

First Look | October 19

Today's Bible Story: Gideon • *Judges 6 and 7*

I can be brave even when I'm afraid.

Key Question: Who can help you be brave?

Bottom Line: God can help me be brave.

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

1. Gideon's Torch

What You Need:

- ☐ "Gideon's Torch" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Yellow, orange, and red tissue paper squares
- ☐ Glue sticks
- ☐ Baby wipes
- ☐ Permanent marker

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Gideon's Torch" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

During the Activity: Have the children color the torch with crayons. Then help children glue the small tissue paper squares to the flame using the glue sticks. Clean hands with the baby wipes as needed.

What You Say:

During the Activity: "Gideon led God's army with a trumpet, a jar, and a torch. Let's complete this picture of the torch by coloring and gluing these tissue paper squares. We did it! (*Clean hands.*) Everyone say, 'For the LORD and for Gideon!' (*With children.*) 'For the LORD and for Gideon!' Hooray friends! God helped Gideon be brave and **[Bottom Line] God can help you be brave!**"

Inclusive Pro-Tips

- Create an example for children to follow.
- For little ones who might have difficulty with the tissue paper and glue sticks, just have them color with crayons.

2. Pray

Dear God, sometimes people are afraid of things. That's why every person needs You to help them be brave, like You helped Gideon be brave when he was afraid. Please help me and my friends here be brave when we are afraid. We love You! In Jesus' name. Amen."