

OCTOBER 11, 2026

God Can Use Anyone

Bible Story

Gideon and the 300

Scripture

Judges 6–7

Big Idea

God can use ordinary people to do extraordinary things when they trust Him and obey His direction.

Worship Songs

Song 1

Who You Say I Am (Kid Kardia)

<https://kidkardia.com/>

Song 2

God's Not Done (Kid Kardia)

<https://kidkardia.com/>

Memory Verse

"Go in the strength you have..."

Judges 6:14

Bible Lesson

The Israelites were facing a difficult time.

The Midianites were attacking their land and taking their crops.

The Israelites were afraid.

They hid their food and tried to stay away from the Midianites.

One day, an angel of the Lord appeared to a man named Gideon.

Gideon was hiding while he worked.

He didn't think of himself as a strong or important person.

But God had a plan for him.

The angel said,

"The Lord is with you, mighty warrior."

Gideon was surprised.

He didn't feel like a mighty warrior.

He wondered how God could possibly use him.

But God promised to be with Gideon.

Gideon eventually gathered an army to fight the Midianites.

Thousands of men came to help.

But God told Gideon that his army was too large.

God wanted the Israelites to understand that their victory would come from Him, not from having the biggest army.

One group of soldiers was sent home.

Then another group was sent home.

Finally, Gideon was left with only 300 men.

The Midianite army was enormous compared with Gideon's small group.

It looked impossible.

But God gave Gideon a plan.

The 300 men were given trumpets, jars, and torches.

They surrounded the Midianite camp at night.

When Gideon gave the signal, they blew their trumpets, broke the jars, and held up their torches.

The Midianites became confused and frightened.

God gave Gideon and the Israelites victory.

Gideon learned that he didn't have to be the strongest person.

He simply needed to trust God and obey.

God can use anyone who is willing to follow Him.

Interactive Adventure

You Are There...

Imagine you are standing in a small village in Israel.

The people are afraid.

The Midianites have been taking their crops and making life difficult.

You meet a man named Gideon.

He's working quietly because he doesn't want to be noticed.

Then an angel appears.

The angel says,

"The Lord is with you, mighty warrior."

Gideon looks around.

"Who, me?"

He doesn't feel like a warrior.

Decision 1

What should Gideon do when God calls him to something that seems too difficult?

A. Tell God he can't do it and walk away.

B. Trust that God will help him.

C. Decide he needs to become stronger before obeying.

If you chose **A** or **C**, think again.

The best answer is **B**.

Gideon didn't feel strong enough.

But God promised to be with him.

Gideon could trust God's strength instead of depending only on his own.

Gideon gathers an army.

Thousands of men arrive.

You look across the field and see soldiers everywhere.

You think,

"Surely this is enough."

But then God gives Gideon surprising instructions.

God tells him that the army is too large.

Some soldiers are sent home.

You watch the army become smaller.

Then even more soldiers are sent away.

Finally, only 300 men remain.

You look across the valley.

The Midianite army seems enormous.

Decision 2

What should Gideon do?

- A.** Obey God even though the army looks too small.
- B.** Ignore God and gather as many soldiers as possible.
- C.** Give up because the enemy is too large.

If you chose **B** or **C**, think again.

The correct answer is **A**.

God wanted Gideon to know that the victory would come from Him.

Gideon didn't need the biggest army.
He needed to trust the biggest God.

Night falls.
Gideon gives each soldier a trumpet, a jar, and a torch.
You look at the strange equipment.
There are no swords in your hands.
No giant weapons.
Just a few simple objects.
Gideon tells everyone to follow his signal.
You stand quietly around the enemy camp.
Your heart beats faster.

Decision 3

What should you do when you don't understand God's plan?

- A.** Refuse to follow until everything makes sense.
- B.** Trust God and obey what He has asked you to do.
- C.** Change the plan to make yourself more comfortable.

If you chose **A** or **C**, think again.

The correct answer is **B**.

We won't always understand what God is doing.

Faith means trusting Him even when we can't see the whole picture.

Gideon raises his hand.
Everyone waits.
Then suddenly—

BOOM!

The jars break.

The torches shine brightly.

The trumpets blast.

Hundreds of voices shout together.

The Midianites wake up in confusion.

They don't understand what is happening.

Panic spreads through their camp.

God gives Gideon and his small army victory.

You realize something important.

The victory didn't happen because Gideon's army was powerful.

It happened because God was faithful.

Decision 4

What should you remember when you feel like you're not strong enough?

A. God can use me when I trust Him and obey Him.

B. I should never try anything difficult.

C. I need to be better than everyone else before God can use me.

If you chose **B** or **C**, think again.

The best answer is **A**.

God doesn't need us to be the strongest, smartest, or most talented person in the room.

He asks us to trust Him and obey Him.

When we do that, He can use us in ways we never expected.

Discussion Questions

1. Why did Gideon think he wasn't strong enough?

2. Why did God make Gideon's army smaller?
 3. How did Gideon show courage?
 4. What should we do when God asks us to do something difficult?
 5. How can God use children to help others?
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Game

Gideon's 300 Challenge

Supplies

- Paper cups
- Small flashlights
- Toy trumpets or paper tubes
- Index cards
- Cones

Divide the children into two teams.

Create a simple course that represents Gideon's journey.

At the first station, each child receives a paper cup representing the jar.

At the second station, they pick up a flashlight representing the torch.

At the final station, they use a paper tube or pretend trumpet to make a trumpet sound.

After completing the course, they return and tag the next teammate.

Continue until everyone has completed the challenge.

After the relay, gather the children together.

Explain that Gideon's army didn't win because they had the most soldiers or the biggest weapons.

God gave them a plan, and Gideon trusted Him.

Remind the children that God can use ordinary people who are willing to trust and obey Him.

Craft

God Can Use Me

Supplies

- Construction paper
- Markers
- Scissors
- Glue
- Small paper cups
- Yellow or orange paper
- Flashlight stickers (optional)

Have each child create a picture of Gideon's torch.

Use a small paper cup or construction paper to make the torch base.

Add yellow and orange paper at the top to represent the light.

Across the torch write:

“God Can Use Me!”

Inside the flame, children write one way God can use them this week.

Examples:

- Help someone.
- Encourage a friend.
- Pray for someone.
- Tell the truth.
- Serve at church.
- Help at home.

Remind them that Gideon didn't think he was important or strong.

God used him because he trusted Him.

Closing Prayer

“Dear God, thank You for showing us through Gideon’s story that You can use anyone. Sometimes we feel too young, too small, or not good enough to make a difference. Help us remember that our strength comes from You. Give us courage to obey You even when we don’t understand the plan. Help us trust You and be willing to serve wherever You lead us. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Family Challenge

As a family, read **Judges 6–7** together.

Talk about one thing each family member could do this week to help someone else.

Choose one opportunity to serve together.

Before doing it, pray:

“God, use us to help someone today.”

At the end of the week, talk about how God used your family to make a difference.

OCTOBER 18, 2026

Standing Firm for God

Bible Story

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego

Scripture

Daniel 3:1–30

Big Idea

We can stand firm for God and do what is right even when everyone around us chooses differently.

Worship Songs

Song 1

Stand Strong (Kid Kardia)

<https://kidkardia.com/>

Song 2

God's Not Done (Kid Kardia)

<https://kidkardia.com/>

Memory Verse

"Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us..."

Daniel 3:17

Bible Lesson

King Nebuchadnezzar was the ruler of Babylon.

One day, he built a huge golden statue and ordered everyone in the kingdom to worship it.

When the music played, everyone was supposed to bow down.

The king made it clear that anyone who refused would face serious punishment.

Many people bowed.

But three young Jewish men—Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego—refused.

They worshiped the one true God.

They knew that God had commanded His people not to worship idols.

Some people noticed what they had done and told the king.

The king became furious.

He called the three men before him and gave them another chance.

“If you bow down when the music plays, everything will be fine,” he told them.

But they refused.

They told the king that their God was able to rescue them.

But even if God chose not to rescue them, they still would not worship the statue.

The king became extremely angry.

He ordered the furnace to be heated.

The three men were taken toward the furnace.

They trusted God even though they didn’t know what would happen.

God protected them.

When the king looked into the furnace, he saw something amazing.

There were four people walking around inside.

The king cried out,

“Didn’t we throw three men into the fire? I see four! The fourth is like the Son of God.”

The king called the men out.

When they came out, they were completely safe.

The king realized that their God was powerful.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego had stood firm.

They didn’t know how God would answer, but they knew they would remain faithful to Him.

Interactive Adventure

You Are There...

Imagine you are standing in the huge crowd gathered in Babylon.

A giant golden statue stands in front of you.

The king's officials explain the command.

"When the music plays, everyone must bow."

You look around.

Thousands of people are waiting.

Then the music begins.

People everywhere fall to the ground.

But you notice three people still standing.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refuse to bow.

Decision 1

What should you do when everyone around you is making a wrong choice?

- A.** Do whatever everyone else is doing.
- B.** Laugh at the people who refuse.
- C.** Stand firm and choose what honors God.

If you chose **A** or **B**, think again.

The best answer is **C**.

Following God sometimes means making a different choice from everyone around us.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego knew who they worshiped, and they refused to compromise.

The king hears what happened.

He calls the three men to him.

His voice is angry.

“You have one more chance.”

He orders the music to play again.

“If you bow down, everything will be fine.”

The room becomes quiet.

You look at the three men.

They aren’t disrespectful.

They simply refuse to worship the statue.

Decision 2

What should they tell the king?

A. “We will worship the statue this time.”

B. “Our God can save us, but even if He doesn’t, we will still obey Him.”

C. “We don’t care what happens.”

If you chose **A** or **C**, think again.

The correct answer is **B**.

They trusted God completely.

They believed He could rescue them, but they also understood that following God doesn’t mean we always know what will happen.

Their faith wasn’t based on getting the outcome they wanted.

Their faith was based on knowing God was worthy of their trust.

The king becomes furious.

The furnace is heated.

The soldiers lead the three men toward it.

You feel afraid.

You don't know how this will end.

But the three men continue trusting God.

They don't turn back.

They don't bow.

They remain faithful.

Decision 3

What should you do when obeying God could make life difficult?

- A.** Choose what is right and trust God with the outcome.
- B.** Do whatever keeps you from having problems.
- C.** Change your beliefs whenever someone pressures you.

If you chose **B** or **C**, think again.

The correct answer is **A**.

Being faithful doesn't mean life will always be easy.

It means we trust God enough to do what is right even when it costs us something.

The men are placed into the furnace.

The king watches closely.

Suddenly, he jumps to his feet.

"Didn't we throw three men into the fire?"

Everyone looks inside.

The king continues,

"I see four!"

He looks amazed.

"The fourth is like the Son of God."

The king calls the men out.

They walk out of the furnace safely.

Not even their clothing has been destroyed.

You realize that God was with them the entire time.

Decision 4

What should you remember when you feel alone because you are choosing to follow God?

A. Give up so you can fit in.

B. Remember that God is with you and continue doing what is right.

C. Hide your faith from everyone.

If you chose **A** or **C**, think again.

The best answer is **B**.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were not alone.

God was with them.

And when we choose to follow God, we can trust that He is with us too.

Discussion Questions

1. Why did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refuse to bow?
 2. Were they rude or disrespectful to the king?
 3. What did they say about trusting God?
 4. Why is it sometimes difficult to stand firm when everyone else is doing something different?
 5. How can you stand firm for God at school, home, or with your friends?
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Game

Stand Firm Challenge

Supplies

- Paper plates
- Cones
- Index cards
- Small beanbags

Place several paper plates around the room.

Explain that each plate represents a place where the children may have to make a choice.

Read a situation from an index card.

Examples include:

- Your friends want you to leave someone out of a game.
- Someone asks you to lie for them.
- Everyone is making fun of another child.
- Your friends want you to cheat.
- Someone encourages you to do something you know is wrong.

Children move to a paper plate representing their choice.

One side of the room means “**Stand Firm**” and the other side means “**Go Along.**”

After they choose, discuss why standing firm and choosing what is right honors God.

Remind the children that standing firm doesn’t mean being rude or fighting with people.

It means calmly choosing what is right and trusting God.

Craft

Stand Firm Shield

Supplies

- Paper plates
- Markers
- Aluminum foil

- Glue
- Scissors
- Ribbon or yarn

Give each child a paper plate.

Have them cover the front with aluminum foil or decorate it to look like a shield.

Across the center write:

“STAND FIRM!”

Underneath write:

Daniel 3:17

Around the outside, children can write words that describe standing firm:

- Faith
- Courage
- Truth
- Obedience
- Prayer
- Trust

Attach a piece of ribbon or yarn to the back so the shield can be displayed at home.

Remind the children that God’s protection doesn’t mean we will never face difficult situations.

It means we can trust Him and remain faithful when difficulties come.

Closing Prayer

“Dear God, thank You for the example of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Help us stand firm when we are pressured to make wrong choices. Give us courage to do what is right even when everyone around us chooses differently. Help us remember that You are always with us. Give us wisdom to know when to speak up, courage to remain faithful, and kindness toward everyone we meet. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Family Challenge

As a family, read **Daniel 3:1–30** together.

Talk about situations where it can be difficult to stand firm and make the right choice.

Choose one phrase to remember throughout the week:

“God is with me. I can stand firm.”

Whenever someone in your family faces a difficult choice, remind each other of that truth.

OCTOBER 25, 2026

Choosing God's Way Instead of Revenge

Bible Story

David Spares Saul

Scripture

1 Samuel 24:1–22

Big Idea

When someone hurts us, we can choose God's way instead of revenge by showing self-control, forgiveness, and trust in God.

Worship Songs

Song 1

Forgiveness (Kid Kardia)

<https://kidkardia.com/>

Song 2

Good Good Father (Kid Kardia)

<https://kidkardia.com/>

Memory Verse

"Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath."

Romans 12:19

Bible Lesson

David had been chosen by God to become the future king of Israel.

But King Saul became jealous of David.

Saul was afraid that David would eventually take his throne, so he began trying to find David and hurt him.

David had done nothing to deserve Saul's anger.

David and his men were hiding in the wilderness.

One day, Saul entered a cave where David and his men were hiding.

Saul didn't know David was there.

David's men whispered to him,

"This is your opportunity! God has given Saul into your hands."

David could have attacked Saul.

He could have taken revenge.

Instead, David chose to honor God.

He quietly cut off a small piece from the edge of Saul's robe.

Even doing that made David feel uncomfortable because Saul was still the king God had allowed to rule.

David stopped his men from harming Saul.

After Saul left the cave, David called out to him from a safe distance.

David showed Saul the piece of his robe and explained that he could have hurt him but chose not to.

David said,

"I will not lift my hand against my master, because he is the Lord's anointed."

David trusted God to deal with Saul.

Saul was surprised by David's kindness.

He realized that David had treated him better than he deserved.

David didn't seek revenge.

He chose self-control.

He trusted God with the situation.

David's example teaches us that we don't have to repay wrong with wrong.

We can choose God's way.

Interactive Adventure

You Are There...

Imagine you are hiding inside a dark cave with David and his men.

Everyone is quiet.

You hear footsteps outside.

Someone whispers,

“Saul is coming!”

You recognize the voice.

King Saul walks into the cave.

He doesn’t know anyone is hiding inside.

David’s men look at one another.

They know Saul has been trying to find David.

One of them whispers,

“This is your chance.”

Decision 1

What should David do?

A. Attack Saul while he is unaware.

B. Wait and ask God for wisdom.

C. Tell everyone to chase Saul immediately.

If you chose **A** or **C**, think again.

The best answer is **B**.

David realizes that having an opportunity doesn’t automatically mean it is the right thing to do.

He chooses to pause and seek God’s direction.

David quietly moves closer to Saul.
His men expect him to attack.
Instead, David cuts off a small piece of Saul's robe.
Then David immediately feels troubled.
He knows he needs to make the right choice.
He returns to his men and tells them,
"The Lord forbid that I should do such a thing to my master."
David refuses to let his anger control him.

Decision 2

What does David's choice teach you?

- A.** If someone hurts you, you should hurt them back.
- B.** Anger always tells us what to do.
- C.** We can control our actions even when we are angry.

If you chose **A** or **B**, think again.

The correct answer is **C**.

David was angry and afraid, but he didn't allow those feelings to control his actions.
Self-control means stopping, thinking, praying, and choosing what honors God.

Saul leaves the cave.
David waits until Saul is a safe distance away.
Then David calls out,
"My lord the king!"
Saul turns around.
David holds up the piece of Saul's robe.
He explains that he could have hurt Saul but chose not to.

Saul realizes David could have taken revenge but didn't.

Decision 3

What should you do when someone treats you unfairly?

A. Look for a way to get even.

B. Pray, use self-control, and trust God with the situation.

C. Tell everyone how terrible the other person is.

If you chose **A** or **C**, think again.

The correct answer is **B**.

David didn't pretend Saul's behavior was okay.

He simply refused to take revenge.

David trusted God to handle the situation.

When someone treats us unfairly, we can talk to a trusted adult, pray, and choose a response that honors God.

Saul begins to cry.

He admits that David has treated him better than he deserved.

Saul says,

"You are more righteous than I."

David could have used this moment to brag.

Instead, he remains humble.

He knows that God is in control of his future.

Decision 4

What should you remember when you're tempted to get revenge?

A. Revenge will always make the problem better.

B. God wants me to trust Him, control my actions, and choose what is right.

C. I should make sure everyone knows what the other person did.

If you chose **A** or **C**, think again.

The best answer is **B**.

We don't have to get even.

We can choose self-control and trust God.

If someone hurts us in a serious or unsafe way, forgiveness doesn't mean keeping it secret.

We should always tell a trusted adult and get the help we need.

David chose God's way instead of revenge.

We can choose God's way too.

Discussion Questions

1. Why was Saul trying to hurt David?
2. What could David have done when Saul entered the cave?
3. Why did David refuse to take revenge?
4. What does self-control mean?
5. How can we respond when someone treats us unfairly?
6. Why is it important to tell a trusted adult when someone seriously hurts us?

Game

Self-Control Stop and Go

Supplies

- Green paper
- Red paper
- Cones
- Index cards

Set up a simple path across the room.

Explain that **green** means “Go” and **red** means “Stop and Think.”

Children move through the course when you hold up the green paper.

When you hold up the red paper, everyone must stop immediately.

After playing several rounds, add situations where children have to make a choice.

For example:

“Someone says something mean to you.”

Ask:

“Should you react immediately, or should you stop and think?”

Children respond:

“Stop and think!”

Then ask:

“What could you do?”

Allow them to suggest healthy responses such as praying, walking away, calmly talking to someone, or asking a trusted adult for help.

Explain that David had a moment when he could have reacted immediately.

Instead, he stopped and chose God’s way.

Craft

Stop, Think, Pray

Supplies

- Construction paper
- Red, yellow, and green paper
- Glue
- Scissors
- Markers

Help each child create a traffic light.

At the top, write:

STOP

Under the red circle write:

“Stop before you react.”

Under the yellow circle write:

“Think about what God wants.”

Under the green circle write:

“Choose the right response.”

At the bottom write:

“Trust God Instead of Getting Even.”

Explain that David had a chance to react quickly, but he stopped and chose self-control.

The traffic light can remind children to pause when they become angry and ask God for help before deciding what to do.

Closing Prayer

“Dear God, thank You for teaching us through David’s example. Help us have self-control when we are angry or when someone treats us unfairly. Help us stop, think, pray, and choose what is right. Give us wisdom to know when we need to ask a trusted adult for help. Help us forgive others and trust You instead of trying to get revenge. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Family Challenge

As a family, read **1 Samuel 24:1–22** together.

Talk about the difference between **forgiving someone** and **pretending that nothing happened**.

Practice the three steps from the craft:

STOP → THINK → PRAY

Whenever someone becomes angry this week, encourage them to pause and ask:

“What choice would honor God?”

Remember that if someone is being hurt or treated unsafely, children should always tell a trusted adult who can help.