

June Week 3

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# CRAFT WEEK 3

## *Tea Light Torch*

**SUPPLIES:** clear punch cups, clear craft glue, paint brushes, paper plates, orange and yellow tissue paper, wet wipes, tea lights, labels

### **What You DO and SAY:**

- ⇒ **Have children join you at the table and pass out one cup and one label to each child. Write names on the bottom of the cups.**
  - *“Today in our true Bible story, Gideon and his army put torches in jars just like God told them to! We are going to make a craft today to help us remember this true Bible story.*
  - *Here is a cup for you. I want you take your label and put it in your cup right here like this. (Demonstrate.) This label says, ‘I can trust God.’*
- ⇒ **Put glue on paper plates and give each child a paint brush. Demonstrate how to paint a thin layer of glue on the inside.**
  - *“Now I want you to paint a thin layer of glue on the inside of your cup. Try not to paint on the label!*
  - NOTE: You may consider doing this step for the 3-year-olds if you have a large class and are worried about the mess!
- ⇒ **Put a pile of tissue paper squares on the table.**
  - *“Now we need to cover all the glue with tissue paper! This is going to make it look like fire in our torch!*
- ⇒ **Optional: go over the tissue paper with an additional thin coat of glue.**
- ⇒ **Give each child a tea light.**
  - *“Here’s my favorite part! Look on the bottom of your candle and flip the little switch to turn on the candle. Now put your candle inside the cup. Wow! Look at those!”*
- ⇒ **Turn off the lights, have children hold up their torches, and Bring it Back to Jesus.**
  - *“God told Gideon to take his small army to battle the big Midianite army. Gideon trusted God’s plan and told each soldier to take a trumpet, a torch, and a jar with them. They snuck into the Midianite camp and when Gideon told them to, they blew their trumpets, broke their jars, and yelled ‘For the Lord, and for Gideon!’ The Midianites ran away, and God’s army won! Gideon’s small army beat the big Midianite army. You are never too small to trust God. You can trust God, and I can trust God!*

## Week 3 Craft Example: Tea Light Torch



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# CRAFT WEEK 4

## *Elijah Story Cards*

**SUPPLIES:** 2 sets of Big Story cards for the teacher (one for each craft station table), one set of small story cards and parents note per child, crayons

### **What You DO and SAY:**

- ⇒ **Have children join you at the table and pass out one set of story cards per person.**
- *“Today we heard a true story about a man named Elijah who trusted that God can do anything! I love this story so much that I don’t want to ever forget it! Let’s make story cards so that we can retell the story any time we want!”*
- ⇒ **Have children find and color story card #1.**
- *Our true story began with the king Ahab. He thought his fake god had powers, and he told everyone to worship his fake god. But Elijah knew that God is the one true God and he wanted everyone to know the truth. So, Elijah told King Ahab they would both build an altar, and the god who sent down fire would be the one true God. King Ahab said, ‘Okay let’s do it.’ (Hold up the #1 card.) Find this card in your picture cards. Let’s color it!*
  - *King Ahab and his people did what Elijah said. They built an altar for their fake god. They began shouting and asking their fake god to send down fire. They shouted, and they shouted, and they shouted, but nothing happened.*
- ⇒ **Have children find and color story card #2.**
- *Can you find card #2? Let’s color it! Then it was Elijah’s turn. Elijah built an altar for God. He even poured water all over the altar to make it hard to catch on fire. Then Elijah prayed to God. Elijah told God that he believed God is the one true God and that He has the power to do anything. Elijah asked God to show His power to everyone so they could believe, too. Then something amazing happened!*
- ⇒ **Have children find and color story card #3.**
- *Show me card #3! Let’s color it! God heard Elijah’s prayer and sent fire down on the altar! God even dried up all the water with the fire! Everyone saw what happened and knew that God is the one true God and has the power to do anything!”*
- ⇒ **Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus**
- *“Elijah trusted God because He knew God can do anything. When we believe that God can do anything and that He is the one true God, it will help us trust God, too. Who can trust God? I can trust God! One more time!*
  - **Who can trust God? I can trust God!”**

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# ACTIVITY #1

## *Duck, Duck, Goose*

**SUPPLIES:** None needed

### **What You DO and SAY:**

⇒ **Have children sit in a circle on the floor.**

- *“Friends, come join me in a circle on the floor.*
- *Today we are going to play a fun game of Duck, Duck, Goose! But instead of saying Duck Duck Goose, we are going to say something to help us remember that we can trust God!*

⇒ **Demonstrate how to play.**

- *“So here’s how we play. One person is going to be it. They get to walk around on the outside of the circle and gently tap each friend on the shoulder saying the word ‘Trust.’*
- *Then, you can choose any person you want to shout ‘GOD!’*
- *Once you tag someone you run around the outside of the circle back to their spot. Then that person gets to be it!*
- *Watch! (demonstrate) Trust...Trust...Trust...Trust...Trust...GOD!*

⇒ **Continue the game with each child getting a turn to be it.**

⇒ **Complete the activity and Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“That was so much fun, friends! We can always remember that we can trust God all the time, no matter what!*
- ***Who can trust God?***
- ***I can trust God!***

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## **ACTIVITY #2**

### *Praise Party/Freeze Dance*

**SUPPLIES:** CD Player, Worship CD set to track 5 “Count on God”, instruments/scarves/etc.

#### **What You DO and SAY:**

- ⇒ **Give each child an instrument or scarf and have them spread out around the room.**
  - *“All month long we are learning about how we can trust God. When I think about that it makes me so happy that I just want to jump and sing and dance and praise God! So that’s what we are going to do! Let’s have a praise party!”*
  
- ⇒ **Play track #5 ‘Count on God’ and dance!**
  - *“Great dancing everybody! Let’s all say our memory verse together!”*
  - *“I can trust God. I am not afraid”*
  - *Nice job!*
  
- ⇒ **Optional: Turn it into a game of freeze dance. After they freeze, have them recite the memory verse.**
  - *“I can trust God. I am not afraid”*
  
- ⇒ **Repeat activity as long as kids are interested and Bring it Back to Jesus.**
  - *“Nice job, friends! We can trust God because he loves us so much! He has a perfect plan for our lives.”*
  - ***Who can trust God?***
  - ***I can trust God!***

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## ACTIVITY #3 – Week 3 Only

### *What's in the Box?*

**SUPPLIES:** Bin with the following: toy trumpet, jar, flashlight, 3 random items

#### What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children gather around you on the floor or at a table.**
  - *“Hi friends! We heard a story today about how God used a man named Gideon. Let’s play a game while we talk about how God used Gideon!”*
  - *In our true Bible story, God used Gideon to do some big things, even though Gideon thought he was too small. And God used some interesting things to help Gideon win the big battle for God!*
  - *I am going to pull some things out of this box, and I want you to decide if Gideon used them in our story!”*
- ⇒ **Begin to pull items out of the bin one at a time.**
  - Say this each time you pull an item out: *“Let’s see....what’s in the box?”*
    - Say this for each of the three random items:  
*Did God use a/an **RANDOM ITEM** in our true story?*
      - *No! Gideon didn’t use that!*
    - *Did Gideon use a **TRUMPET** in our true story?*
      - *Yes! This is a horn! Gideon made sure everyone had a horn, a jar, and a torch of fire. He told them to break their jars when they blew their horns and held their torches. They did what Gideon said and blew their horns, broke their jars, held up their torches, and said, ‘For the Lord and for Gideon!’ And they won the battle!*
    - *Did Gideon use a **JAR** in our true story?*
      - *Yes! He sure did! Gideon’s army broke their jars when they blew their horns and held their torch of fire.*
    - *Did Gideon use a **FLASHLIGHT**? Well sort of! Let’s pretend this is a torch. Did Gideon use a torch of fire in our story today? Yes! Gideon made sure everyone had a horn, a jar, and a torch. He told them to break their jars when they blew their horns and held up their torches! They won the battle!”*
- ⇒ **Bring it Back to Jesus.**
  - *Gideon trusted God and God used him to do big things, even though he was small. We can trust God to use us, too!*
  - *Who can trust God?*
  - *I can trust God! Yes!”*



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# **ACTIVITY #3 – Week 4 Only**

## *Real or Fake?*

**SUPPLIES:** Bin of real items and fake items

### **What You DO and SAY:**

- ⇒ **Have children gather around you on the floor or at a table.**
  - *“Come join me, friends! Today we are going to play a game to help us remember an important part of our true Bible story. Do you see this basket? In it I have several things that are real and some that are fake. When I hold them up I want you to tell me if it is real or if it is fake! Got it? Let’s play!”*
- ⇒ **Begin to pull items out of the bin.**
  - *“I have this ITEM and this ITEM. (Hold up real and fake item.) I want you to touch them and smell them and look at them. Now, tell me, which one is real, and which one is fake? (Pause.). You’re right! How did you know which one was real and which one was fake? (Discuss.). Good job! Let’s do another one!”*
- ⇒ **Repeat until you have used all the items.**
- ⇒ **Bring it Back to Jesus.**
  - *“In our Bible story today, the people believed that their fake god was real, but it wasn’t. It couldn’t do anything. It was fake like this toy [item]. (Hold up toy item.) We wouldn’t eat a toy [item], would we? (Pause.) No way! We want to eat real [items]! (Hold up the real item.)*
  - *Elijah trusted in the one true God—the real God. And because God can do anything, God answered Elijah’s prayer and sent down fire to show everyone that Elijah told the truth. God really is the one true God! Elijah trusted God, and we can, too.*
  - *Who can trust God?*
  - *I can trust God!”*

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY

JUNE WEEK 3

## SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

### READ

⇒ The Bible

⇒ *Beginner's Bible: Gideon's Battle, p. 140*

⇒ Then Say... *God used Gideon to do a really big thing, even though Gideon and his army were small. Gideon trusted that God could use him, so he did everything God told him to do. Gideon and his army carried the torches, broke the jars, and played the horns. (Play your hand horn.) And it worked! Gideon's army won the battle!*

### REVIEW *(You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)*

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

- **Who can trust God?**
- **I can trust God!**

⇒ Memory Verse

- **"I trust in God. I am not afraid." Psalm 56:11**

### CONNECT IT AND PRAY

⇒ "Today, we'll make a list of things that sometimes make you afraid. We all feel afraid at times, even me. So, when I say your name, **tell me one thing that sometimes makes you afraid** and I will write it down. (*At the top, write: "What is one thing that makes you afraid?"*),

- *Have each child share and write the ideas down on the board/paper.*

⇒ Thank you for making this list with me. We can use it when we pray.

⇒ Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:

- *"Dear God, we know we can trust You. But sometimes we forget and things like (read the list the children made) make us afraid. Please help us remember that we can always trust you and we don't have to be afraid. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."*



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## READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY JUNE WEEK 4

### SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

#### READ

⇒ The Bible

⇒ *Beginner's Bible: Fire from Heaven, p. 209*

⇒ Then Say... God can do ANYTHING. Like, He really can do ANYTHING! And Elijah wanted all of the people to know that God is the one true God and can do ANYTHING. That's why Elijah prayed for God to send down fire. He wanted the people to see and believe.

#### REVIEW *(You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)*

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○ **Who can trust God?**

○ **I can trust God!**

⇒ Memory Verse

○ **"I trust in God. I am not afraid." Psalm 56:11**

#### CONNECT IT AND PRAY

⇒ "Today, we'll make a list of things we want to say to God. It can be ANYTHING! God loves it when we talk to Him about everything. So, when I say your name, **tell me what you want to say to God** and I will write it down. **At the top, Write: "What do you want to say to God?"**),

▪ *Have each child share and write the ideas down on the board/paper.*

⇒ "This is so good! I will use it when we talk to God. Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:

▪ *"Dear God, thank You for always being with us and hearing us when we talk to You. Today, [child's name] wants to say (read what they listed), and [child's name] wants to say (read what they listed), and . . . (continue with each child). We believe we can trust You with everything and that You can do ANYTHING. You are awesome, God! We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."*