

Adventures with GOD!

GOD, AN ANGEL AND GIDEON (A.3.SPRING.7)

Biblical Reference	Judges 6:11-40
Key Verse	Psalms 25:4
Key Concept	Lord, show me your ways
Educational Objectives	At the end of this lesson, children will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss the story of Gideon and his relationship with God. 2. Recall what obedience means. 3. Thank God for the people who obeyed God.

Life Application

In ancient times, God spoke to the men, women and children of Israel. Today, God speaks through the Bible, where we can learn how to live a life honoring God. We please God by giving honor and glorifying God's name in everything we do, whether it's small or very significant, everything we do is to honor God's holy name. Children should be encouraged to follow the paths of righteousness shown throughout the Bible.

Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
My GROW Adventure	GROW Adventure w/God materials	5 minutes
Opening Prayer	Candle	1 minute
Bible Reading	Bible	5 minutes
Introduction		5 minutes
Bible Exploration	Bible	10 minutes
Craft	Illustrations, Markers	10 minutes
Song		3 minutes
Snacks		5 minutes
My GROW Adventure	Review	5 minutes
Closing Prayer	Candle	1 minute

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INSTRUCTIONS

My GROW Adventure with God Weekly Review: As children enter, take time to have them reflect on their adventure with God booklets, and either discuss or use art materials to express their journey during the past week. You may wish to add any art work, written poems, prayers or songs to a GROW wall in the room. You can find my GROW Adventure with God materials at CovChurch.org/children/adventures-with-god.

Opening Prayer: Gather children around a candle. Light the candle, and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them, palms up, as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today.

Prayer Example: Lord God, thank you for making us, for loving us, for forgiving us, and guiding us. We know you are here with us right now. As we enter into your word, the Bible, help us draw close to you, to understand and to listen to what you have to say to us. Amen

(For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer.)

Bible Reading: Explain that we read the Bible first to spend time with God. Children can remain with hands out stretched, palms up, to receive the word as it's being read. Alternatively they can be invited to draw what they hear. Read the Key Verse for the day twice and ask children to respond.

Question Examples: What did you notice in this passage? How does it make you feel? Was there anything you would ask God about that you didn't understand or was confusing? Is God saying anything to you though the story?

Introduction: Welcome children, and start by asking them what they know about angels. Allow children time to share stories about their idea of an angel. Perhaps children have heard stories from their parents or friends, so encourage them to share those stories that come to mind.

Bible Exploration: Open the Bible to Judges 6. Remember how important it is for children to see you with the book in your hands. Make sure to read the story ahead of time, so you're prepared to discuss it with children. The story of Gideon is a great story for children, especially children at this age, because it sounds like a fantasy even though it really happened. God told Gideon to lead the people of Israel by sending an angel to deliver God's instructions to Gideon.

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Gideon made excuses for not doing what God asked by questioning how he could save the people of Israel since he wasn't an important person. But God spoke, and promised to be by Gideon's side. Gideon asked God to provide signals so he would feel confident carrying out God's command. After God showed Gideon signals, he obeyed God by knocking down the altars of Baal and other false gods. God was by Gideon's side the entire time.

Craft: Have children color the illustrations on pages 5-7. Children can also stick cotton fleece on the illustration on pages 7.

Song: "Show me your ways." (Explain the words and meaning of the song before singing)

Show me O Lord, thy ways, and teach me your paths to walk,

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Snacks: Take time to thank God. Perhaps each child can say the name of someone special and thank God for him/her. Pass out a healthy snack. Also remember to review the Key Verse while enjoying the snack.

Today's GROW Adventure with God Review:

G=God's Word: What is the story? (Give children an opportunity to express their understanding of the story).

R=Relationships: Is there anything in today's bible story that shows us how we should or shouldn't share God's love with others? (Remind children that sometimes God uses the stories of the bible to show us how we shouldn't act toward God or others. Give children a chance to consider how we might show God's love instead).

O=Outward Action: Is there anything in the bible story that shows us how we should help or serve God or others? (Explore concrete ways the children could live this out in the coming week).

W=Worship: Is there anything in the bible story that shows us how we should accept God's love for us and others? Ask: How do you feel about God? What would you like to say to God?

Closing Prayer: Gather children around the candle again. As you light the candle, explain that the flame is something that is present in the light and the darkness. In the same way, the candle

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reminds us that God is always with us. Is there anything anyone wishes to say to God? After children have responded, close the prayer time.

Prayer Example: Lord God, we thank you that you are always with us, and always love us. It's good to be with you. Thank you for what we have learned today. Thank you for being with us and for teaching us through the Bible. Help us to remember what you have taught us today and to live it out when we leave. Amen

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Gideon hears the message of God



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Gideon and the Wool

