



## August 4, 2024

### I Am Designed for a Purpose

#### 1 year olds - 4 year olds

#### Leader Notes

**Bible Passage:** Gideon- Judges 6-8

**Bottom Line:** I can follow God.

**Leader Context:** Gideon followed God even when it was difficult. As he did, God worked through him to help his people and defeat a whole army. As Gideon followed God, he witnessed God do amazing things. Kids will learn they can follow God too, and He will do great and amazing things through them and for Him.

**THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS:** Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus, and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

#### Games and Music (10 minutes)

**What You Need:** Aug 4 Social Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instructions, Whistle

#### What You Do:

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

**Say:** That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

#### Social

#### Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

#### Bible Story Recap- Say This!

Wow! We learned so much from the Super Crew. We learned that Gideon (*GID ih uhn*) listened to God's plans, and then he got to be part of some amazing things that God was doing.

Do you remember what today's Super Clue is? (*Allow responses.*) Yes! A whistle! A whistle helps us remember to listen, so we know what God has planned for us.

We won't always be able to hear God like Gideon did, but when we remember to listen, God will help us learn what His plans are for us. One of the best places we can listen is when we hear what God says in the Bible. Other times it means listening to the people God puts around us, like the grown-ups who brought you or the leaders here today. When we listen carefully, we'll learn what God's plans are. I can follow God. Can you say that with me? Ready? "I can follow God." Great job!

Let's pray and talk to God together. That seems like a good way to start listening, right? We can pray and talk to God anytime, and God always hears us. Let's close our eyes together and pray in 3-2-1.

*God, thank You for today! Help us carefully listen to You so we can learn the plans You have for us. Amen.*

Can you say the Big Deal with me?

Look and See! (*Shade eyes and look back and forth*)

God Has A Plan (*Move hand up with palm in*)

For Me (*Place hands over chest*)

Let's do that a few more times.

#### Videos

**Gideon (20 minutes)**

**What You Need:** Gideon Craft Example (1 per group), Gideon printable (1 per kid), crayons, Dot stickers (10 per kid)

**Say:**

Let's make something together to remember our Bible story. (*Pass out "Gideon" printables.*) Who did we learn about in today's Bible story? (*Allow responses.*) We learned about Gideon and his army. I've got some stickers here that we can add to the page to represent Gideon's army. How many stickers should we add? Did God tell Gideon he had too many people in his army or not enough? (*Allow responses.*) God said Gideon had too many, so we don't need to add too many stickers! When we finish, let's color Gideon.

**Keep It Going:** Review the Main Idea, **"I can follow God,"** written at the top of the page. Talk about specific ways preschoolers can follow God.

**Loud And Clear:** Learning about Gideon today was amazing, right? God had a plan for Gideon, and Gideon followed God. When you take your "Gideon" papers home, I hope they remind you that God has a plan for you, and you can follow God too. That's right! He has a plan for me and for you, and for you, and for you, and you, and you! (*Point to preschoolers as you say, "You."*) We can always remember that God has a plan for us, and we can follow Him.

**Say:**

- Who remembers what our Super Clue is today? (*a whistle*)
- What does a whistle help us remember? (*God has big plans for us, and we can listen and pay attention to God in the Bible, just like Gideon listened to God's plan.*)
- What was your favorite part of the Bible story today?
- Today we are learning that I can follow God. How can you follow God's plan? (*I can listen to God and pay attention to His Book, the Bible. I can also listen to leaders who follow God.*)
- What is something you learned about God today?

Our Big Deal is, "Look and See! God has a plan for me."

Look and See! (*Shade eyes and look back and forth*)

God Has A Plan (*Move hand up with palm in*)

For Me (*Place hands over chest*)

One of the best ways to learn about God's plan for us is to listen carefully. We can listen to God through prayer and by listening to His Book, the Bible. Gideon listened to God, and God won the battle with Gideon and his very small army. We can listen to God, and we can follow the plan He has for us.

**Prepare kids to talk with their family about what they learned today.**

- Pass out coloring pages for kids to take home.
- As family members arrive to pick up their kid, greet them and tell them one thing you noticed about their kid that day or something you talked to each kid about remembering this week.
- If there is time to chat with the family, ask how you can pray for them this week.
- Say bye to the kids and call them by name.