

Gideon: Lesson 3

SuperTruth: With God I can do great things.

SuperVerse: *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.* Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)

Bible Story: Judges 6–7

Game Materials Needed:

- An adult or teen who can consistently pitch balls underhanded with accuracy
- A sixth grade helper to keep score on the board
- Bundle Bat Pattern and instructions
- 2 empty paper towel rolls; or make your own tubes using two rolled up sheets of cardstock for each one
- Scissors for the teacher
- Masking tape or painters tape
- Soft foam ball; or 2 or 3 balloons, plus extras for breakage, for younger children or those with special needs
- Three bath towels or bed sheets
- Whiteboard and marker or chalkboard and chalk

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Pitcher and Torch Pattern for children who missed previous Lessons
- Signpost Pitcher and Torch Pattern
- Completed craft from Lesson 1
- Tape
- Scissors
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Timer: clock/watch with second hand, stopwatch, timer app
- Whiteboard and marker or chalkboard and chalk
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

Prayer Materials Needed:

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

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

This is the last lesson of our Superbook adventure about Gideon. Gideon was about to find out that with God he could do great things. And with God, we can do great things, too!

- 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.
- Let’s watch our Signposts Video to see how the events in the life of Gideon were Signposts to the life of Christ while He was on the earth.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: Bundle Bat Review (15 minutes)

Objective: Review the Superbook story by playing a ball game.

- Gideon was threshing bundles of wheat in the winepress. He would swing the bundles up in the air then down to the ground to separate the chaff from the grains of wheat, which could be eaten. We are going to swing a wheat bundle too, but not at the ground—at a ball!

Game Instructions:

- The game is played similar to baseball. For each turn at bat, a team will have one child bat the ball or balloon and another child answer the review question.

Teaching: Gideon Points to Christ (15 minutes)

Objective: Discuss how the Bible story is a Signpost to Jesus.

- Gideon did not see himself as strong at all. He saw himself as unimportant and a member of the smallest tribe of Israel. Yet God saw Gideon as a mighty warrior who would lead Israel into battle!
- Have a different child remove a torch in order—1, 2, 3—from the pitcher and read it aloud.

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- Ask children to continue with the challenge and learn the final two verses on the torches and discuss the verses with their families.

SuperVerse: Superbook Back and Forth (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- Paul wrote from personal experience. He was imprisoned, beaten, shipwrecked, and persecuted. Through all of his suffering and weakness, he was strengthened by Jesus Christ’s power in him.
- The first girl on one end will shout the first word of the SuperVerse, then the first boy directly across from her will shout the next word. Continue in a girl/boy alternating pattern until the entire SuperVerse and scripture reference is shouted.

Prayer: Responsive Prayer (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- Gideon did not see Himself as a mighty hero as God saw him. We must see ourselves not with our own strength and ability, but as God sees us with Jesus’ strength and ability in us.
- Our prayer today is called a responsive prayer. I will make a statement and you will repeat the SuperTruth, saying “With God I can do great things!” Let’s close our eyes and bow our heads. I will say a sentence of the prayer and then pause. You will then say the SuperTruth together.

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

Soldier Game: Play a game to reduce Gideon’s army. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Object Lesson: Compare our human bodies to clay jars. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Craft: Make a torch to carry the light of Jesus. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

Bible Study: Look up verses to see what we can do through Christ. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min