

# CAMP SILOAM WANTED

Summer 2021

## FORGE LEADER BOOKLET





# FORCE SCHEDULE

## MONDAY

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| 1:00 PM  | Check-In                          |
| 4:00 PM  | Opening Ceremony                  |
| 5:00 PM  | Leader Meeting/Camper Team Cheers |
| 5:30 PM  | Dinner                            |
| 6:30 PM  | Free Rec                          |
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| 11:30 PM | Lights Out                        |

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| 8:30 AM  | Morning Devotional                       |
| 9:00 AM  | Morning Celebration                      |
| 10:00 AM | Group Time                               |
| 11:00 AM | Hype                                     |
| 11:30 AM | Color Wars                               |
| 12:30 PM | Lunch                                    |
| 1:30 PM  | Activity Classes/Breakout/Leader Refresh |
| 2:30 PM  | Tournaments/Free Rec                     |
|          | 3:00 - 4:00 Girls Swim                   |
|          | 4:15 - 5:15 Guys Swim                    |
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# GENERAL INFO

## SCREAMINATOR ★ BAZOOKA BALL

You don't want to miss out on The Screaminator or Bazooka Ball! Sign up during Check-In and Free Rec!

**FIRST COME - FIRST SERVE! IT'S FREE!**

If you don't show up, you lose your spot!

## HASHTAGS

As you head home at the end of the week, be sure to post your photos to Instagram and Facebook with the hashtags:

#campsiloam #campsiloam2021 #campsiloam2k21

Once you use our hashtags we may feature your picture on our social media pages!

## CAMP RULES

- Don't chunk rocks.
- No drugs, alcohol or tobacco.
- No weapons.
- No fireworks.
- No guys in girls' rooms, no girls in guys' rooms.
- No public or private displays of affection.
- No cell phones in camp.
- Keep the camp clean.
- Follow the dress code.
  - We request each camper, whether a guy or girl, be humble and modest in his/her personal appearance during camp as follows:
  - No "short shorts." Shorts must extend to the finger-tips.
  - No spaghetti strap shirts.
  - No two-piece bathing suits for gals or speedos for guys.
  - No low cut athletic tanks on guys or girls.
  - Tights and leggings are NOT pants.

The camp reserves the right to remove any individual who threatens the safety of others or who repeatedly violates the camp rules.

# GENERAL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDELINES

We want camp to be different from school and church. Camp Siloam believes that campers benefit from experiential learning. The drama, nature, and activities are some of the tools we have to engage campers in Biblical learning.

Each morning we want you to be a facilitator instead of a teacher or preacher. Facilitation is discussing ideas and learning through questions and activities. Participation is the goal. You might need to gently correct an untruth with truth, but the main idea is to create a safe environment for people to share what they are learning.

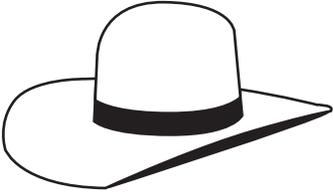
Each day there are discussion questions designed to draw thinking and learning out of the drama and an activity. The outline is a loose format to help you facilitate. If you are a confident facilitator you may improvise using these questions to begin. We encourage you, not to teach or preach, but to facilitate great discussion through great open-ended questions.

As Small Group Leaders:

- We are FACILITATORS.
- We GUIDE discussions.
- We let the HOLY SPIRIT bring transformation.

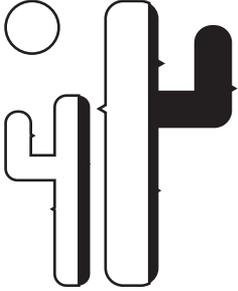
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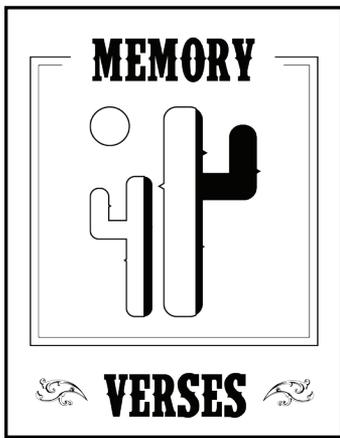


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## CHALLENGE

### SOME QUICK RULES

- You can use any translation you want.
- You have to recite the verse word-perfectly.
- You don't get any help or "gimmies."
- You have to recite the verse to your leader before lights out.
- You can't go back and recite a verse from a previous day, and you can't say memory verses early, either.
- Leaders will let Cabin Leads know how many people memorized the verse each night when they come around at lights out.

## TUESDAY

Deuteronomy 6:5-6 (CSB - Christian Standard Bible)

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart.

## WEDNESDAY

2 Corinthians 12:9 (CSB - Christian Standard Bible)

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is perfected in weakness." Therefore, I will most gladly boast all the more about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may reside in me.

## THURSDAY

Psalms 56:3-4 (CSB - Christian Standard Bible)

When I am afraid, I will trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?

## THURSDAY BONUS

2 Corinthians 4:7-9 (CSB - Christian Standard Bible)

Now we have this treasure in clay jars, so that this extraordinary power may be from God and not from us. We are afflicted in every way but not crushed; we are perplexed but not in despair; we are persecuted but not abandoned; we are struck down but not destroyed.

**DAILY**



**DEVOTIONS**

## **MONDAY NIGHT DEVO**

Welcome to Camp! This is going to be an incredible week. Take a moment and pray about the reason you are here. Once you feel like you know why you, personally, are here, write your answer below:

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The story of Gideon begins in Judges, chapter 6. Take a moment and read the first verse of that chapter. It starts off very bright, doesn't it? By this point in the Bible, Israel had found itself caught in a terrible cycle. They would sin, find themselves in oppression because of their sin, repent, be delivered by God, and finally return to a place of peace. This cycle happened over and over again in the lives of the Israelites. As we are introduced to Gideon's story, Israel has found itself right back at the beginning of that cycle. God handed them over to Midian because of their sin, and the Israelites found themselves hiding constantly as they cried out to the Lord.

Just as Israel was in a constant cycle of sin we also can find ourselves in the same cycle. Until you make Jesus the Lord of your life you will remain in sin. Has there ever been a point in your life that you have turned from your sin and trusted Jesus as your Savior and Lord?

In the book of Judges, Chapter 6, verse 11 it says, "The Angel of the Lord came, and He sat under the oak that was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash, the Abiezrite. His son Gideon was threshing wheat in the winepress in order to hide it from the Midianites."

Don't read that too quickly or you might miss the gracious power of our God. The angel of the Lord came and sat under an oak tree because that was where Gideon was. He did not wait for Gideon to be in a more glorious place, or even for him to be searching for an angel. He came and met Gideon simply because God wanted to speak to Gideon and had a purpose for his life.

No matter what your life looks like right now, whether you are at a low point in your life, or struggling with disbelief like much of Israel was, or perhaps in the best time of your life, He is more than ready to meet you here this week.

If you will take a moment to keep reading through verse 24, you will see for yourself that Gideon did not just encounter God, but he had to make a decision to believe and obey Him. We can't just be comfortable knowing that God wants us, we have to choose to act on that daily.

No matter what your reason was for coming this week, God wanted you here. He has a purpose for you for this week, for your whole life. He doesn't stop with just this week, in fact, He wants to walk through every moment of your life WITH YOU!

Are you ready to meet with God this week?

## DAILY



## DEVOTIONS

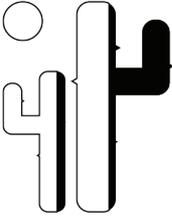
## TUESDAY MORNING DEVO

Good morning! Yesterday we saw God meet with Gideon right where he was and today we are going to see how Gideon responded to God. Take a moment to read Judges 6:14-16.

Gideon's family was the weakest, and of them, he was the youngest. That didn't stop God from asking him to do something that seemed huge. Is there an area of your life that God is asking you to do something?

If so, write it here: \_\_\_\_\_

## MEMORY



## VERSES

### Deuteronomy 6:5-6

(CSB - Christian Standard Bible)

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart.

Take another look at verse fourteen. It says, "Go in the strength you have". Whatever God is asking you to do, He has already given you what you need to obey Him. He knows exactly what He's asking of you.

Before Gideon was used by God to free the Israelites, he was also asked to do something else by God. He was asked to tear down an altar to another god that belonged to his own father in verse 25. This made it personal because his family was involved. I don't know about you, but for me, it seems like when God asks me to do smaller things that are more personal, they are even harder than the big radical things.

God may ask you to take a stand in your home or your school or change something in your personal life. Let's look back at verse 15 to see Gideon's response to God asking him to do something big. Write down Judges 6:15 here: \_\_\_\_\_

Gideon asks questions, he expresses the reasons he doesn't think what God is asking is possible. Of course, the Lord already knows all of those things, but it is so important to be completely honest with God. Gideon doesn't stop with honesty though. In verses 22-27 we see him respond. He acknowledged who he'd just spoken to and worshipped Him. Then, most importantly, he obeyed Him.

Do you know what happened next? After Gideon defied his father? After he tore down an altar of worship to a god? His father defended him from the men of the city and his father defied Baal as well. The whole time, God knew how his father would respond. He wanted Gideon to take part in something incredible that God was about to do in Israel. He had a purpose for him, and He was with Gideon every step of the way. When God asks you to do something in obedience to Him, you can trust that He has a purpose for whatever He is asking, and HE WILL BE WITH YOU.

Today's memory verse gives us these instructions:

Deuteronomy 6:5-6 (CSB - Christian Standard Bible)

"You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today."

Have you chosen to do what God is asking of you?

What else is God asking you to do?

If you were confident that Jesus was with you, what would you do?

## GROUP



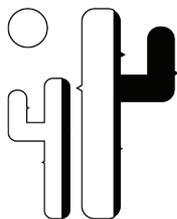
## TIME

# TUESDAY MORNING GROUP TIME DISCUSSION

### REMINDERS FOR THE DAY

- This morning is USA theme day – Wear your Red, White and Blue (Your red and blue color war shirts work just fine!!) Points will be awarded to churches that go above and beyond to celebrate the theme during Hype this morning!
- Does your church have a 2-liter bottle rocket ready? Thursday night we will blast off. Points for creativity and distance. Make sure your group builds one!
- After you collect the surveys from campers we want you to validate some of the answers. Do you agree with their answers or not. In the circle with the number mark an x across the number if you disagree, mark a question mark if you're not sure. Reviewing their answers will help you be prayerful and intentional this week.

## MEMORY



## VERSES

**Deuteronomy 6:5-6 (CSB - Christian Standard Bible)**

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart.

### Lesson Objective

- To gain an assessment of where your campers are spiritually.
- To help campers think about how well they follow what God has for them.

### Time

- 5 minutes discuss parallels of drama to story of Gideon
- 5 minutes facilitate survey
- 10 minutes facilitate Activity
- 10 minutes facilitate Application and Reflection

### Scripture

- Deuteronomy 6:5-6
- Deuteronomy 30:11-20

## SURVEY

Pass out the pencils and survey cards.

Say: We want you to complete these survey cards. There are no right or wrong answers to these questions. Just as in the story of Gideon, The angel of the Lord came to where Gideon was, Jesus wants to meet you where you are. Answer honestly. Answer from your heart. Please take this seriously.

Once they have completed surveys collect them.

## DRAMA DISCUSSION

Each day we want to help you see how the play ties in with the Biblical story of Gideon. Open your Bibles to Judges 6.

What characters in Flint's story line up with the characters in Gideon's story?

Here are a few:

- The Agent of the Governor - Angel of the Lord
- The Mayor - Gideon's Father
- Flint - Gideon

What scenes or events line up with the scenes and events in Judges 6.

Here are a few:

- The Hay Baal Saloon - The Asherah Pole
- The Charter - God's Promise to Israel
- Baling hay in the cellar - Threshing wheat in a wine press

## ACTIVITY

Choose 2 volunteer campers from your group. Give them each a piece of paper and a pen or marker.

Tell them they will be drawing a picture as you give them instructions. Tell them that the only rule is that they must draw the things that you tell them to draw.

The secret to the activity is to not show them the picture below, just tell them to draw the shapes. If they don't ask questions about the shapes or where to put them on the paper, the drawing will just be a bunch of shapes and not the picture that you have here. If they do ask questions, answer their questions with as much detail as they ask for.

1. Draw a circle
2. Draw a triangle
3. Draw a rectangle
4. Draw 2 squares
5. Draw a rectangle
6. Draw 4 ovals



After all the shapes are drawn, have the campers reveal their drawings.

**Ask:**

- How close were the drawings to the one you described?
- Why were the drawings different?
- Is one drawing closer to the original than the other?
- Why was it closer to the original?
- Was it just based on talent? Was it based on asking questions?
- How could the drawings have been closer to the original?
- If the campers didn't ask questions, ask why they didn't. Remind them that the only rule was that they had to draw the thing that you told them to draw. They could have asked as many questions as possible.

**APPLICATION**

The drama talks about the town charter. A charter is the founding document of a city; kind of like the Constitution is for America. In Deuteronomy 6:5-6 we find God's charter for His people.

Ask a camper to read Deuteronomy 6:5-6

Ask a camper to read Deuteronomy 30:15-20. (or split between 2 campers)

**Say:**

In verse 19, it says that "we can choose life or death." What we choose daily determines whether we are WITH God or WITHOUT Him. It is important for us to know exactly where we stand with Jesus." During this week I would love to talk with each one of you as you think about where you are in your relationship with God.

The instructions for our lives are written in the Bible. The only way we can have our lives match the intended purpose that God has for us is to keep looking at the instructions and ask questions and have a true relationship with God. In the book of Judges, the Israelites keep falling into the cycle of sin because they stop following God's instructions and they keep doing what is right in their own eyes.

The instructions we are given in Deuteronomy 6:5-6 are the beginning of the instructions that God gives us for our lives.

Have someone read the memory verse in Deuteronomy 6:5-6 again.

**Ask:**

- How can you love someone with all your heart?
- How can you love someone with all your soul?
- How can you love someone with all your strength?
- What does committing yourself to God completely actually look like?

## REFLECTION

### **Say:**

Gideon's story is about a man becoming who God created him to be. God knew Gideon had the ability to be something more than Gideon thought he could be.

You can ask the questions and have campers just think about their answers, there may be a few campers that would be willing to share their answers if necessary. No need to force any answers to be voiced.

- How close do you think your life resembles the life that God has intended for you?
- If your life does look like what God desires, why does it?
- If your life does not look like what God desires, why does it not?
- What does a relationship with God look like if we are truly with God?
- What does it take to be WITH God?
- What is one thing you would do if you knew God was with you?

## DAILY



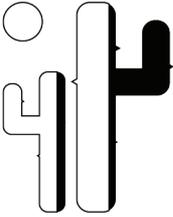
## DEVOTIONS

## WEDNESDAY MORNING DEVO

Take a moment to read Judges 6:36-40.

Although Gideon had already obeyed God in the removal of the altar to Baal, he wanted to know that God was in total control over his circumstance. So, he asked God first to make the morning dew to only be on the fleece and not any other part of the ground. After God had proven His sovereignty (complete control) in that, he asked God to cover the whole ground with dew but leave the fleece completely dry.

## MEMORY



## VERSES

### 2 Corinthians 12:9

(CSB - Christian Standard Bible)

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is perfected in weakness.” Therefore, I will most gladly boast all the more about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may reside in me.

Now, if you’ve heard this story before, it may be tempting to just read that and think “Yeah, of course God did that. There are even cooler miracles in the Bible” but take a moment to really think about it.

God is so big that He holds our universe in the palm of His hand. The fact that He cares for Israel and what is happening to them, let alone meeting with one specific man is mind blowing. Yet, when that man asks Him to take notice of a small piece of fleece and stop nature from performing as He created it to, in that one specific spot, He does. With incredible power and care, God outlined every ridge, wrinkle, and curve of that fleece, twice, and allowed His creation to break the laws of nature so that one man could be comforted by the power and deep love of His God. Wow.

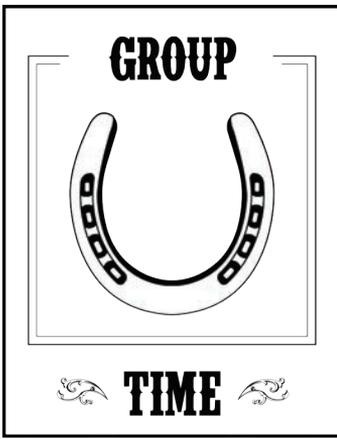
In your own life, God does the same thing. He focuses on you and knows exactly where you are with every weakness, doubt or fear. He wants to show you His power if you are willing to have a relationship with Him. Take some time to see how God is pursuing you. No matter what ways God is showing you His sovereignty and who He is throughout your day, don't forget to recognize that it's because He wants you, He has a purpose for your life every single day, and He is WITH you every step of the way.

Of course, Gideon was human, just like we are. Take another look at verses 36-40. Do you notice the words Gideon is using?

He says, "If you will save Israel by my hand".

His doubts and his fears are based on himself, his own hand and his own lack of strength. But, as God does this incredible miracle, He is about to display the strength of His hand.

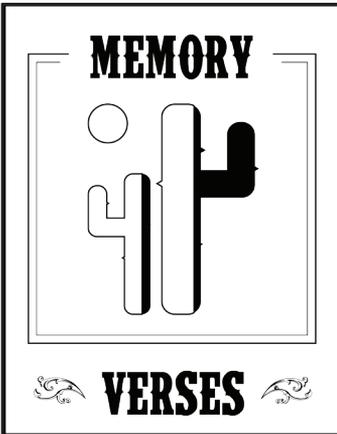
Remember that Gideon is from the weakest tribe in Israel and he is the youngest in his family. This miracle is a reminder that God is the only one in control; He is the one with the power. God walking alongside Gideon as he is obedient is what changes everything. As you continue to learn about God's purpose for Gideon's life this week, don't forget that God has that same purpose and power in your life. Thankfully, we serve a God we can trust in the big things and the little things. His power is best in our weaknesses, doubts, and fears. If you were confident that Jesus was with you, what would you do?



## WEDNESDAY MORNING GROUP TIME DISCUSSION

### REMINDERS FOR THE DAY

- Today is the Western theme day. Have campers wear their boots, bandanas, hats and or anything else that fits the theme! Points will be awarded during Hype this morning!
- Encourage your group to participate in the afternoon tournament. Does your church have a 2-liter bottle rocket ready? There is still time to build your rocket. Blastoff is Thursday night!
- We encourage you to have intentional conversations with your campers about their relationship with Jesus.



### 2 Corinthians 12:9

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But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is perfected in weakness." Therefore, I will most gladly boast all the more about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may reside in me.

### Lesson Objective

- To help campers understand that a relationship with God gives us purpose as God uses us even with our weaknesses, doubts and fears.

### Time

- 5 minutes discuss parallels of drama to story of Gideon
- 10 minutes facilitate Activity
- 15 minutes facilitate Application and Reflection

### Scripture

- Judges 6:33-38

### DRAMA DISCUSSION

What happened in today's drama that is paralleled in the Biblical story of Gideon?

## ACTIVITY

Divide your group into 3 groups.

- 1. Group 1** - will be instructed to close their eyes and cover their eyes with their hands and walk directly across your group's meeting area to the other side without touching anything. If they touch a person, or a bench or a tree they are supposed to freeze. This group cannot talk and cannot see.
- 2. Group 2** - will be instructed to help the people that have their eyes closed make sure they don't get hurt. They will only speak up if danger of tripping or injury is going to happen. This group is also there to make sure the person doesn't cheat. This group cannot talk unless danger is immanent. They should only say "FREEZE."
- 3. Group 3** - will become obstacles. They may choose to roll up in a ball, stand like a tall tree, lay on the ground. Once they choose their position they should not move. This group cannot move and must be silent.

Once everyone knows what they are supposed to do and all questions are answered, have Group 1 look at their targeted location of where they need to walk to, They can now close their eyes and cover eyes with hands, no peeking!!!

- Now, assign Group 2 individuals to choose a person to help, quietly so the people in Group 1 do not know who they are partnered with.
- Now, Group 3 campers can get into the chosen obstacle position and freeze.
- Begin.

Note: Typically everybody ends up bumping into something and is frozen or they are stopped because they were headed towards danger.

After you have played the game once. Do it again, but with 2 changes.

Group 1 - Can now talk and ask questions

Group 2 - Can now talk and answer with "YES", "NO" or "FREEZE"..

Group 3 - Still no talking and still no moving.

Ask these questions to your campers:

- What was the hardest thing about the activity?
- Were you ever afraid in this activity?
- What helped you succeed in this task?
- Did you trust your partner you were paired with? Why or why not?
- Did you ever doubt that you would succeed at the task?
- Did you have confidence that you would succeed?
- Did confidence ever grow? Why or why not?
- Did you ever ask yourself, what is the purpose of this?
- When did the task become easier? What was the turning point?
- Was it possible for Group 1 to successfully get across the area without help?

## APPLICATION

In Gideon's story, we saw that Gideon found himself in a similar situation he was doubting and afraid. But then God entered the picture and told him what he was going to do. God wanted Gideon to trust Him and be obedient to God's request. Although afraid, unsure of himself, and the future, Gideon showed His trust in God by taking a step of obedience and doing as God asked. Gideon was obedient as the Spirit of the Lord came on him and he had the confidence he needed.

However, right after that he shows his doubt again and goes to God asking for a sign, not just once, but twice. God shows patience and compassion to Gideon by answering Gideon's request and giving him a sign. A solid relationship takes two sides working together. In the activity that we did earlier, each team required two people, each doing their jobs in order to fulfill the purpose of the game. Asking questions, getting clarity, and growing in confidence. God showed that He wanted to have a relationship WITH Gideon despite Gideon's doubts and fears. Think of your best friend, your parents, or someone who knows about an insecurity, doubt, or fear that you have but is still your friend or is still with you.

Ask a camper to read Judges 6:33-38.

Ask a camper to read the memory verse 2 Corinthians 12:9

We see Gideon on a path to find his purpose through a relationship with God. Along the way Gideon trusts God, slowly builds more confidence, takes another step of obedience, gains some more confidence, his doubts and fears creep up again, and God is patient with Gideon throughout.

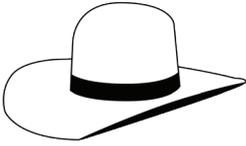
Trust God with your daily steps then you will find your purpose and be confident each step of the way, and once you find your purpose you will start seeing things in a different perspective. Your daily schedule will look different, God will show you opportunities throughout each day that you have never seen before, and you will begin to understand and grow closer to God each day just like Gideon did.

## REFLECTION

You can ask the questions and have campers just think about their answers, there may be a few campers that would be willing to share their answers if necessary. No need to force any answers to be voiced.

- What do you see in Gideon's relationship with God that you can apply to your relationship with God? Have you ever trusted God?
- When is a time that you trusted God and what did you trust Him with?
- Was it a big thing or a small thing?
- Do you have a relationship with Christ?
- When was the last time you talked to God or listened to what He had to say by reading His words in the Bible?
- How has God been patient with you?
- If you were confident Jesus is with you, what would you do?"

**DAILY**

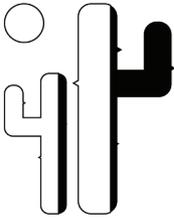


**DEVOTIONS**

## **THURSDAY MORNING DEVO**

Can you believe it's Thursday already? I hope you're excited to see what God has in store for you today, because it is going to be amazing!

**MEMORY**



**VERSES**

Psalm 56:3-4 (CSB - Christian Standard Bible)  
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### **THURSDAY BONUS:**

2 Corinthians 4:7-9

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Read Judges 7:1-8.

Isaiah says God's ways are not our ways, and this is one of those times in the Bible where that is abundantly clear. If God could accomplish His purpose with 300 men, Think of what He could have done with 22,000, right? As much sense as that makes to us, that just wasn't God's plan.

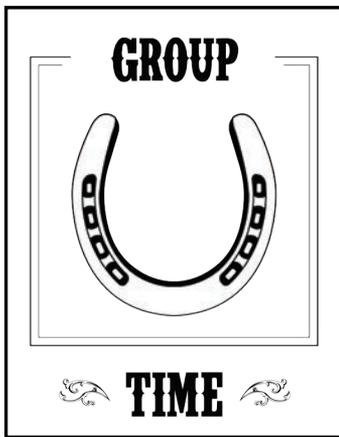
God knew what was needed to accomplish His will. Ultimately, His goal is to bring Himself glory, and that wasn't going to happen if it was done Gideon's way. Gideon had to trust in the purpose God had for his life, even when it looked absolutely crazy.

Here's the thing about God, He cares way more about what we have in our hearts than what we do outwardly. Hosea 6:6 says, "For I desire loyalty and not sacrifice, knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings". As God was getting rid of so many men in Gideon's army, His focus was on where He wanted Gideon's heart to be. Sometimes the path it takes for God to get our hearts where they should be is way more difficult than it would be for Him to just push us aside and do what He wants to do, but in the end, it is worth it!

God makes it abundantly clear that He wants each of us. We have to understand that He wants every bit of us. For God to be with us throughout every moment of our day, sometimes means He asks difficult things, like what He asked of Gideon in this passage, but He always has a purpose for it. God has a purpose and a name for Gideon just as he has a name and purpose for you. In order to pursue that purpose we must have a true relationship with God. Why should I fear if I put my trust in God? He already has a name and purpose for me. He's told me in Deuteronomy 6:5-6 that I just have to pursue Him and love Him. The question is, will you trust Him?

Take a moment and pray about a couple things and write down your answers.

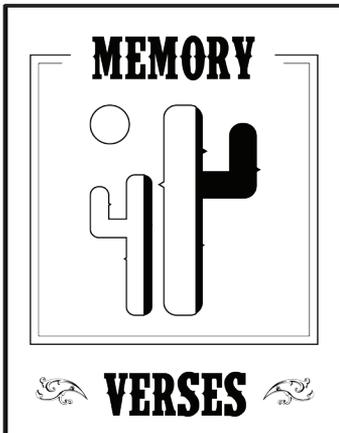
1. What areas of your life can you see evidence that God is always with you?
2. What do you think God's purpose is for you as you head back home tomorrow?
3. Will you trust Him with whatever He asks?



# THURSDAY MORNING GROUP TIME DISCUSSION

## REMINDERS FOR THE DAY

- This morning, have your campers wear their favorite team's gear - NFL, MLB, NBA if it represents a team - have them wear it! Points awarded to the biggest fan during Hype!
- Does your church have a 2-liter bottle rocket ready? There is still time to build your rocket. Blastoff is tonight!
- This is your last day to follow up with those campers that you're not sure have a relationship with Jesus. Invite them to go play a game at a table somewhere and see where they are at. You Got This!!!



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## Lesson Objective

- Living in the knowledge and understanding that God has given you a name that encourages you to live a life on purpose and without fear.

## Time

- 5 minutes **Drama Discussion**
- 10 minutes for **Activity**
- 5 minutes **Application**
- 10 minutes **Reflection**

## Scripture:

- Psalm 56:3-4

## DRAMA DISCUSSION

What happened in today's drama that is paralleled in the Biblical story of Gideon?

## ACTIVITY

Have everyone sit down and think about a specific invention or an object that has already been invented. Ask everyone to go around and say the name of their invention or object. Write them down somewhere.

If you want them to have more involvement and move around a bit, have the campers vote by moving to one side of your meeting area or the other to show what side they are on without talking. You could also have them choose one person to share a statement as to why they as a group voted the way they did.

Ask: Is the name of the object a good name for it or a bad name for it? Why or Why not? What should the new name be, if they can think of one?

Here are some examples of things to get campers started:

- Paper clip - it attaches papers together. Clip by itself may make you think of cutting. Clip hair, clip grass,
- Football - you use your hands more than your feet.
- Basketball - originally used a basket as a goal. Now it is a hoop and net.
- Zipper - it closes or seals things like jackets or bags.
- Kleenex - it cleans but why have ex on it? Seems like that would do the opposite.
- Bridge - is bridging the gap allowing you to get across something.
- Crawfish- it's not a fish at all.
- Screaminator - it is made for you to scream.
- Gaga Ball - might make you think it is a baby's game.

## APPLICATION

If you just think of the invention of velcro it doesn't help knowing its name because the name does not describe what it does at first. Velcro was invented by a man named George de Mestral in the 1940s while hunting. He noticed the tiny hooks of the cockle-burs were stuck on his pants and in his dog's fur and wondered how they attached themselves. Under the scrutiny of the microscope, he observed the hooks engaging the loops in the fabric of his pants. The inventor De Mestral created the hook and loop fastener the name was given from the French words for velvet "velour", and hook, "crochet." Aha! The name does have a purpose after all.

This is just an example of how if you know the history of something you can understand the name and more of its purpose and how it works. Gideon's name had meaning - In Hebrew the meaning of the name Gideon is: Destroyer or one that cuts. That is pretty awesome. Many guys would love to be known as a destroyer.

He has a nickname too. What was it? Jerubbaal. After Gideon obeyed the Lord and tore down the altars of baal he was nicknamed Jerubbaal which means "let baal contend against him." or in other words, "Let baal defend himself" or even, "He picked a fight with Baal". Wow, if destroyer wasn't enough, now Gideon is known as the one that picked a fight and won with Baal.

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As word spread about Gideon and what his new nickname was the story spread. His new nickname was given only after he obeyed the Lord. His obedience and new nickname gave him confidence in the task he was asked to do next. Remember what he was called when he first met the Lord? Valiant warrior. When do you think he started to believe the names?

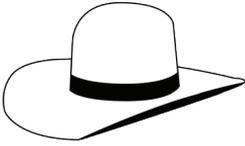
### REFLECTION

Ask these questions. If they have their booklets, have them write down the questions and their answers. Writing it down will help them process and save for later recall.

You can ask the questions and have campers just think about their answers, there may be a few campers that would be willing to share their answers if necessary. No need to force any answers to be voiced.

- What are some examples of the nicknames you have been called?
- Are the names something that have a story behind them?
- Did these names encourage you or tear you down?
- What nickname(s) do you still carry with you?
- If you could pick a nickname that describes who you are and what you believe, what would it be?
- What name(s) do you think God calls you?
- If He calls you something, it is most likely for a greater purpose than what you are doing now. What do you think God wants you to do?
- What steps are you going to take to change the name you would have?
- Gideon was afraid to face the Midianites and didn't want to take on the identity or purpose that the Lord had for him. What are you afraid of?
- How does this fear control your life?
- What purpose does God have for you?
- What step has been the hardest for you to take: following, believing, or obeying? Why?
- If you were confident that Jesus was with you, what would you do?

**DAILY**



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## **FRIDAY MORNING DEVO**

Friday is already here. It is so sad to leave all the fun of camp behind, but it is also such an exciting day! Today you get to go back to the environment God has placed you in and choose to obey Him. Today as you go home, you can know you are deeply wanted by your God, He has a purpose for you, and He is with you every single step of the way!

We've seen a wonderful glimpse of who God is this week through Gideon's story. We saw Him meet with Gideon right where he was, just like He desires to do in your life. The best part about that is, it doesn't have to just be at camp! God loves going through our lives with us, no matter where we are.

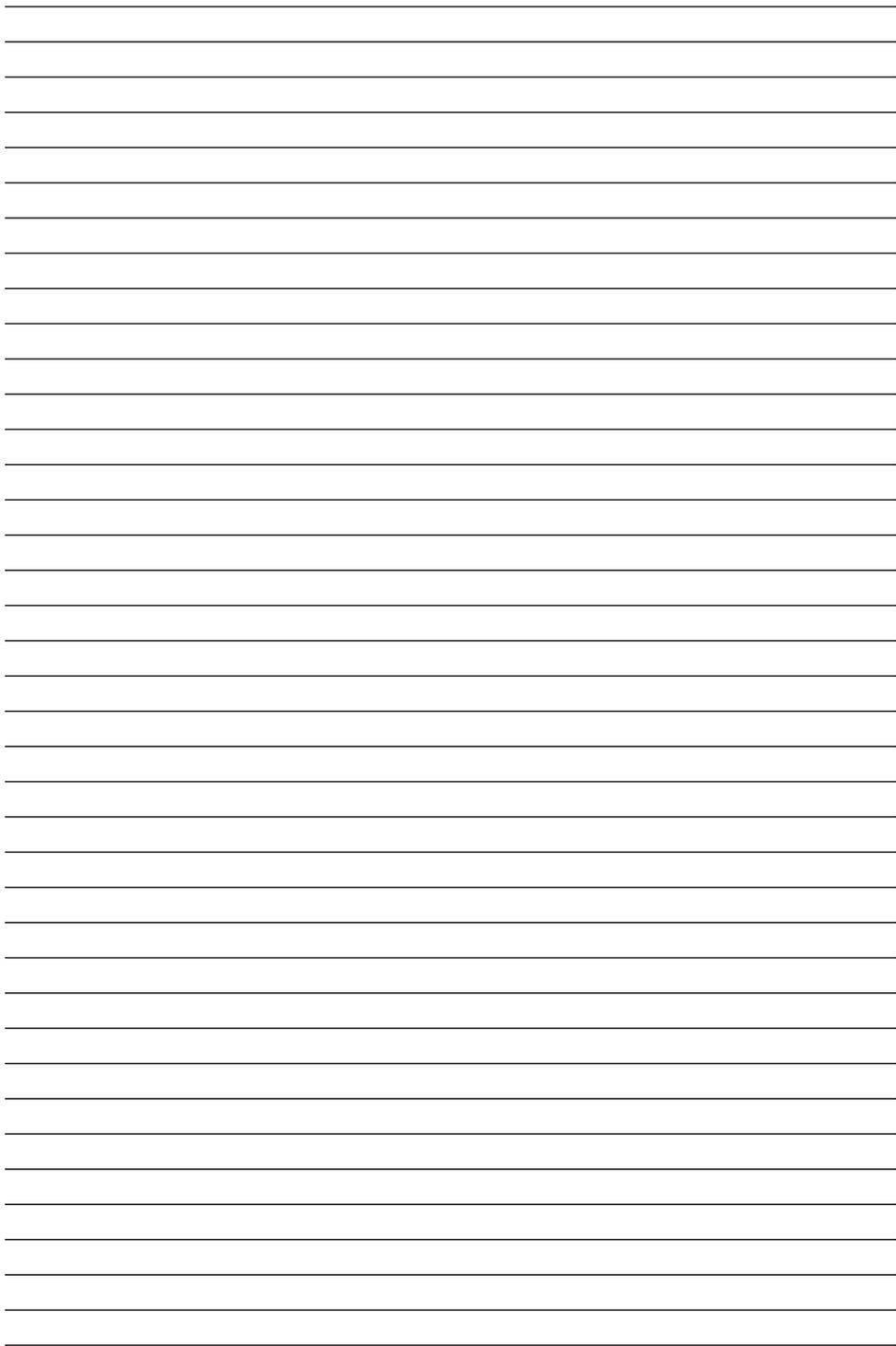
This week, have you sensed God asking you to do something with Him? If so, I hope you remember that He is in complete control of your situation. He is powerful and cares deeply about the details of your life. As you are growing closer to Him and walking in obedience to Him, pay attention to the ways that He is trying to change your heart and seek His will first.

Talk to Him all the time about the ways that He shows His character in your life. Thank Him for the beauty of the sunsets, the kindness of your friends, the encouragement from your youth pastor, the wisdom of your parents or teachers, and the grace of His Word. Let these things grow your trust in Him every day.

Whatever God has laid on your heart while you were here, trust that He can handle the rest if you will just be obedient to Him. Most importantly, choose to be obedient to Him every day. He doesn't only have a purpose for your life as a whole, but for each and every day of your life as well. He desires to walk through every moment of your life with you. Living life with God will be the grandest adventure you could possibly imagine.

As you go home today, trust Him enough to walk in His will!





# **THE MOST IMPORTANT THING**

The **GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST** is the most important thing you could possibly ever understand, not just in this life but in all of eternity.

**1. GOD IS HOLY.** That means that He cannot be in the presence of sin. (Revelation 4:8, Joshua 24:19, 1 Samuel 2:2, Psalm 99:9)

**2. WE HAVE ALL SINNED.** This creates a **BIG PROBLEM** for us because we have all fallen short of His glory. Not just an "I barely missed it" short, but none of us have even come close. (Romans 3:23)

**3. PENALTY** for that **SIN IS DEATH.** That's eternal separation from God. (Romans 6:23)

So, **THE BIG QUESTION** is: If having sinned means that our penalty is to be forever removed from God, **WHAT ARE WE TO DO?**

**4. THANKFULLY, JESUS,** God's own Son, lived a perfect life (one without sin), did not have His own sin to die for, so He **DIED FOR OUR SIN. WHAT AN AMAZING GIFT!** (Romans 5:8)

5. After Jesus died, **HE WAS RESURRECTED AND CONQUERED DEATH.** Giving us the gift of new life.

5. If we **RECEIVE THIS GIFT** by **ASKING FORGIVENESS** and **TURNING AWAY FROM OUR SIN** and **TURNING TOWARD JESUS CHRIST** to be our Lord, **WE WILL BE SAVED** (Ephesians 2:8-9, 2 Corinthians 7:10, Romans 10:9, Romans 10:13)

Once we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, John 10:28-30 says;

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one.

If you have never prayed a prayer to receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, it is a simple prayer.... something like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to be in my life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. In Jesus Name, Amen.

If you just prayed that prayer, **PLEASE FIND AN ADULT** and **LET THEM KNOW** that you just did **THE MOST IMPORTANT THING, EVER!**



# REPLICATE

September 24-26, 2021

# RADIANT

February 18-20, 2022



# Spring

April 1-3, 2022

# SUMMER 2022 SCHEDULE

Week 1 Blast | May 30-June 3  
Shay Caldwell

Week 2 Blast | June 6-10  
Shane Wilbanks

Week 3 Infusion | June 13-17  
Josh Wiloson (Blast) Ronnie Hill (Forge)

Week 4 Blast | June 20-24  
TBD

Week 5 Forge | July 27-July  
Joe Maldonado

Week 6 Infusion | July 4-8  
Ricky Smith (Blast) Tee Uzoigwe (Forge)

Week 7 Infusion | July 11-15  
Josh Renck (Blast) Jeremy Freeman (Forge)

Week 8 Forge | July 18-22  
Nick Person

Week 9 Blast | July 25-29  
Mike Seabaugh