

# Mighty Warrior

**More Heroes of Old**  
Lesson 4

## Lesson Objectives

- The children will state that Gideon won the battle because he listened to God.
- The children will practice listening and obeying commands.
- The children will ask God to help them to listen and obey commands.

## Lesson Text

Judges 7

## Scripture Memory Verse

"The Lord is with you,  
mighty warrior."

*Judges 6:12*

## Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activity: Small Soldiers

Welcome and Singing

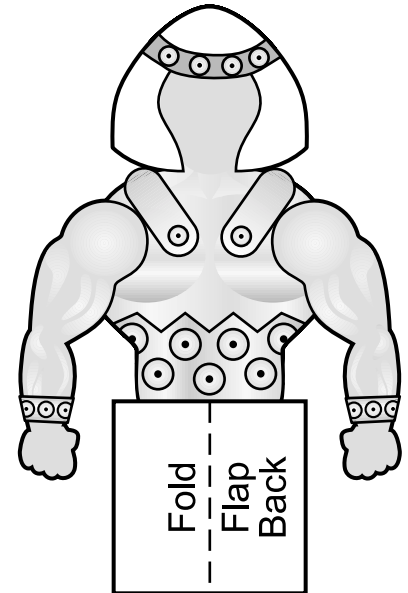
Centers:

Bible Story: Gideon Won!

Life Application: Name That Voice

Craft: Telephone

NOTE: Be sure to allow sufficient time for a snack.



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## Small Soldiers

The children will make toy soldiers that will be used during the Bible Story center.

### Materials

*For each child:*

- 1 clothes pin
- crayons or markers
- glue stick
- scissors

*For the teacher:*

- scissors
- glue stick

*Reproducible Pages:*

- Page A, 1 copy for the teacher
- Page B, 1 copy for each child
- Page C, 1 copy for every three children

### Preparation

1. Prepare "Gideon" as follows:
  - A. Cut out the picture of Gideon from the copy of Reproducible Page A.
  - B. Color the figure.
  - C. Fold the flaps back as shown on the figure.
  - D. Attach the clothespin at the flaps. See Figure A.
2. Cut out the Midianite and Israelite soldiers from the copies of Reproducible Pages B and C.

### Instructions

1. Show the children your Gideon figure. *Today we are going to make soldiers to use during the Bible Story center.* Demonstrate how the flaps of your figure are attached to the clothespin.
2. Give each child a Midianite soldier and a clothespin to prepare as follows:
  - A. Have each child color the Midianite figure.
  - B. Have each child fold the flaps back.
  - C. Have each child attach the clothespin to the flaps of the figure.

3. Have any children who finish early, prepare the Israelite soldiers as detailed in step 2.
4. Give the soldiers to the Bible Story teacher. Point out to the teacher which of the soldiers are Midianites, Israelites and Gideon.

### Conclusion

Explain to the children that the Bible story they will hear today is about Gideon and a battle that he fought with the Israelites against the Midianites. Explain that there are only a few soldiers in Gideon's army, but that there are many more soldiers in the Midianite army.

### Teacher Tips

There should be a minimum of three Israelite soldiers not including Gideon after this activity. If you don't have enough soldiers, please make up the difference. It is important that the Bible Story teacher have three for the Bible Story to work properly.

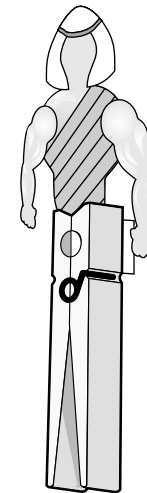


Figure A

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## Gideon Won!

The children will reenact Gideon's battle against the Israelites.

### Lesson Text

Judges 7

### Materials

*For the teacher:*

- 1 square cardboard box, 11"
- Gideon and soldiers from the Preclass Activity
- index cards
- a brown piece of fabric

### Preparation

1. Fold the index cards in half to make "tents."
2. Familiarize yourself with the story.

### The Battle

Set up the props for the Bible story. Place the cardboard box on the floor and cover it with the piece of fabric. Place the Israelite soldiers on top of the box. Arrange the tents and the Midianite soldiers on the ground next to the box as the Midianite camp.

Have your Bible open and begin to tell the story. *In our last Bible story we heard that Gideon had put out a fleece and prayed to see if God was really going to be with him. Do you remember what happened?* Take the children's responses. *God showed that he was really with Gideon. First God made the fleece wet, but kept the ground dry. (Judges 6:37-38) Then when Gideon prayed again, God made the ground wet, but kept the fleece dry. (Judges 6:39-40)*

*When God answered his prayers, he was full of courage. God told Gideon to take his soldiers and camp on a hill. Gideon obeyed God. The hill was above the tents of his enemy, the Midianites. (Judges 7:1) Show the children Gideon's camp and the Midianite camp.*

*Gideon looked down into the valley. Have the Gideon figure lean over the edge looking down at the Midianites. There were so many tents and camels and soldiers in the valley below that Gideon and his men couldn't even count them all. Gideon didn't have very many men compared to the Midianites. How do you think Gideon felt when he saw all the soldiers and camels? That's right! Gideon was afraid! He was afraid to fight against so many enemies! God was*

*not worried though. God knew he could make Gideon and his army strong enough to win, but he wanted Gideon to trust in him. So God told Gideon to send home any of his men who were afraid. (Judges 7:3) Take away a third of the Israelite soldiers from Gideon's camp. Now, Gideon had even fewer men to fight the battle.*

*Then God said to Gideon, "You still have too many men!" God said, "Have your men take a drink from the stream." (Judges 7:4) So Gideon obeyed God, and told his men to drink from the stream. Some of the men lay down on their stomachs and drank with their faces to the stream. Others made a cup with their hands and brought the water up to their mouths to drink. God told Gideon to keep only the men who drank from their hands. God told Gideon to send the others home. (Judges 7:5) Remove half of the Israelite soldiers. Look at how few soldiers Gideon has now. Look at how many Midianite soldiers there are. Do you think Gideon can possibly win this battle?*

*Gideon became afraid again, but he still obeyed God. When God saw that Gideon was still obedient, God filled Gideon with even more courage than before. God gave Gideon a great idea. (Judges 7:9-15)*

*Gideon decided to give each soldier a trumpet and an empty jar with a torch inside. Then Gideon and his men quietly went to the Midianite camp. (Judges 7:9-16) Place the Israelites at the edge of the Midianite camp. The Israelites stopped outside the enemy camp, and when Gideon gave the signal they blew their trumpets! Then the Israelites broke the empty jars making more noise. They waved their torches high in the air. (Judges 9:19-20) Wave your arms as though you're holding a torch. When the Midianite soldiers saw all the torches and heard all the noise, they became confused. The Midianite soldiers ran back and forth, shouting and fighting one another. (Judges 9:21-22) Remove two thirds of the Midianite soldiers. The rest of the Midianite soldiers began running away from Gideon and the Israelites. Gideon and his soldiers chased them far away. (Judges 9:23) Take the remaining Midianite soldiers and remove them with the Israelites slightly behind.*

*Gideon obeyed God even when he was afraid. This made God so happy. Gideon learned that all he needed to win the battle was God.*



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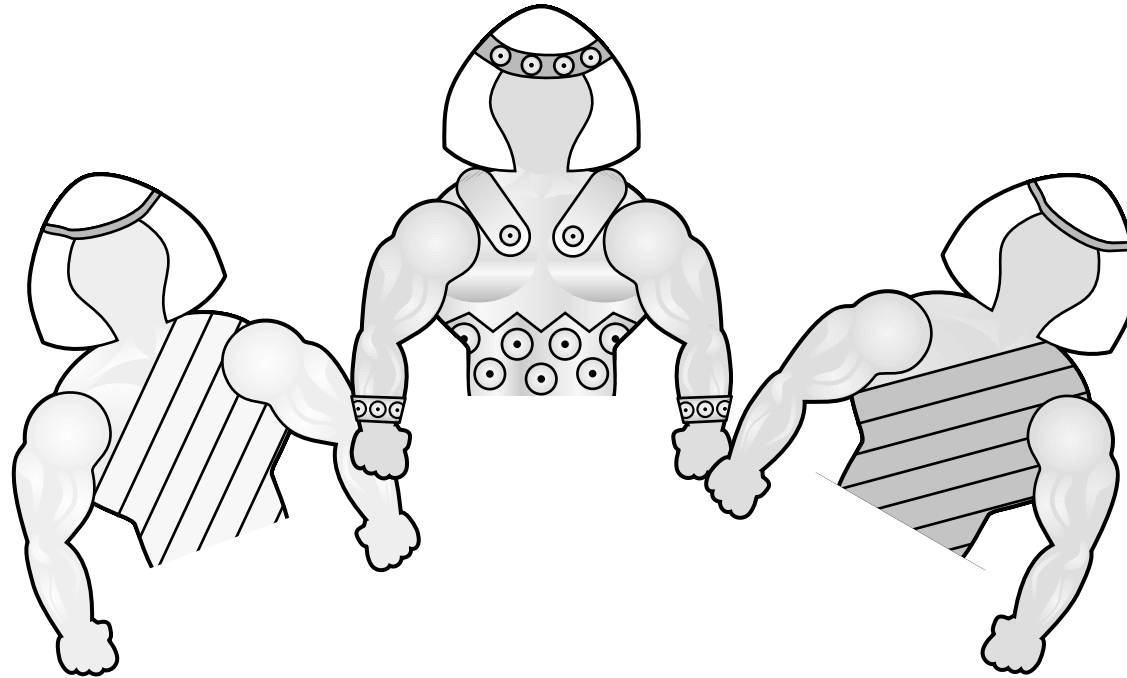
**Conclusion**

*When we listen to God and obey him he helps us to win battles, too. Why did Gideon win the battle? Yes, because he listened to God. He did just what God told him to do and he won!*

Discuss with the children how God helps us when we are afraid. Explain to them that we don't have to fight the same kind of battles as Gideon, but that there are times when we need God's help. *Gideon was afraid of the Midianites, we might be afraid of the dark or a trip to the doctor. No matter what we fear, God can help us.*

**Teacher Tips**

Bring in rocks to make a hill or any other props that would enhance the story.



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## Name That Voice

The children will practice listening, and then obeying instructions. The exercise will help them apply the principle of obeying God like Gideon.

### Scripture Memory Verse

"The Lord is with you, mighty warrior."

*Judges 6:12*

### Materials

For the teacher:

- cassette recorder
- blank cassette tape

### Preparation

1. Verify that the tape recorder will record your voice, and that you have batteries or the appropriate power cord.
2. Record your voice on the tape giving one short command such as "hug a friend."

### Instructions

1. Gather the children in a circle, and then introduce the activity as follows. *The Bible story today is about Gideon and his battle against the Midianites. He won the battle, because he listened and obeyed God. Today we are going to listen and obey just like Gideon did.* Play the recording of your voice for the children. *Whose voice is that? Yes, it is my voice. Let's obey what I said to do.* Have the children hug each other.
2. Choose a child to go first. Have that child go to another part of the room and hide his eyes and cover his ears.
3. Choose a child from the group, and then have the child think of a simple command. Have the child say the command as you record it.
4. Have another child bring the first child back to the circle.
5. Play the recording for the first child. Have the child guess whose voice is on the recording. Have the child obey what was said on the recording.
6. Continue this activity until each of the children has a turn at both recording and obeying a command.

### Scripture Memory Activity

Using the cassette recorder, make a recording of the group as they recite the memory verse together. Play back the recording. If time allows, record each child saying the memory verse alone.

### Conclusion

*Who is happy when we listen and obey? Yes, God is. Do you think that God is happy when your friends obey, too? Yes, that would make God very happy. Are your friends always obedient? No, not always, but you can help them. You can help them by telling them that it makes God happy when they obey. You can even invite them to come to Bible class with you to learn more about God.*

Choose a child to pray and ask God to help them be obedient listeners.

### Teacher Tips

- Here are some examples of simple commands: tie your shoe, kiss your hand, stand up, sit down, etc.
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### Telephone

The children will make telephones reminding them that they can talk and listen to God anytime.

#### Materials

*For each child:*

- poster board, approximately 8½" x 7"
- 1 small paper or plastic cup, approximately 3"
- 1 brass fastener
- glue stick
- crayons or markers

*For the teacher:*

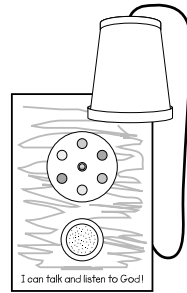
- scissors
- ruler
- black marker
- utility knife
- yarn or string
- ½" colored dot labels
- markers/crayons
- stapler
- pencil
- masking tape

*Reproducible Pages:*

- Page D, 1 copy for each child

#### Preparation

1. Cut out the mouthpieces from the copies of Reproducible Page D.
2. Cut out one dial stencil from one of the copies of Reproducible Page D.
3. Prepare the poster board for each child as follows:
  - A. Cut a 5" x 7" rectangle.
  - B. Using the utility knife, poke a small hole in the center of the rectangle approximately 3" from the top.
  - C. On the bottom of the rectangle, write "I can talk and listen to God!"
  - D. Using the dial stencil, trace and cut out a dial.
  - E. Using the utility knife, poke a small hole in the center of the dial.



4. Prepare a "holder" and a "receiver" for each child as follows:
  - A. Measure ½" down from the rim of the cup, and then draw a line around the cup.
  - B. Using the utility knife, cut around the cup on the drawn line. Separate the two pieces making a holder and a receiver. See Figure A.
  - C. Using the utility knife, make a small hole in the bottom of the receiver.
5. Prepare the "phone cord" as follows:
  - A. Cut one 18" piece of string for each child.
  - B. Wrap a small piece of masking tape around one end of each piece of string.
6. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.

#### Instructions

1. Show the children the model of the craft. *Do you know what this is? Yes it is a telephone. What do we do with a telephone? Yes, we talk to people. We can listen to people, too. In our Bible Story today, we are learning how well Gideon listened to God. We don't need a phone to listen to God, but this will help you to remember that you can listen to God all the time.*
2. Have each child make a "phone base" as follows:
  - A. Give each child a dial.
  - B. Give each child six colored dots and have the children stick them onto the circle making "buttons" on the dial. See Figure B.
  - C. Give each child a poster board rectangle. Help each child to align the hole in the dial to the hole in the rectangle, and then attach the brass fastener. See Figure C.
  - D. Give each child a receiver holder, and then help them to staple it to the side of the rectangle near the top. See Figure D. NOTE: Staple the larger end of the receiver holder (the former top of the cup) so it faces upward.
  - E. Give each child a mouthpiece and then have them glue it underneath the dial completing the phone base.

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3. Have the children complete their telephones as follows:
  - A. Give each child a receiver and a piece of string. Have them thread the string through the hole in the bottom of the receiver.
  - B. Help each child tape the end of the string inside the receiver.
  - C. Help them to tape the other end of the string on the back of the phone base. See Figure E.
4. Give the children crayons and markers to decorate their telephones.

#### Conclusion

Show them how to use the phones. Demonstrate how to hang up the phone on the base. Encourage them to talk and listen to God. Ask them to tell God what they are learning in class. Ask them to imagine what God might say to them.

#### Teacher Tips

- If you do not have colored dot labels, draw six circles on the phone dial and then have the children color them.
- Write numbers on the circles of the phone dial before the children color them.

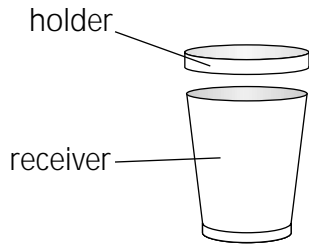


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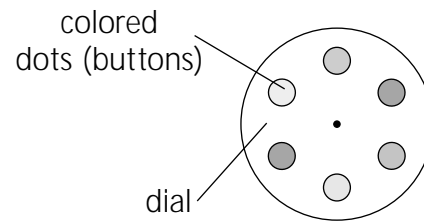


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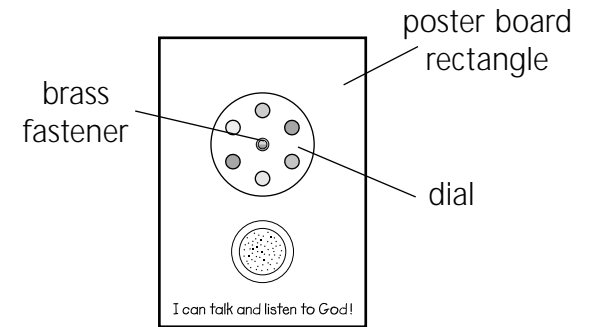


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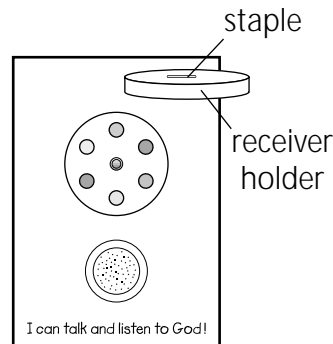


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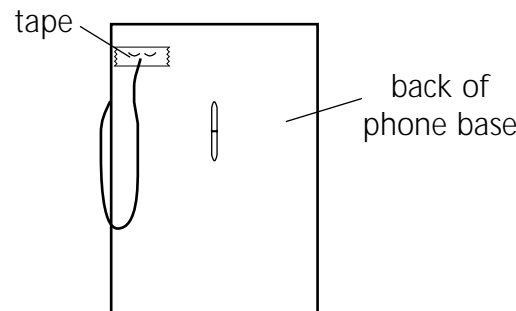
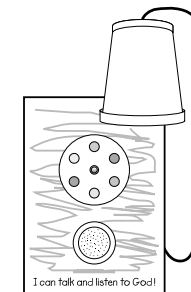


Figure E



Finished Craft





Pre class



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### Lesson Text

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### Scripture Memory Verse

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### Stop! Go!

The children will practice listening as they play this game.

#### Preparation

Familiarize yourself with the game.

#### Instructions

1. Remind the children that Gideon won the battle against the Midianites because he listened to God. *We are going to have fun today as we practice listening.*
2. Have the children make a line standing next to each other.



### Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activities: Stop! Go!

Welcome and Singing

Centers:

Game: What's That Sound?

Craft: Trumpet and Torch

Life Application: Name That Voice

NOTE: Be sure to allow sufficient time for a snack.

3. Play the game as follows:
  - A. Stand several feet away with your back to the children.
  - B. When you say, "go," have the children walk towards you.
  - C. When you say "stop," turn around, facing the children, and have them all stop or "freeze."
  - D. If you see someone moving after you have said, "stop," that child must go back to the beginning and start again.
  - E. The first child who reaches you gets to lead the game.
4. Continue playing the game as long as time allows.

#### Teacher Tips

Be sure that the children walk and don't run during this game. If a child runs, have that child go back to the beginning of the line and start again.





### What's That Sound?

This activity will encourage the children to listen carefully, reinforcing the Bible lesson that Gideon won the battle because he listened and obeyed God.

#### Materials

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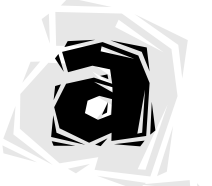
- masking tape
- cassette recorder
- blank cassette tape

#### Preparation

Make a recording of twenty ordinary sounds.

#### Instructions

1. Set up the game as follows:
  - A. Before class begins, make "Start" and "Finish" lines by placing two strips of tape across the floor on opposite ends of the activity area or room.
  - B. Place additional strips of tape every foot between the start and finish lines. NOTE: The game area should be at least ten feet long for the game to work well.
2. Play the game as follows:
  - A. Introduce the game by reminding the children of how Gideon listened to God. Explain that they are going to play a listening game to help them be like Gideon. Tell them that they will hear a sound from the cassette recorder. If they know what the sound is they should raise their hands.
  - B. Have the children stand next to each other at the start line.
  - C. Play one of the sounds on the tape, and then choose a child who raises a hand to answer.
  - D. Have the child identify the sound. If the child is correct, have all the children advance to the next mark on the floor. If the child is wrong, have all the children move back one mark. NOTE: If the children are at the start line simply have them remain in place.
  - E. Play the game until all the children reach the finish line together.



#### Conclusion

Remind the children that being a good listener makes God happy. Gideon listened to God and God helped him win the battle.

#### Teacher Tips

- Some suggestions of some ordinary sounds are: a car horn, a door slamming, water running in the sink, a balloon popping, a phone ringing, a dog barking, a clock ticking and hands clapping.
- You can buy a prerecorded tape of ordinary sounds at a music store.



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### Lesson 4

### Trumpet and Torch

The children will make "trumpets and torches" to remind them of how Gideon and his men confused the Midianite army.

#### Materials

For each child:

- 1 paper towel tube
- 1 plastic bottle, 2-liter
- ½ sheet of orange or yellow tissue paper
- glue stick

For the teacher:

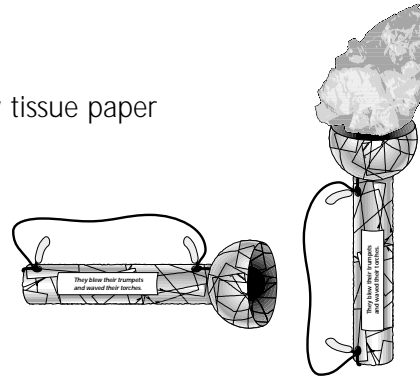
- scissors
- yarn
- aluminum foil
- hole punch
- utility knife
- masking tape

Reproducible Pages:

- Page E, 1 copy for every five children

#### Preparation

1. Cut out the text boxes from Reproducible Page E.
2. Cut a 35" piece of yarn for each child and wrap a piece of tape around each end.
3. Prepare a paper towel tube for each child as follows:
  - A. Cover each paper towel tube with aluminum foil and glue it in place.
  - B. Punch two holes opposite from one another at both ends of the tube.
  - C. Thread the ends of the yarn through the holes and tie them in place making a shoulder strap for the roll. See Figure A.
4. Prepare a bottle for each child as follows:
  - A. Thoroughly clean out the bottle prior to starting.
  - B. Using a utility knife, cut off the top end of the bottle, as shown in Figure B. Keep the top part of the bottle and discard the bottom part of the bottle.
  - C. Place masking tape around the bottle neck up to, but not including, the screw top area. See Figure C.



- D. Cover the bottle top and bottle neck with aluminum foil so it will fit snugly into the tube. NOTE: Do not cover the screw top area.
5. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.

#### Instructions

1. Show the children the model. *Do you remember what Gideon and his men did in the Bible story to beat their enemies? Yes, they blew their trumpets very loud. Blow your trumpet. They also waved their burning torches. Wave your torch. The Midianites became so confused and scared that they fought each other, and then they all ran away! Today you will make a trumpet and a torch to remind you of Gideon and the battle.*
2. Give each child a foil-covered roll and a foil-covered bottle top. Help them to push the bottle top into the roll making the "trumpet." See Figure D.
3. Give each child a text box. Have them glue the text box to the side of their roll.
4. Give each child a half sheet of tissue paper. Have them roll the tissue paper into a ball.
5. Demonstrate how the trumpet works by speaking into the end of the tube on your model. Show the children how the trumpet becomes a "torch" by turning it and placing the tissue paper ball inside the top.

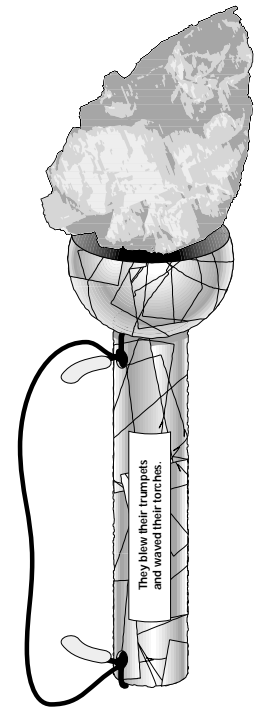
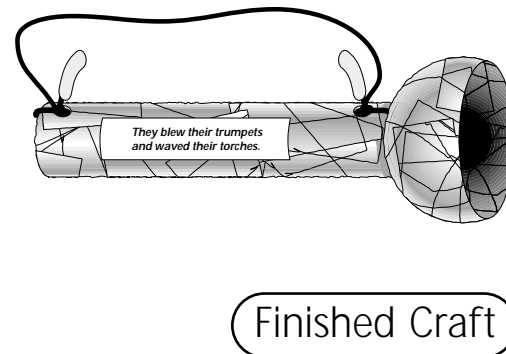
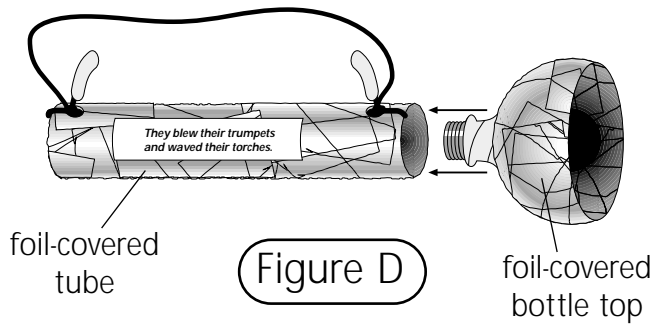
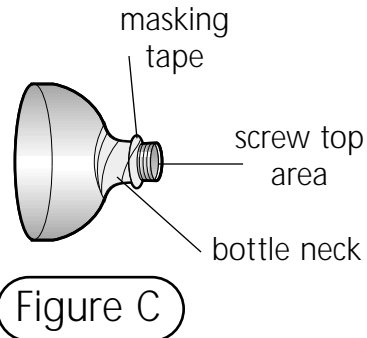
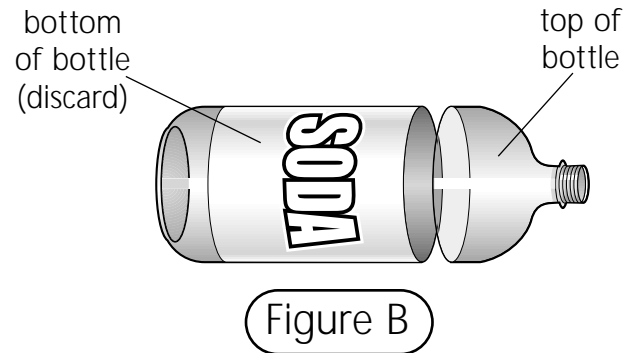
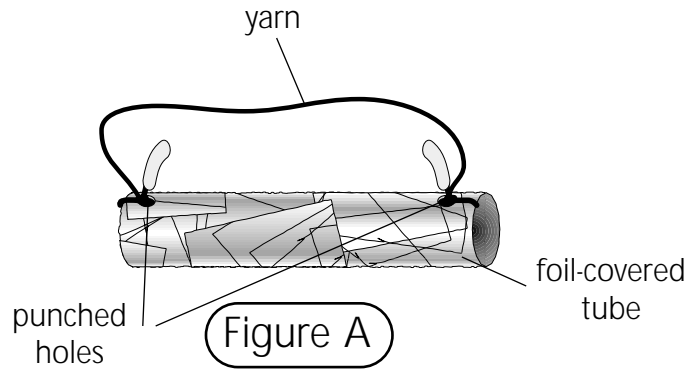
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Have some of the children blow trumpets and some of the children wave torches as you reenact the battle of Gideon and the Midianites. Have the children switch places and then tell the story again.

#### Teacher Tips

Use longer wrapping paper tubes in place of the paper towel tubes.

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### Name That Voice

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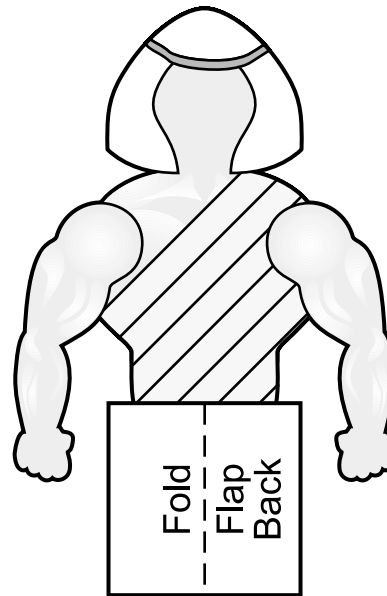


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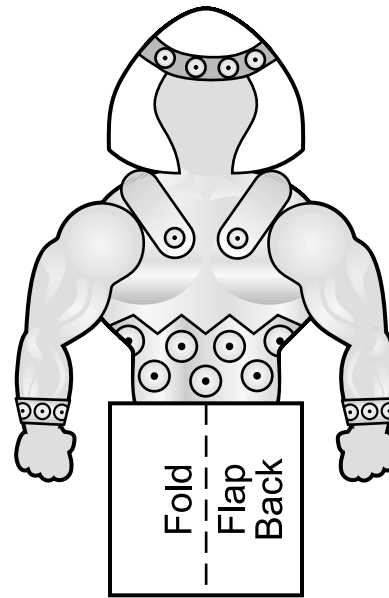


Gideon



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Midianite soldier

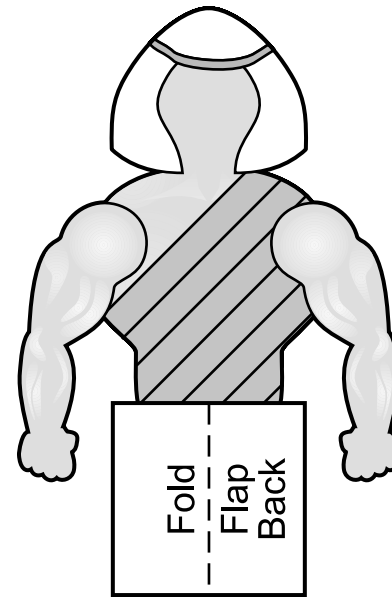




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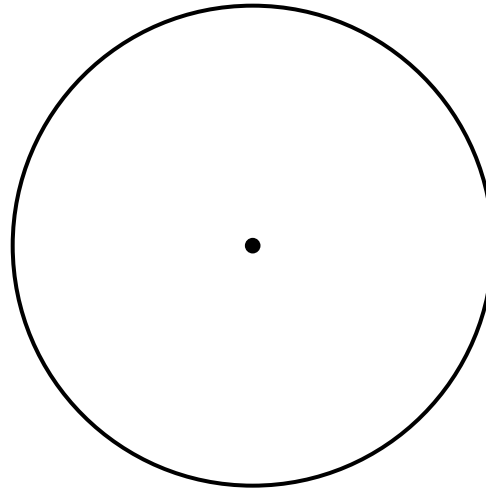
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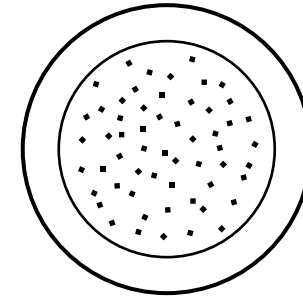
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dial stencil



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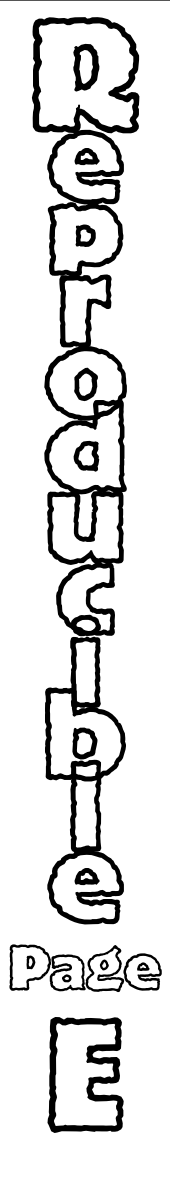
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