

Activities:



Show children a “Room Service” door sign from a hotel. On one side it asks for service. On the other side it says “Do not disturb.” This is how the Israelites were treating God. They only wanted His help when they were having trouble with their neighbors. The rest of the time they wanted Him to leave them alone so they could do what they liked.

Place a long blue table cloth or sheet on the floor on one side of the room to be the “river.” Have children line up against another wall. Have one child wear a picture of a sword taped to their back and walk over to river and lie down, pretending to drink. As soon as they lie down, tap another child to run across and take the paper. They must get back to the other side before the first child can get up and tag them (they cannot start running until the paper has been taken). Try this again when the child is standing to drink. Let other children take turns.

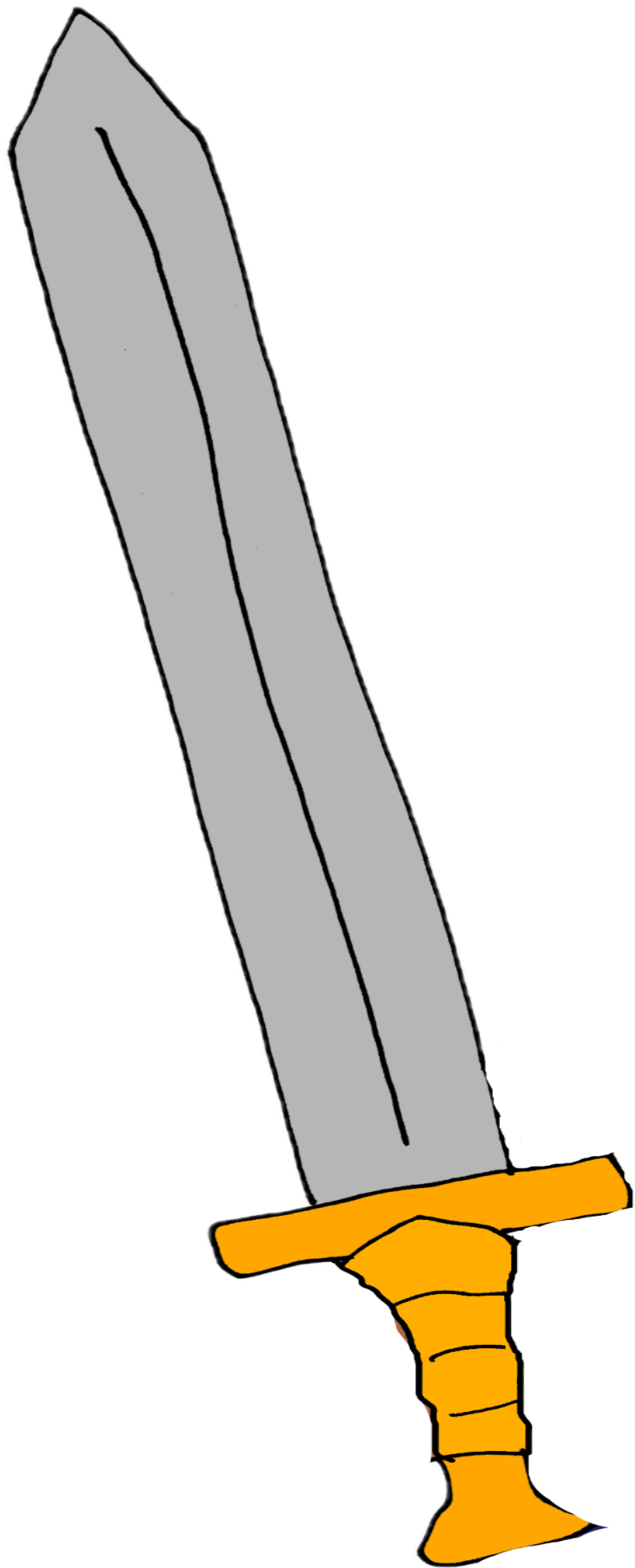
Turn out the lights. Place a flashlight inside a jar and turn it on. Hand flashlights and paper cups to children to do the same. When the Israelites entered the Midianite camp, they could not be seen or heard. When you say go, have everyone take their flashlights out and shout, “For the Lord and for Gideon!”



**DO NOT
DISTURB**

**Service
Please**





UPPER

ELEMENTARY

GIDEON AT THE RIVER



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Lower Elementary

Gideon at the River



Teach Grow Sow

Name: _____



**The angel appeared and spoke to Gideon,
“Take them down to the spring and I’ll test
them.” ~ Judges 7:4**

Materials: paper towel rolls, paper cups, yarn, colored tape, red, yellow & orange tissue paper

Trumpets:

- ❖ Children color paper towel roll and cup with markers
- ❖ Teacher ties yarn through roll and tapes cup

Torches:

- ❖ Children color paper towel roll and cup with markers
- ❖ Teacher tapes cup to roll
- ❖ Children stuff tissue paper in cups

Act out Gideon scaring the Midianites.



Preschool

Coloring Page:

Ask children if other kids at the playground (or preschool or their older siblings) ever play rough. What can they do to play gently together? (pray for God's help, ask a parent or teacher for help, say, "No, thank you," suggest another game). Encourage them to draw a picture of themselves playing gently with others.

Modeling Dough:

Encourage children to make something from the story, like a jar, a trumpet or a torch.

Game:

Give children shakers and ask them to keep them very still. Turn out lights and have everyone tiptoe around room while you ask them in a whisper, "Can you see God?" several times. Turn on the lights and have everyone call out, "God protects me!" while shaking their shakers. Remind children that God is always protecting them, even when they can't see Him. Play several rounds.

Gideon at the River

Name: _____



I can play gently with others.