

In God's Big Story

God chooses Gideon to free the Israelites from the Midianites, but Gideon is afraid. God provides miraculous signs proving He is with Gideon and giving him courage to lead God's people into battle and defeat their enemies with God's help.

Wonder Truth: God Helps Us Be Courageous

Scripture: Judges 6–7

WATCH GOD'S BIG STORY



GOD CALLS GIDEON

[ELEMENTARY VIDEO](#)

[EARLY CHILDHOOD VIDEO](#)

WORD OF WONDER

Work together this week on memorizing this verse! Use our [motions video](#) or this [video](#) to help you!

ELEMENTARY:

He will keep his covenant forever. He will keep his promise for all time to come.

—1 Chronicles 16:15 (NIRV)

EARLY CHILDHOOD:

God keeps His promises forever.

—from 1 Chronicles 16:15

WONDER ABOUT IT!

- What's one thing you're learning about God and the wonder of His big story?
- How do you see God's story as part of your own story?

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FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

Families, use this to prompt conversations at the table, in the car, and anywhere else your family experiences life together.

- What's something that's easy for you to do? What's something that's difficult for you to do?
- What do you think courage means?
- Is there anything you're afraid you won't be able to do? Why does that worry you?
- How does God help us be courageous?
- What is one thing you want to ask God to give you courage to do?



HANDS ON

Shoes of Courage

Having courage can be so tough! In God's big story, Gideon grows in his courage as God shows him that He can be trusted. God responds to Gideon's request for signs, and this gives him assurance that God is trustworthy. God was with Gideon wherever he went and helped him have courage in the toughest moments.

What if your kids could have the same reminder that God helps them have courage? Use a permanent marker to let kids write "God helps me be courageous" on the bottom (or inside) of their shoes. Or write it on a piece of masking tape and put the tape on the side of your kid's shoe. When they're questioning if God is with them, or if they're scared to do the right thing, they can look at their shoe and remember that God helps them have courage. Remind kids to pause and ask God to help them in those moments.



CREATE IT!

Rocks of Courage

In the Bible story, God sent an angel to encourage Gideon to be courageous. Let's help others to be courageous by painting and "planting" rocks with encouraging messages in unexpected places. Take kids outside and find small unique rocks. Set up a paint station where kids can paint their rocks and write creative, encouraging messages on each one.

Here are some ideas, in addition to ones that kids come up with on their own:

You can do it!

Be brave!

God is with you!

Be strong and courageous!

Place the rocks in public spaces in your community and pray over each rock as you put it in a special spot for someone to find. Pray for the person who will find the rock; pray that God would help them have courage.