printed copy of trumpet (see below); scissors, glue, crayons



1. Print a copy of the trumpet for each child.
2. Have them color the trumpet.
3. Have the children cut it out and glue the sides to make it a trumpet.
4. When everyone is done, have the children recite the memory verse using their trumpet. (Optional: Children can put a straw in the trumpet to make a different sound.)



Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

When we have a relationship with Jesus, no matter what happens to us, we can be sure he'll be there. Even when God feels absent or far away, God is still in control. Think back on Gideon's feelings of inadequacy. When have you felt that way? When have you felt inadequate in your role as a teacher? How did God help you through it? How did that experience help grow your faith? The next time you feel inadequate, lean on your faith and move forward in confident trust.

Gideon's Trumpet

