

## SOCIAL 1/3

# Who's Hiding?

## What You Need

- ☐ "Who's Hiding?" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Plastic cups
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Clear tape



## Inclusive Pro Tips

For children who need extra support, point to or describe the cups as they explore, saying, "Let's try this one! Do you think Gideon is inside?" to encourage participation.

## ① What You Do

### Before the Activity

1. Copy "Who's Hiding?" on cardstock and cut one cutout per Small Group.
2. Tape one picture to the inside of a plastic cup.
3. Place cups upside down all over the floor.

### During the Activity

1. Explain to the children that they are going to find Gideon, who is hiding in a hole (the cup).
2. Encourage children to flip the cups over one by one until they find Gideon.
3. Reset, placing the Gideon cup in a new spot each time.
4. Repeat as desired.

### After the Activity

Introduce the Bible Story.

## ② What You Say

### Before the Activity

"Hello friends! Come stand with me over here. Today I have a fun game for us to play. We need to find Gideon! He's hiding in a hole. Let's pretend these cups are holes. When I say go, you'll run and flip over one cup at a time until we find Gideon!"

### During the Activity

"Ready, set, GO! (PAUSE.) Flip all the cups over, one cup at a time. (PAUSE.) Great job looking for Gideon! Keep going! Who found Gideon? (PAUSE FOR RESPONSES.) Yay! [CHILD'S NAME] found Gideon! (PICK UP THE GIDEON CUP AND PLACE IT UPSIDE DOWN IN ANOTHER AREA.) Let's reset the cups and play again! (REPEAT AS DESIRED.) That was fun looking for Gideon together!"

### After the Activity

"Today we're going to hear a true story from the Bible about a man named Gideon. He hid in a hole because he was afraid. But we'll hear how God helped him be brave! Let's go hear more about Gideon!"

**Transition** → Move to Worship and Story by pretending to look high and low for Gideon as you walk to your designated area.

2 Year-Olds

Small Group

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GROUPS 3/4

# Superhero Poses



## Application Activity

### Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

### What You Need

→ No Supplies Needed

## ① What You Do

### Before the Activity

1. Gather together in an open area of the room.

### During the Activity

1. Encourage children to do different Super Kid poses that you call out.
2. Repeat as desired.

### After the Activity

Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

## ② What You Say

### Before the Activity

"Hello, super friends! Join me over here and spread out. Today, we learned about Gideon. (PUT YOUR HANDS OVER YOUR EYES.) Gideon was afraid, but God helped him be brave (MAKE FISTS AND PUT THEM ON YOUR HIPS) and lead an army to fight the Midianites. Let's move our bodies and make super kid poses."

### During the Activity

"Our first pose is to put one hand on your head and the other hand on your knee. (PAUSE.) Good job! The next pose is two hands and one foot on the ground, like this. (DEMONSTRATE.) Nice! Okay, the next pose is one arm in the air, the other out to your side, and one leg lifted behind you like this. (DEMONSTRATE.) Wow! You are great at striking the super kid pose! (CONTINUE WITH DIFFERENT POSES.) Great job, friends!"

### After the Activity

"Wow, the plush friend went with you through the tunnel. But the plush "Our true story from the Bible begins with a man named Gideon. Gideon, along with the other Israelites, was hiding in a hole because he was afraid of the Midianite army. They were big, and strong, and mean. They took everything Gideon and God's people had. One day, God sent an angel to tell Gideon that God wanted him to lead an army to defeat the Midianites. But Gideon was still afraid. The angel said, "God will be with you." So Gideon did what God said and led God's army. Gideon gave the army trumpets, jars, and torches and told them to follow him and do what he did. They quietly walked to where the Midianites were, and when Gideon told them to, they made a really loud noise by blowing their trumpets and smashing their jars! And shouted: "For the Lord and for Gideon!" And just like that, the Midianites were so afraid, they ran away. When Gideon was afraid, God helped him be brave. And God can help you be brave, too! Who can help you be brave? [BOTTOM LINE] God can help me be brave."

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GROUPS 4/4

# Gideon on a Stick



## Application Activity

### Faith Skills

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### What You Need

- ☐ "Gideon on a Stick" Activity Page
- ☐ "Gideon Story Sticker" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Avery® #5160 labels or equivalent
- ☐ Craft sticks
- ☐ Plastic disposable cups
- ☐ Crayons
- ☐ Glue sticks
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Permanent marker

## ① What You Do

### Before the Activity

1. Copy "Gideon on a Stick" on cardstock and cut one cutout per child and leader.
2. Copy "Gideon Story Sticker" on label paper, one per child and leader.
3. Write each child's name on their cup. Prepare an example

### During the Activity

1. Encourage children to color their Gideon cutout.
2. Give every child a craft stick and ask them to glue it to one end of the back of their picture, assist as needed.
3. Next, give each child a plastic cup and a story sticker to put on the outside of their cup.
4. Once everyone has their Gideon and cup ready, lead the children in reviewing the Bible Story.

### After the Activity

Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

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## ② What You Say

### Before the Activity

"Friends, I'm so happy to see you! Come sit with me. We're going to make some story art!"

### During the Activity

"In our Bible Story, we learned about a man named Gideon. **(HOLD UP GIDEON ON A STICK.)** I have a Gideon for you to color. **(PAUSE.)** Wow! Fantastic! Now glue Gideon to the top of your craft stick, like mine. **(ASSIST AS NEEDED.)**

"Gideon hid in a hole because he was afraid. Let's pretend this cup is the hole Gideon was hiding in. **(GIVE EACH CHILD A CUP AND A STICKER.)** Can you add the story sticker to the side of your cup? The words on your label say **[BOTTOM LINE]** God can help me be brave. It also tells you where you can look in the Bible to find today's story. Now hold your Gideon, like this. **(HOLD UP GIDEON IN ONE HAND.)** Hold your cup in your other hand, like this. **(HOLD UP THE CUP IN THE OTHER HAND.)** Let's tell the story together!"

"Gideon hid in a hole because he was afraid. **(PUT GIDEON IN THE CUP.)** God loved Gideon and sent an angel to tell him, 'The Lord is with you, mighty warrior!' **(TAKE GIDEON OUT OF THE CUP.)** The angel told Gideon that God wanted him to lead an army to defeat the Midianites. But Gideon was still afraid. The angel told Gideon, 'God will be with you.' Gideon did what God said and went to lead God's army. They took trumpets, jars, and torches and quietly walked to where the Midianites were. When Gideon told them to, they made a really loud noise by blowing their trumpets and smashing their jars! Then they shouted: 'For the LORD and for Gideon!' Let's all shout that. **(WITH CHILDREN.)** 'For the LORD and for Gideon!' The Midianites were so afraid, they ran away! God helped Gideon be brave and lead the army to defeat the Midianites."

### After the Activity

"God loved Gideon and was with him when he was afraid. God helped Gideon be brave. God can help you be brave, too. Who can help you be brave? **[BOTTOM LINE]** God can help me be brave."