

June 10, 2018

Memory Verse:

"I remain confident of this:
I will see the goodness of the
Lord in the land of the living."
Psalm 27:13 NIV

Key Question: How could God use you?

Bottom Line: God can use you no matter what.

Bible Story: He'll Be There for You • Judges 6-8

Life App: Confidence - Living like you believe what God says is true.

9:00-9:10 | 10:30-10:44 - KIDS ARRIVE

Team Welcomes Kids *(Providing Time for Fun Interactions)*

Summary: We look to Judges 6-8. When God called Gideon to lead the Israelites, Gideon doubted God would really want him to help. Gideon was from the smallest tribe, the smallest family, and he was the smallest of his family! God wanted him anyway and eventually Gideon learned that God could use him no matter what!

Big or small, young or old, God can use people to do amazing things. We pray that whether kids feel like Gideon or have the confidence of an extreme sports superstar, kids will realize that God can use them.

9:10-9:35 | 10:40-11:05 - LARGE GROUP

"Je-sus loves me.
2 lap pats – 2 claps
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Jesus loves [child's name]"
shout out the name

1. Early Arriver - Smallest?

Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines & working as a group

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Guide kids to get into teams of three.
- Play a life-sized sorting game, cueing teams to line up by:
 - Shortest to longest hair
 - Smallest to largest shoe size
 - Smallest to largest hands
 - Shortest to longest shirt sleeves
 - Shortest to longest shorts, skirts, or pants
- After you've done a few, line the groups up without telling them what your reason is for the way you sorted them.

- Let the groups look around at their peers and see if they can figure it out.
- Keep interest high by maintaining a quick pace and high energy.
- If time remains, shuffle the groups and play again.

What You Say:

"You guys did a great job working together to get in order. Did you notice something that was alike in all the ways I asked you to line up? (Pause.) Yes! I always had the smallest or the shortest line up FIRST.."

***Bible Story - INTRO, Story, OUTRO Videos (whatever works best for your few)
Worship SONGS***

9:35-10:05 | 11:05-11:35 - SMALL GROUP

GROUPS

(Creating a Safe Place to Connect)

2. Confident?

[Application Activity]

Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

What You Need: "Confident or Not Confident" Activity Page

What You Do:

- Guide kids to gather around you. Read a scenario from the Activity Page.
 - If the child in the situation shows confidence, guide kids to pretend to hold a torch and blow a horn, as Gideon and his army did.
 - If the child doesn't show confidence, tell kids to stand quietly.
- If you know your group well, feel free to add scenarios that are meaningful for your kids.

What You Say:

"Whoa! Did EVERY child choose confidence? (Pause.) Yes! Was it always easy for them to be confident? No, it wasn't, was it? But no matter what they faced, they all trusted God to help them."

"Was Gideon confident at first? (Pause.) No, he wasn't, was he? But even though Gideon felt small and unimportant, God gave him the confidence and courage to lead an army into battle and win! God made Gideon a strong and mighty warrior!"

[Make It Personal] (Tell kids about a time God asked you to do something, but you lacked confidence to do it. Tell how God gave you confidence and helped you. Also tell how it made a difference in someone's life.)

"When might you need God's help to be confident? (When I'm scared of the dark; when my mom/dad goes on a trip; when I go to school; when I read; when I do math; when I'm in a new place; when I have a dance/music recital; when I want to tell a friend about Jesus)

"God helped me be confident even though _____ (I was scared, I felt unsure), and God can help you be confident, too. All you need to do is ask Him and trust Him.

*"So remember, just like God used Gideon no matter what, and just like God used me no matter what, [Bottom Line] **God can use YOU no matter what, too!** He can give you confidence to be strong and mighty just like Gideon!"*

3. Pray & Dismiss

[Prayer Activity]

Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

What You Need: "Small but Mighty" Activity Pages

What You Do:

- Show the "Small but Mighty" pictures and tell how each insect is small but can do really mighty things:
 - A leafcutter ant can lift 50 times its weight. That would be like a kid lifting 50 kids!
 - A rhinoceros beetle can lift 850 times its weight. That would be like a man lifting 9 large elephants!
- Use the conversation below to lead kids into prayer

What You Say:

"Ants and rhinoceros beetles may be small, but God gave them amazing strength! Gideon felt small, too. But God knew what Gideon could be when he relied on HIS strength. God knew that Gideon could be a mighty warrior.

*"Maybe you feel like Gideon did. Maybe you feel like you're not important or that other people are more important than you. But [Bottom Line] **God can use you no matter what.** No matter how small you are, no matter how old you are, or no matter how quick you are, God made you, and you are important to Him.*

*"That's why the story of Gideon is so amazing. It reminds us that God can use anyone to do anything! So here's one thing to give you confidence today: [Bottom Line] **God can use you no matter what.** Let's pray.*

"Dear God, thank You that You can use us to do big and important things. Thank You that You can use us no matter what, because You are good and amazing and powerful. We love You, Lord. Amen."

*As adults arrive to pick up, ask kids, "**Can God use you no matter what? (Yes!) Yes, [Bottom Line] God can use you no matter what!**"*