

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

### MADE TO EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery



### 3. PLAY WITH CONFIDENCE

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Plastic straws, scissors, tape, rulers,

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Give eight straws, a ruler, and a pair of scissors to each kid.
- Instruct the kids to leave the first straw alone.
- Instruct the kids to snip a ½ inch off the next straw, 1 inch from the second, 1½ inches from the third, and two inches from the fourth, continuing to cut an additional ½ inch from each straw in this pattern until the rest are cut.
- Instruct the kids to line their straws next to each other, tallest to shortest, making sure the tops of the straws line up flush in a line.
- Give each kid five inches of tape to line across their straws. Explain that they can carefully wrap any extra tape around to the backs of their straws. Be ready to help as needed.
- Give each kid another five inches of tape to put on the back of their straws to secure them together.
- Encourage kids to blow into their pan flute using the straight side of the flute. The uneven side should point out.
- Prompt the kids to listen to the different pitches the various lengths of the straws produce.
- Ask:
  - Which straw gives a high pitch?
  - Which straw gives a low pitch?
- Challenge kids to attempt to play a familiar song!

- Let kids to play their flutes as time allows.

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

"Who knew you could use straws to make an instrument with this cool of a sound? You took something that didn't appear to be much of anything and created something pretty awesome. Our verse reminds us that despite what is in front of us, we can be confident that we will see God's goodness. Stay confident of what God has given you and know that **God can use you no matter what.**"

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

#### Use Somebody

Gideon  
Judges 6–8

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

**God can use you no matter what.**

### MONTHLY 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

### MONTHLY LIFE APP

**Confidence—Learning to see  
yourself the way God sees you**

### BASIC TRUTH

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## MADE TO CREATE

an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving



## 1. LIGHT IT UP

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Plastic cups, scissors, grey or white tissue paper, glue sticks, orange and red construction paper, black markers, and electric tea light candles

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Review the story of Gideon together as a group using the Story Review Points below.
- Give each kid a plastic cup, black marker, tea light candle, piece of orange construction paper, piece of red construction paper, and a pair of scissors.
- Instruct the kids to cut out a few orange construction paper squares, about the length of their fingers.
- Direct the kids to write on each square things God gave Gideon or ways He helped him. (For example: God sent fire down to burn meat and bread to show Gideon He had sent the message.)
- Instruct the kids to fill as many squares as they can.
- Direct the kids to cut out squares from their red paper like they did with the orange paper.
- Ask them to write on each of the red squares one thing God has given them. (For example: He made me good at math. I can make people laugh. I really love art.)
- Instruct the kids to place their tea light candle in the bottom of their cup.
- Give each kid one piece of tissue paper and a glue stick.
- Instruct them to rip up their tissue paper into small pieces or strips then glue the tissue paper on the outside of their cup until it is covered completely.
- Hand out more pieces of tissue paper if needed.
- Direct kids to glue a few of their orange and red squares around the rim of the cup to stick up and out like fire flames.
- They can put the remaining paper squares in the cup.
- The end result should look like a small torch, lit from the inside.

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### Story Review Points

1. God's people, the Israelites, turned away from Him. So God allowed the Midianites to take over their land. The Israelites called out to God for help! God heard them and sent the angel of the Lord to Gideon.
2. The Angel of the Lord told Gideon that God would use him to save Israel from Midian. Gideon didn't know why or how that could be possible because he didn't come from a strong family tribe, and he was the weakest member of that tribe.
3. Gideon asked God to send him a sign that the message was really from Him. So God sent fire to burn up meat and bread that Gideon had prepared.
4. Gideon asked God for another two signs. God listened and gave him two more signs with a wet and dry fleece.

## (1. LIGHT IT UP, CONTINUED)

5. Gideon was finally convinced that God wanted to use him. So, Gideon got ready to fight with 32,000 men. But God told him there were too many men to defeat the Midianites.
6. Gideon was confused. But God told Gideon He wanted the Israelites to know they didn't beat the Midianites with their own strength but with God's!
7. God continued to make Gideon's army smaller until he only had 300 men left!
8. With God's power and help, Gideon and the 300 men conquered the Midianites using trumpets, jars, and torches, proving that **God can use you no matter what.**

### WHAT YOU SAY:

"There are times I feel like the underdog, the one who's not good enough, just like Gideon did. Maybe there are times you feel like an underdog, too. Maybe you look around at your friends and wish you had certain things they do. Perhaps you wish you could be better at math or could play basketball like the other kid in school. There are all kinds of scenarios that leave us wishing things were different sometimes. **[Make it Personal] (Share an age-appropriate example of something you wish could be different or a time when you felt like an underdog.)**

"This week, anytime you feel like you're not good enough, flip the light on inside your cup. Reach inside and remember what God has given you. Things may not look how you want them to, but we can trust that **God can use you no matter what.** God has an awesome plan and purpose for your life, and He designed you with those great plans in mind! Let your light shine brightly like Gideon's. Be confident that God made you just as you are. He loves how He made you, and He wants to do great things through you!"



DAY  
**THREE**  
JUNE 2021

SMALL GROUP  
**CRAFTS**

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Gideon

Judges 6 - 8

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### 4TH - 5TH GRADE NOTE:

THERE ARE NO CRAFTS FOR 4TH - 5TH GRADE DAY THREE.

FEEL FREE TO USE THIS TIME HELPING TEAM LEADERS WITH OTHER ACTIVITIES!

THANK YOU FOR SERVING!

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because God can use you

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### LIFE APPLICATION

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