

# Small Group Leader Guide

## Today's Suggested Schedule

The toddler curriculum provides one monthly Bible Story because we understand that toddlers learn best through repetition. The toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the story and craft elements that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos. We hope that by sending home a simple toddler craft, you are cueing families to begin having conversations at home with their children.

### Story Time

→ Act It

### Craft Time

→ Super Kid Headband

THIS MONTH  
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### Today's Bible Story

## Gideon Judges 6 and 7

### Bottom Line

**God can help you be brave.**

### Memory Verse

**"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid... for the LORD your God goes with you."  
Deuteronomy 31:6 NIV**

# Story Time

## What You Need

- ☐ Preschool Bible
- ☐ Empty tissue box
- ☐ Little People® male figure

## Note

Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

## ① What You Do

- Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story.
- Put a Little People male figure in the tissue box and place it on the floor near you.

## ② What You Say

"Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. (PLACE THE BOX NEXT TO YOU.) Today's true story from the Bible (HOLD UP THE BIBLE) begins with a man named Gideon. Would you like to meet him? Where did he go? (LOOK ALL AROUND.) Do you see him? (LOOK IN THE BOX.) Here he is. Gideon, why are you hiding in there? (PULL GIDEON FROM THE BOX AND PUT HIM UP TO YOUR EAR.) You're afraid? (LOOK AT GIDEON.) What are you afraid of, Gideon? (PUT GIDEON UP TO YOUR EAR.) Oh! You're afraid of the Midianite army? They are a big and mean army. But guess what? God wanted Gideon to lead an army to defeat the Midianites, so God sent an angel and told Gideon, 'The Lord is with you, mighty warrior!'

"Gideon did what God said. Gideon led God's army quietly to where the Midianites were. They made a loud noise and shouted: 'For the Lord and for Gideon!' The Midianites were afraid and ran away! God helped Gideon be brave and lead the army to defeat the Midianites. God helped Gideon be brave, and [BOTTOM LINE] God can help you be brave!"

# Craft Time

## What You Need

- ☐ "Super Kid Headband" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Sentence strips
- ☐ Dot markers
- ☐ Self-inking stamps
- ☐ Baby wipes
- ☐ Glue sticks
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Stapler
- ☐ Clear tape
- ☐ Permanent marker

## Notes

Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times.

Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

## ① What You Do

→ Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time.

### Before the Activity

1. Copy "Super Kid Headband" on cardstock and cut one per child.
2. Glue one cutout in the middle of each sentence strip, one per child.
3. Write each child's name on their paper.

### During the Activity

1. Encourage children to decorate their headbands with markers and stamps.
2. Clean hands as needed.
3. Measure a strip around the child's head and staple with the bend closure facing out.
4. Place a piece of tape over the stapled area.
5. Encourage children to wear their headbands.

## ② What You Say

"Let's make a Super Kid headband! Use the markers and stamps to decorate your headband. **(PAUSE.)** Now I'm going to measure it around your head and secure the ends so you can wear it! **(STAPLE WITH THE BEND CLOSURE FACING OUT. COVER THE STAPLES WITH CLEAR TAPE.)** Look at all these brave Super Kids! God helped Gideon be brave, and **(BOTTOM LINE)** God can help you be brave!"