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August 24-25, 2019

NEED TO KNOW

- **This month is a special summer series: HEROES!** We'll be exploring powerful and brave leaders from the Bible who were also deeply flawed, and had to trust in God when they faced tough circumstances.

LARGE GROUP | 15 Minutes

- Big idea: **God helps us be good leaders.**
- Story: **Gideon**
- Scripture: **Joshua 6-7**

GAME TIME | 10 Minutes

- Play some fun, challenging versions of Follow the Leader.

COOL DOWN | 10 Minutes

- Understand the difference between being a leader and a boss.

LARGE GROUP | 15 Minutes

- Respond to today's big idea through worship and prayer.
- Practice this month's memory verse: **Ephesians 3:20 God is able to do far more than we could ever ask for or imagine. He does everything by his power that is working in us.**

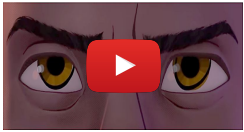
SMALL GROUP | 15+ Minutes

- Design your own superhero costume!

WELCOME + EXPECTATIONS | 1 Minute

- **Say:** Welcome to Kids' Club, we're so glad you're here! We want this to be a **safe** and **fun** place for you. To do that, let's all commit to doing a few things:
 - Show respect to each other
 - Listen when someone else is speaking
 - Have fun!

THE BIG IDEA | 10 Minutes



- **Say:** We're doing a special series this month about **HEROES!** We've been seeing lots of different heroes who have incredible powers. But more importantly, we're learning about real heroes from the Bible, and how their power came from GOD. Here's today's big idea:
- **Slide: God helps us be good leaders.**
- **Ask:** What do you think it means to LEAD? (Let kids respond.) There are LOTS of ways to lead, but basically, it's when we're an example to others, and we help, encourage and support them, so they can do what WE do.
- **Say:** Do you think superheroes make good leaders? Why? (Let kids respond.) Superheroes can be amazing leaders when they use their powers for good, like protecting and helping others. But it's not always easy for a hero to BECOME the leader he needs to be.
- **Say:** Let's check out a movie clip of a kid when he's first becoming a hero, but only after he remembers how people have encouraged and helped him believe he could do it!
- **Video: [Into the Spideverse / Miles Becomes Spiderman](#) (3 minutes)**
- **Say:** Miles was able to become Spiderman because other people believed in him, and helped him get there. Today we're talking about a guy named Gideon, who led an entire army, but ONLY when he relied on God's power!

GIDEON | 10 Minutes



- **Say:** Let's check out a video and see what happened when Gideon found himself having to lead an entire army into battle against an enemy that seemed impossible to defeat! Pay attention to how he's able to be a leader.
- **Video: [God's Story / Gideon](#) (3 minutes)**
- **Say:** So how was Gideon able to lead that army into battle, and defeat the enemy? Yep, it was because of God's power, not his own! And the craziest thing is that God actually told him to make his army *smaller*, to show that it wasn't Gideon who won the battle, or the soldiers....it was GOD.
- **Ask:** Did Gideon WANT to lead at first? Nope. He was afraid that he couldn't do it. He didn't trust God!
- **Say:** Just like Miles needed people to help him become Spiderman, Gideon needed God to help him be a good leader to his army, he couldn't have done it all on his own.
- **Ask:** So do you think YOU all can be good leaders? Of course! God wants to help every single one of us be a good leader, and we'll talk more about how we can do that. But for now, let's have some fun following a leader in Game Time!



SUPPLIES

- None

PREPARE



- Start the **10-Minute Countdown Timer**

FOLLOW THE LEADER | 10 Minutes

Choose one of the following options that's best for your group:

Option 1

- Have kids stand in a large circle.
- Pick one kid to be the leader and stand in the middle of the circle.
- Play music and let the leader start doing a physical action (different dance moves, funny movements, skipping in a circle, hopping up and down, singing the ABC's, etc.)
- The kids in the circle have to follow everything the leader does!
- After a minute is up, choose a new kid to be the leader and start a new round! Let every kid in the group have a turn (if they want to).

Option 2

- Break into small groups and choose one kid to be the leader of each group, and prepare to play music during the game.
- Each group should stand in a line, and follow their leader wherever they go.
 - Start the music and let the leaders lead their team anywhere they want: under tables, on the stage, over chairs, etc.
 - The leader can also do any kind of movements they want while they're leading: they can hop, crawl, dance, tip-toe...anything they think up!
 - Pause the music every few minutes, and let the leader go to the back of the line. The next kid who was in line is now the new leader!
- As part of the "following", give some obstacles around the room that each team has to complete while following their leader! For example, stepping on a particular object or piece of paper, picking up an object, going to a certain special location in the room, giving leaders a high five, etc.



SUPPLIES

- None

PREPARE



- Split into **small groups** or play as **one large group**.

WHAT'S A LEADER? | 10 Minutes

Ask

- What do good leaders do?
- Does a good leader JUST tell others what to do? **Let kids decide which of the following statement are a GOOD leader!**
- List each statement, and let kids respond by saying “good leader” or “not a good leader” with a corresponding motion (good leader = stand up and do you best superhero pose, not a good leader = cross arms in front of you)

| Statement | Good leader or not? |
|---|---------------------|
| You think you know everything | Not a good leader |
| You are willing to ask for help | Good leader |
| You force people to follow you | Not a good leader |
| Admit you make a mistake when you are wrong | Good leader |
| You ask for help | Good leader |
| You demand help | Not a good leader |
| You act mean to get people to follow you | Not a good leader |
| Your kindness makes people want to follow you | Good leader |
| You TELL someone what to do | Not a good leader |
| You show someone HOW to do something | Good leader |
| You blame others when there is a problem. | Not a good leader |
| If you do something wrong, you say you're sorry and take responsibility | Good leader |

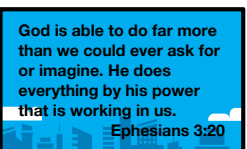
REVIEW THE BIG IDEA | 5 Minutes



Play the **10-Second Countdown** to redirect kids attention to Large Group.

- **Say:** Let's go over our big idea again:
- **Slide: God helps us be good leaders.**
- **Ask:** When God first asked Gideon to be a leader, did Gideon trust God right away? Nope, he doubted himself, and he doubted God. He thought the enemy was too big and powerful to beat, so he didn't trust God to help him. The thing is, God was in charge all along! No matter how young, or small, or weak Gideon was, God had the power to help him lead, just like he helps US lead.
- **Say:** Let's check out another video about how Gideon started out weak and afraid, but ended up trusting God to help him be a good leader.
- **Video: [The Story of Gideon](#) (3 minutes)**
- **Say:** Do you ever see yourself as a leader? I hope so! No matter young you are, or how much you might doubt yourself, God has the power to help you lead others. Let's check out a real life example of a girl who led by example and did something really heroic!
- **Video: [Everyday Heroes / Girl Raises Money for Charity](#) (0:00-1:43)**
- **Say:** How was that girl a leader? (Let kids respond.) Yes, she raised money to help others by being an example, and participating in those races. Even as a kid, she was able to lead adults, and help them serve others!

RESPOND AND WORSHIP | 10 Minutes



- **Say:** Can you think of anyone else from the Bible who was a good leader? (Let kids brainstorm different answers, but wrap up with Jesus' example.) I think the best example of a good leader was JESUS! He loved, served and helped everyone around him. He was an example by acting out the things that he said. He encouraged people, and help THEM to do things that they were afraid of.
- **Say:** Let's read our verse for this month! It's all about how God is the source of all our strength and power.
- **Slide: Ephesians 3:20 God is able to do far more than we could ever ask for or imagine. He does everything by his power that is working in us.**
- **Say:** We can trust in God and rely on him to help us be leaders, and help us be heroes, just like Gideon.
- **Say:** Let's watch a music video called "Do Like You Do". It's all about how Jesus is OUR leader, and following him means doing what he does!
- **Music Video: [Do Like You Do](#) (3 minutes)**
- **Music Video: [All That You Need](#) (3 minutes)**
- **Pray for the room, or invite a kid up to pray for you**



SUPPLIES

- Large sheet of tear off paper (1 per group)
- Markers/scissors/glue sticks (1 per kid)
- Hero template (1 per kid)
- Patterned paper pieces (5 per kid)
- Stickers (5 per kid)

KNOW IT | 5 minutes

Go around the circle and let each kid answer this question: Which superhero would you want to be a sidekick of, and why?

Set out a large piece of tear off paper and have kids draw their favorite superhero while they discuss the small group questions.

- What do good leaders do? How can YOU be a good leader?
- What superheroes do you think are good leaders? Why?
- Who is a real person that you consider to be a good leader?
- Have you ever felt like Gideon? Maybe you thought you couldn't do something important? Does God think you can do important things and lead others?
- How could you be a leader at school? With your friends? In Kids' Club?
- How was Jesus a good leader?

DO IT | 10 Minutes

Let kids design their own superhero costume, and picture THEMSELVES as the hero now!

- Give each kid a **superhero poster template, 4 paper pattern squares and 5 foam stickers.**
- Set out **markers, scissors and glue sticks.**
 - Spread the patterned paper squares out so that kids have multiple different patterns.
 - Let kids fill in, color and decorate the hero outline and create a superhero costume to represent themselves.
 - They can color and decorate it however they like by cutting and gluing the patterned paper squares into shapes, and adding stickers onto their costume.
 - If kids are old enough, have them write one thing they can do to be a leader on the front or back of their poster.
- Tell kids to picture themselves in this hero outfit when they feel like they're not a leader. Say "Remember that even when we feel like we're not good enough, God is the one with the real power, and he will help us lead and be an example".

EXTRA TIME?

Give kids **a maze, or a word-search activity sheet** to work on until their parents pick them up.



connect questions

Big Idea: God helps us be good leaders. How can we be a good leader?

lesson supplies

LARGE GROUP

| Item | Usage | Details | Provided by |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------|
| Adventure Bible for Early Readers | 1 per large group, reused | BiblesbytheCase.com | site |

GAME TIME | Played in small groups or as one large group

| Item | Usage | Details | Provided by |
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COOL DOWN TIME | Played in small groups

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| None | | | site |

SMALL GROUP

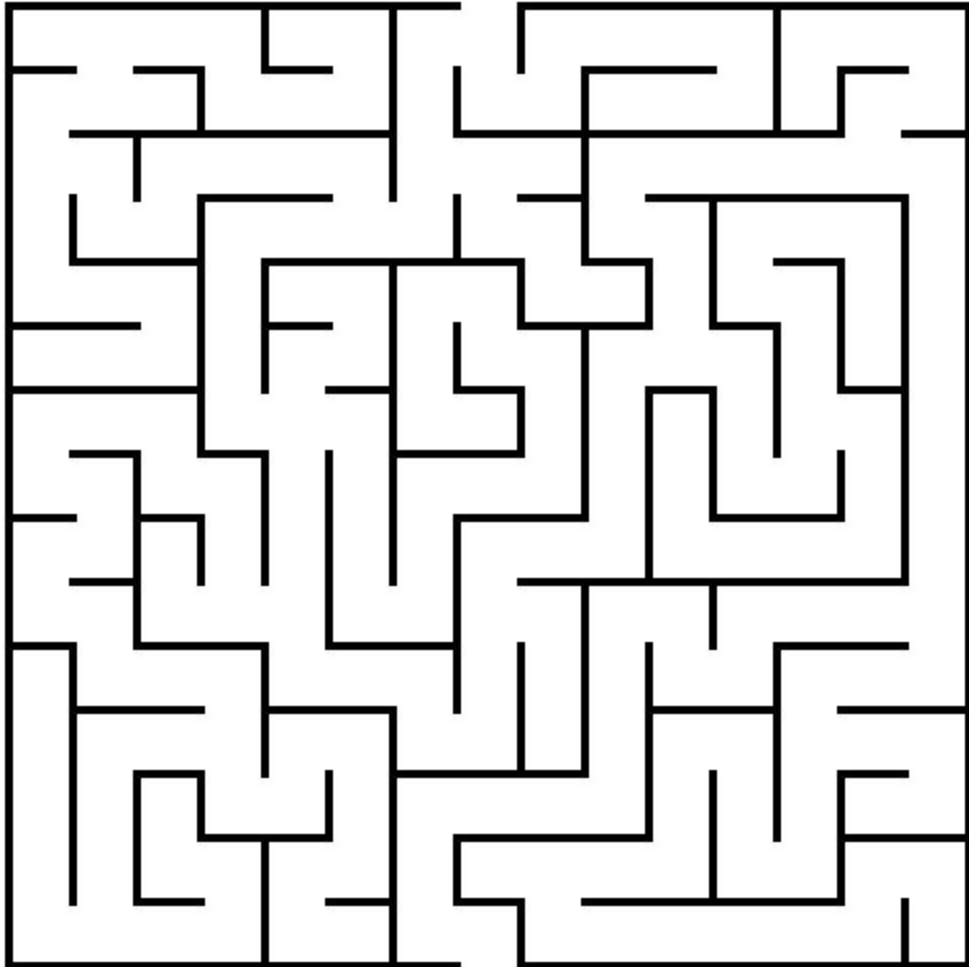
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| Coloring sheet - Gideon | Quantity determined by site. | 8.5x11 paper, black & white, Page 8 | site |
| Maze sheet - Gideon | Quantity determined by site. | 8.5x11 paper, black & white, Page 9 | site |
| Word search sheet - Gideon | Quantity determined by site. | 8.5x11 paper, black & white, Page 10 | site |
| Markers/scissors/glue sticks | Quantity determined by site | | site |
| Large sheet of tear off paper | 1 per group | | site |
| Hero template | 1 per kid | 8.5x11 paper, black & white, Page 11 | site |
| Patterned paper pieces | 4 per kid | Discount school supply , Cut into quarters. These can be various shapes and sizes | KC National to provide paper, sites to cut |
| Sparkly Foam Stickers | 5 per kid | Oriental Trading | KC National |

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The Heroes of the Bible
GIDEON



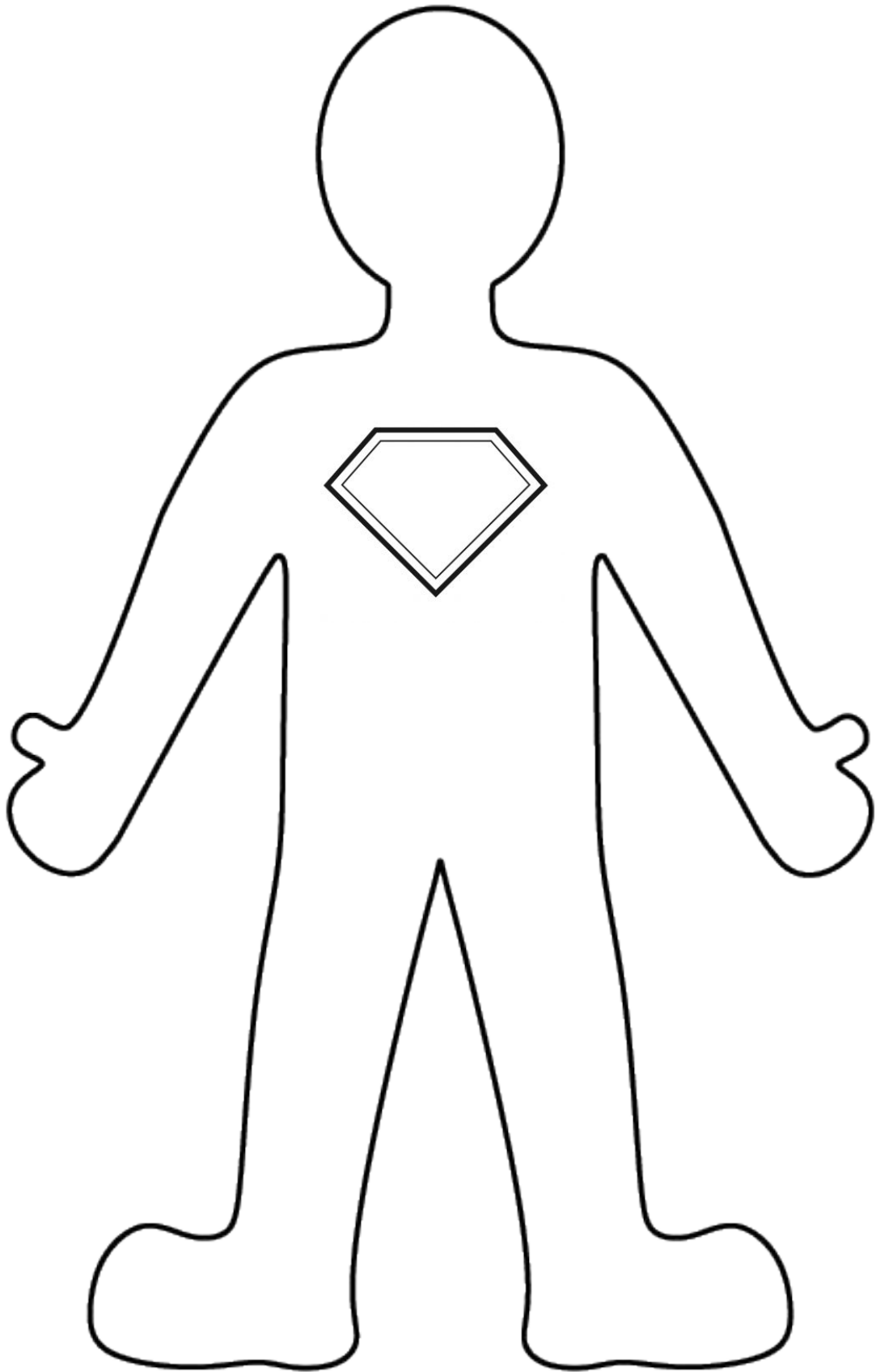
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GIDEON
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1. KC Logo Slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Slide: God helps us be good leaders.
3. [Video: Into the Spidaverse / Miles Becomes Spiderman](#) (3 minutes)
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