

(Genesis 1)

Remember This "Trust in the Lord with all your heart." Proverbs 3:5, NIV

Say This

Who loves you no matter what? God loves you no matter what.

Have fun learning and playing with your preschooler!

Activity

Gather and Hide

What You Need:

Toy food items

What You Do:

Hide a few toy food items around a room in your home. As you review the Bible story, lead your child in making afraid faces while gathering the toy food together. Once you both have some food, hide under a table together. When you finish reviewing the story, cheer with happy faces.

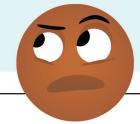
What You Say:

"In our Bible story today, Gideon was afraid the Midianites would take his food. What did Gideon do because he was so afraid? (*Pause.*) Yes! Gideon hid in a hole.

"Let's pretend we are Gideon. Make an afraid face like this. (*Demonstrate.*) Now, there is some food hidden in this room. Let's get our food and go hide. Follow me! (*Encourage the child to gather all the food.*) Come on! We can hide under here! (*Hide together.*)

"Gideon was so afraid that he hid in a hole! God knew Gideon was afraid, so God sent an angel to tell Gideon something very special. The angel said, 'The Lord is with You!' Gideon talked to God, and knowing God was with him made Gideon feel better. (Come out from under the table.) "Yay! Repeat after me: The Lord is with you! The Lord is with you!

"God loved Gideon when he was afraid because God loved him no matter what. God loves you no matter what, too! Who loves you no matter what? God loves me no matter what!"



Prayer

"Dear God, thanks for loving us NO matter what. When we're afraid, help us remember that You LOVE us! We love You. In Jesus' name, we pray, amen."