

Together @ Home

Here are some activities you could do together as a family, begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.

Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring the story of Gideon defeating the Midianites

You can find it in your Bible in: **Judges 7**

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your group.



A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of Gideon defeating the Midianites!

Thank you that you go before us and prepare victory, even when we face challenges and struggles, we can know you are there with us and can make all things possible.

Help us to put our trust in you during difficult times and give us the faith to be obedient in following your instructions just like Gideon was.

Amen

Recap

The book of Judges is a story full of cycles. Over and over God's people turn from Him to worship false gods, when their enemies attack, they call on God for help. Throughout the book of Judges God raises up individuals (judges) to lead his people and defeat their enemies.

Discussion

A question for adults to ask children.

Why do you think God kept telling Gideon to make his army smaller?

God's people the Israelites had turned away from Him and begun to worship false gods. God wanted to give Gideon and his army the victory but by reducing the numbers of the army He also taught them a valuable lesson about putting their trust in Him! When Gideon arrived at the camp of the Midianites he heard a guard sharing about how nervous the Midianite army was. God had already gone ahead of Gideon and his army and prepared the way for victory!

A question for children to ask adults.

Can you think of a time when you knew that God had gone before you and prepared the way?

Family Activity 1

Water drinking challenge

Gideon chose his army based on how they drank their water.

Give everybody a cup of water (use plastic cups!) and see who can drink their water the fastest without holding the cup in their hands!

WARNING : You may get wet!!!





A verse to remember.

Deuteronomy 31 v 8

The Lord himself will go before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forget you. Don't be afraid and don't worry.

Try to learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate a copy and put it up somewhere you can see it during the week.

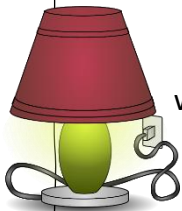
Active Prayer

Why not get active like Gideon with your prayers this week.

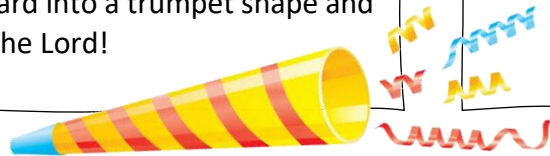
Have a glass of water – as you drink, ask God to fill you up with his bravery and boldness and to take away any fears or worries you have.



Light a candle or turn on lights around your house – say a thank you prayer that God is with you just like he was with Gideon – pray for those who need to experience God's light in their lives.



Trumpet – shout a loud thank you prayer to God, why not roll up some card into a trumpet shape and make joyful noise for the Lord!



Family Activity 2

You will need: an empty jar, PVA glue, candle, leaves, tissue paper or sweet wrappers.

In the story Gideon and his army held jars with candles in when they went into battle. This simple candle holder craft can be completed using recycled materials from around your home.

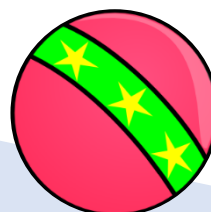
Use PVA glue to attach leaves, tissue paper or empty cellophane sweet wrappers to the outside of a clean jar so that the light can still shine through.



Family Activity 3 – Bread Roll Bowling

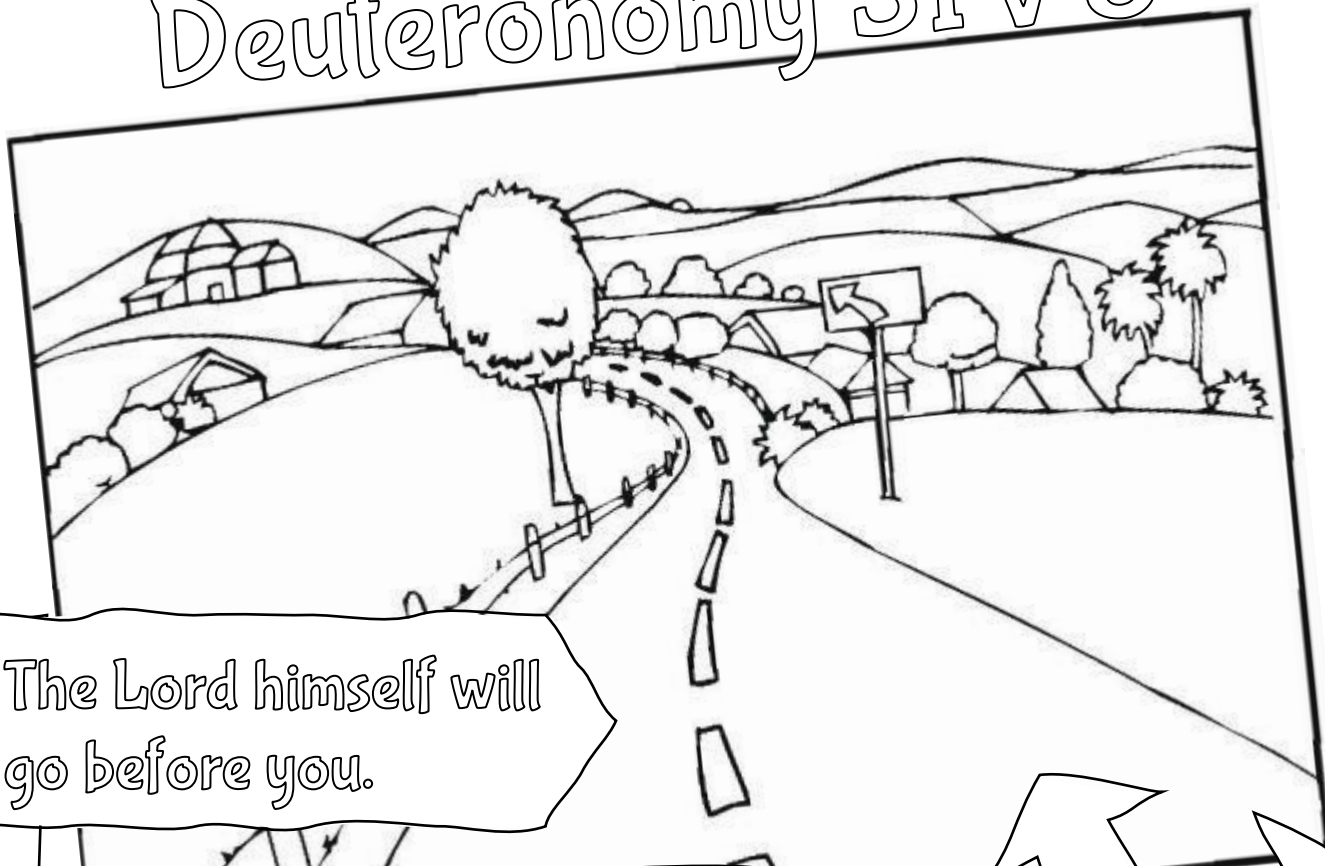
In the story Gideon hears a Midianite guard talking about a dream. In the dream a giant loaf of bread, rolls into the Midianite camp knocking down tents!

Set up your own bowling alley at home – you could use everyday objects like empty cans or folded card to make your skittles/tents and something as simple as a rolled-up sock to be your bowling ball.



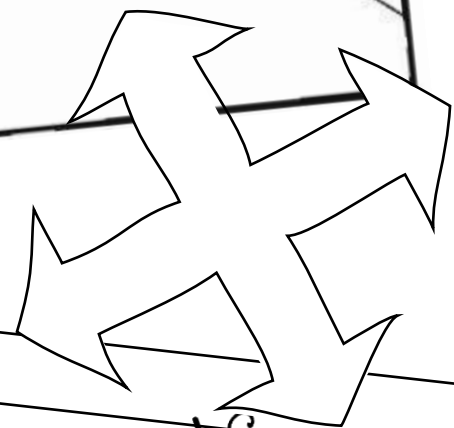
A colouring page you could print and colour together

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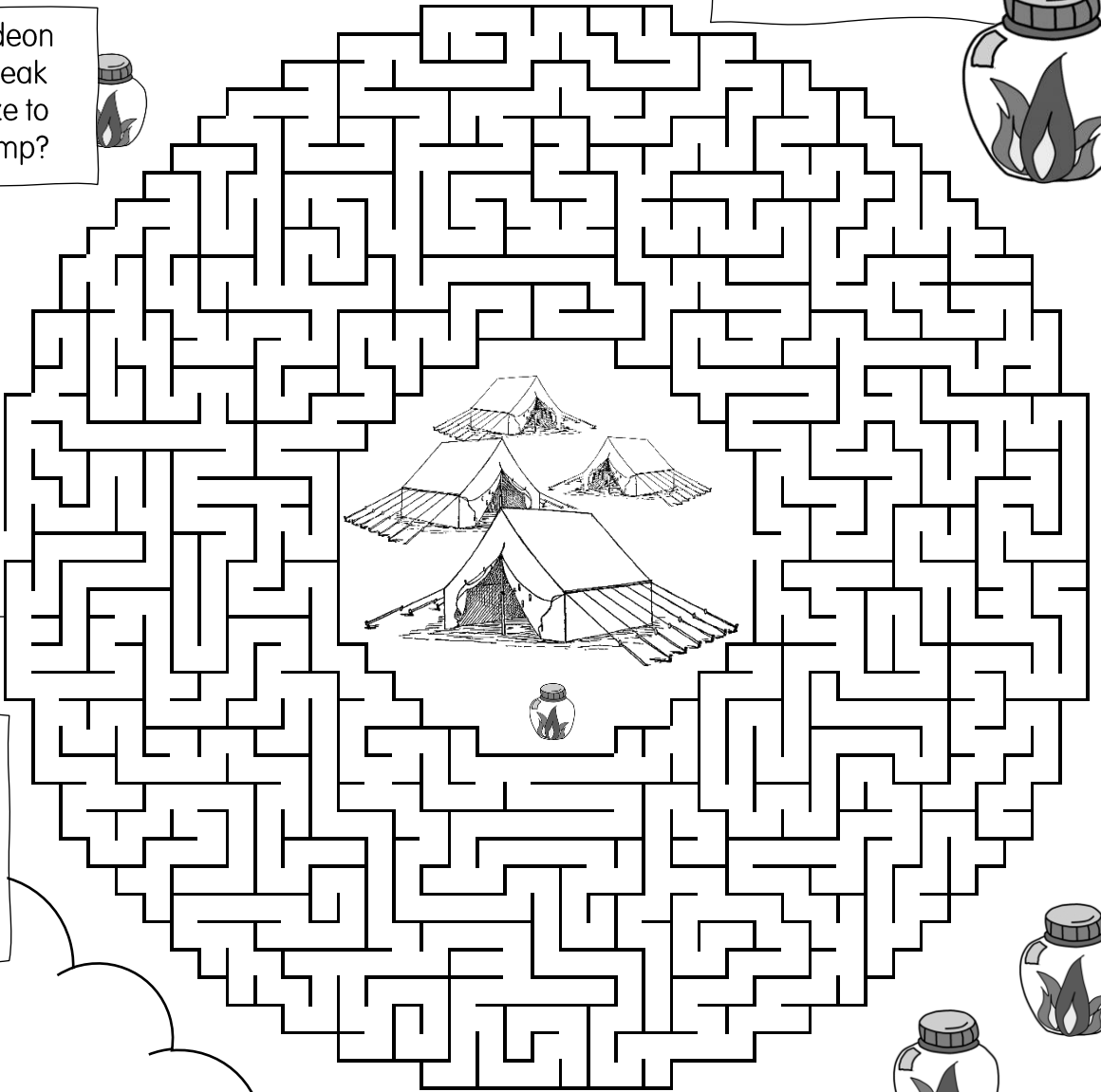


and don't worry.

PUZZLE SHEET

How many jars can you find hidden around the page?

Can you help Gideon and his army sneak through the maze to surround the camp?



What did the guard dream about in the story?
Draw it here.

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Unscramble the tiles to put Gideon's message in the correct order.

