



### **THE GOSPEL PROJECT JR. Unit 9.3**

**Date:** Sunday February 1, 2026 **Teachers:** Cara P(Lead) Meg D (co-lead)

**Props:** from home: \*\* (\*\*bring in some counting items from home- Cara) at centre: (ball from the bag, ), activity sheet,

#### **Review Rules:**

**One Mouth speaking at a time (Teacher points to mouths/kids point to their mouths)**

**Two Hands kept to myself (kids wiggle hands and keep them to themselves)**

**Two Feet kept to myself (kids cross legs)**

**Speak Kind Words like our God 3 in One**

#### **ACROSTIC OF JESUS: "FAITHFUL"**

*Susan*

#### **INTRO TO BIBLE STORY:**

*Vicky*

Review the pattern of the people of Israel:

**Away from God:** God's people sinned against God.

**Bondage:** God's people were captured by a nation.

**Cried to God:** God's people cried to God for help.

**Deliverer:** God sent a deliverer—a judge.

We are in the book of Judges, watching the people of Israel go through this pattern OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN! Today's Story the people turned from God again and worshipped other gods and so God allowed the Midonites to Rule over them. Before we watch our video we are going to play a little game...

Instruct kids to stand. Call out traits one at a time. If a kid fits the description, he should follow your command. For each trait, you may choose to allow kids to remain standing or to be seated. For example:

Sit down if your name begins with a vowel.

Remain standing if your birthday is in January, February, March, April, or May.

Sit down if you are left-handed. Continue calling out traits. When only one or two kids remain, invite all the kids to stand. In today's Bible story, an army started out with thousands of men. With that many soldiers, they probably could have easily won any battle! But God gave them a test to reduce the number to just 300. Do you think they won with that few men?

#### **THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO: Gideon**

##### **DISCUSSION VIDEO:**

*Nate*

Gideon was the youngest son in his family, and his family was the weakest in the tribe. Do you think God could have found a better warrior to lead the army? Why do you think God chose Gideon then? [Invite responses.]

Gideon went to battle with just 300 soldiers. How did this give more glory to God than if he had gone with 10,000 men? [Invite responses.] Discuss personal weaknesses and how our culture values strength, but God says His Strength is made perfect in our weakness.

**DISMISS JR. GR.1**

**GOSPEL GEMS/REVIEW** (depending on age of kids do one or the other)

**Cara**

**God used Gideon to help His people.**

**God said He would be with Gideon.**

**God sent Jesus to be with us.**

**OR**

**Who appeared to Gideon?** (the Angel of the Lord)

**What did the Angel of the Lord call Gideon?** (mighty warrior)

**Did God tell Gideon he had too many men or not enough?** (too many)

**What did Gideon say when the Israelites wanted him to be their king?** (God will be your King.)

**Sing to the tune of “If You’re Happy and You Know It”:**

**Cara**

“When God’s people needed help, He sent a judge. [Clap, clap]

When God’s people needed help, He sent a judge. [Clap, clap]

But God’s people soon forgot just how much they needed God.

When God’s people needed help, He sent a judge!” [Clap, clap]

Say: God used Gideon to help His people. God’s plan is perfect.

**ACTIVITY: “which is better?” materials: (activity sheet)**

**Meg**

Most of the time we will pick MORE over LESS, but in today's story God wanted to show his power to save and so God said LESS was better.

**ACTIVITY: “A lot or a few” materials: (\*\*bring in some counting items from home)**

**Cara**

Provide sorting items such as counting bears, beads, uncooked beans, buttons, or blocks. Invite children to sort the items based on item, color, or size. When sorting is complete, help preschoolers determine if each group has “a few” or “a lot.” Explain that a few of an item means very little, and a lot of an item means very many.

Most of the time we think having a lot of something is a good thing, but in today’s Bible story, God told Gideon that he had too many men in his army. God wanted very few men in Gideon’s army so everyone would know God was the one who won the battle.

**ACTIVITY: “Knock them down” materials: (ball from bag/ paper cups from black bin storage room)**

**Meg**

Build a tower of blocks to knock down. God told Gideon to knock down the structures built to other gods. The gods of the other nations were bad guys. Only God is good. Gideon obeyed God and knocked it down at night .

**ACTIVITY: “March Loudly” materials : none**

**Meg**

Invite children to march softly around the room. When you say “louder,” they will stomp and make noise.

Gideon’s army made a lot of noise that scared the enemy army. God used Gideon to help His people. God sent Jesus to save us, Jesus is mighty to save.

**ACTIVITY: “make a trumpet” materials: (paper, tape, stickers)**

**Meg/Cara**

Provide a construction paper for each preschooler. Allow her to decorate her paper with markers or stickers. Roll the paper to form a cone and secure with tape. Make a trumpet of your own to demonstrate how to blow into the cone to make sounds.

**PRAY: Jesus, we need you, you are mighty to save! Amen.**

**FREE PLAY/MAKE TRUMPETS/SNACK**