

Gideon

Trigger

You Can Do It!

Material

- Image printed on a sheet
- Sticky tack

Steps

1. Stick an image to the wall so that it is impossible for children to reach it.
2. Ask the children to touch the image. They will realize that this is not possible... at least, not as they had imagined.
3. Discuss the fact that we, like Gideon, may not feel up to the mission to which we are called. But God calls us valiant heroes and gives us strategies to achieve what He calls us to.
4. Finally, return to the task at the beginning (touch the image that is placed at the top of the wall) and ask the children to find a strategy to reach it: get on a chair, climb on another child's back, ask for the help of an adult, etc.



Key Verse

Psalm 56:11

Multimedia & Clips

Images

freebibleimages.org

Clip-YouTube

1. God's Story: Gideon
2. DEBORACH AND GIDEON - The Old Testament ep. 23 - EN

Object Lesson

You Have Potential!

Material

- Balloon
- Bottle



Steps

1. Place the uninflated balloon in the bottle. Put the open end of the balloon on the outer edge of the bottle neck. Bring the bottle to your lips and try to inflate the balloon. It's not going to work.
2. Then take the balloon out of the bottle and inflate it normally.
3. Then tell the children that sometimes, out of fear and doubt, we limit ourselves, preventing ourselves from reaching our potential.
4. Read Psalm 60.12 to them: "With God's help we will do mighty things, for he will trample down our foes."
5. By regularly reminding ourselves this truth, we can eliminate fears (fear of being too small, fear of being not smart enough, fear of being too little, etc.) and doubts that hold us back and prevent us from reaching our real potential.

Songs

www.youtube.com/PhilippeChasse

- God Will Guide Us
- God is for me

The Heart Of The Father

& Prayer

Gideon did not trust himself. He thought he was too small to accomplish great things and he had forgotten who his Father was, the Almighty God who created the whole universe and who is strong and powerful. Do you think you're not important enough to accomplish great things?

If Gideon managed to defeat an army with only 300 soldiers, you too are able. How did he do it? He simply accepted the mission that his Father had for him and he listened to His voice to receive the instructions, the plan of attack. Then he obeyed.

You must not diminish yourself, you must do like Gideon, receive the mission and believe that with the strength of God, you will succeed in accomplishing great things. Are there things you'd like to do that you





don't dare do because you diminish yourself? Do you feel incapable? If so, take the time to discuss this with your Father.

That's what we're going to do now. We're all going to take time to talk to our Father and we're going to tell him in our own words the things we find difficult and we'd like to do. Open your heart to Him. He's here with us, and He's waiting for you to talk to Him.

Give the children time to talk to God. While they do, take the time to pray for them. Children love it when we pray for them.

Application

The coat and label

1. You'll need a coat or jacket, post-it and pencils.
2. Tell the children to write on a post-it what people say about them and then tell them to come and stick it on the coat. Examples: I'm shy, I'm not smart, etc. These are phrases that prevent them from moving towards their dreams.
3. When the coat is filled, pray with the children: "Father, I refuse to believe the lies that people have put on my life and I choose to believe what you say. I'm your son, I'm your daughter, and the plan you have for my life is good and great. I renounce the lie of the enemy and I choose to believe in your truth. In the name of Jesus, Amen."
4. Remove the labels, then throw them in the trash in front of the children.

Craft

Gideon's Lantern

Material

- Empty water bottles
- Bright sticks

Steps

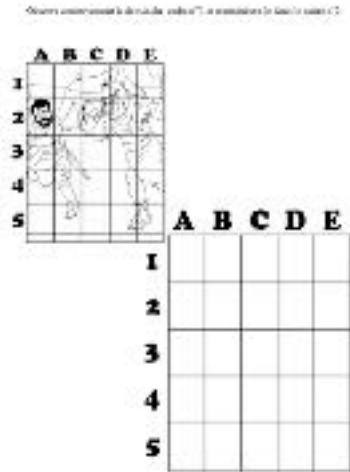
1. Give each child an empty bottle of water and a light stick.
2. Ask the children to insert the light stick into the bottle, that's it!
3. Turn off the lights to see the effect.



Activity

Material

Steps



Physical Activity

“Group”

Material

- None

Steps

1. The children walk around a field. At one point, the monitor shouts a number. The children must then group themselves into small “groups” according to the given number. The person or persons who are alone are eliminated.
2. At the end, to joke you can shout 300 to refer to Gideon and his 300 men!



Snack

Flame Of Gideon

Material

- Ice cream cones
- Cheese-flavored snacks (Cheetos or Cheesies)



Steps

1. Distribute 1 ice cream cone and cheese-flavored snacks to each child.
2. Ask them to put the snacks in the cone. It's a torch.