

Gideon: Lesson 2

SuperTruth: God gives me the victory.

SuperVerse: “See, God has come to save me. I will trust in Him and not be afraid. The LORD God is my strength and my song; He has given me victory.” Isaiah 12:2 (NLT)

Bible Story: Judges 6–7

Game Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and markers or chalkboard and chalk
- 12 empty cardboard paper towel roll tubes, cut in half to make 24 short tubes; or 24 empty cardboard toilet paper roll tubes; or 12 pieces of cardstock cut into 8.5" x 5.5" sheets, then rolled up and taped into 24 tubes each 5.5" long
- Optional: scissors plus tape or stapler if making tubes from cardstock
- Green and yellow crayons or markers
- 12 or more marbles, ball bearings, small bouncy balls, or other items that roll easily
- Masking tape, painters tape, or chalk

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Table
- The “poles” from the Pole Bowl Game, placed across the table
- Copies of Pitcher and Torch Pattern for any children who missed Lesson 1, plus a completed sample to show the class
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and markers or chalkboard and chalk
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and markers or chalkboard and chalk

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

In the Superbook story, Gideon was an unlikely leader, but God gave him the victory! God also gives us the victory when we trust Him to lead us and to work in our lives.

- Superbook takes Joy, Chris and Gizmo back in time to meet Gideon—an unlikely hero hiding from enemies who have taken over Israel. The Angel of the Lord appears to Gideon, and he is transformed from a coward into a bold leader. Gideon faithfully follows God’s instructions, even when others doubt his wisdom. The children discover how to find courage to face any challenge.
- Watch the Bible Background Video and learn about the world in the time of Gideon.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: Pole Bowl (15 minutes)

Objective: Play a game to remove idols.

- Throughout Israel, people had built altars to honor a false god and put up poles for idol worship. Gideon’s father had one of each—and the Lord told Gideon that he must knock them down! So, in our game today, we are going to knock down poles symbolizing false gods and idols.

Game Instructions:

- Both teams play at the same time. Each player rolls two marbles to try to knock down their team’s color of poles without knocking down the other team’s by mistake! If the opposite team’s pole is knocked over, it stays down. The first team to knock down all of their poles wins.

Teaching: Prepare for Victory (15 minutes)

Objective: Discuss how we must prepare for God’s victory.

- As Gideon found out, victory starts with obedience. To experience God’s victory in our lives, the first step we must take is to serve Him only. We must ask Him to cleanse our hearts and purify our lives of things that do not please Him. We need to make sure that there is nothing more important in our lives than the living God.

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- Continue with the challenge to learn the next two verses on the torches before the next lesson.

SuperVerse: Superbook Fill in the Blanks (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- The Old Testament prophet Isaiah wrote the book of the Bible where our SuperVerse is found. This verse is actually a song written to thank God for saving His people and delivering them from their enemies, giving them victory.
- Read the verse and stop at certain places—then children shout the next word of the verse. Do the first round with the children facing the board. Read the verse aloud and stop before words such as “save,” “trust,” or “victory.” Play subsequent rounds with children’s backs to the board.

Prayer: Victory Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- The SuperVerse is a song of praise to God in celebration of victory. When we trust in Jesus—who died on the cross and rose from the dead—God gives us the victory over our enemies. By thanking God in advance of our victory, we are expressing our trust and faith in Him.
- Children, think of something you need victory over. Then silently tell God how you need His help. Go around the circle, having each child say a phrase from the board to thank God for the victory.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

Triangle Game: Reinforce the SuperTruth with a game. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Object Lesson: Demonstrate how God brings victory in impossible situations. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Activity: Create murals depicting Gideon’s attack. | **Grades 1–3** | 15 min

Bible Study: Dig deeper into the areas of victory God gives. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min