

WEEK 1

GOD HELPS ME GROW **STRONGER.**

SEE WHAT GREAT LOVE THE
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1 JOHN 3:1A

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**BIBLE
BOOKLET
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BIG IDEA: God helps me grow stronger.
BIBLE: Gideon: Judges 6-7; 2 Corinthians 4:5-9

THE CALLING OF GIDEON

(JUDGES 6:11-40)



“And Gideon said unto God, If thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said, behold, I will put a fleece of wool in the floor; *and* if the dew be on the fleece only, and *it be* dry upon all the earth *beside*, then shall I know that thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said.”

JUDGES 6:36-37

THE CALLING OF GIDEON

(JUDGES 6:11-40)

MEMORY VERSE:

"And the LORD said to him, 'Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man.'" JUDGES 6:16

FILL IN THE BLANK:

1. "Now the Angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth tree which was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezerite, while his son _____ threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide it from the Midianites." JUDGES 6:11

TRUE OR FALSE:

2. "And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, 'The LORD is with you, you mighty man of valor!'" JUDGES 6:12

TRUE OR FALSE

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

3. "Then the LORD turned to him and said, 'Go in this _____ of yours, and you shall _____ Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you?'" JUDGES 6:14
4. "So he said to Him, 'O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan is the _____ in Manasseh, and I am the _____ in my father's house.'" JUDGES 6:15
5. "And the LORD said to him, 'Surely I will be with you, and you shall _____ the Midianites as one man.'" JUDGES 6:16

TRUE OR FALSE:

6. "Now it came to pass the same night that the LORD said to him, 'Take your father's young bull, the second bull of seven years old, and tear down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the wooden image that is beside it.'" JUDGES 6:25

TRUE OR FALSE

FILL IN THE BLANK:

7. The LORD also said, "Build an altar to the LORD your God on top of this rock in the proper arrangement, and take the second bull and offer a burnt _____ with the wood of the image which you shall cut down." JUDGES 6:26

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

8. "Gideon said to God, 'If You will save Israel by my hand as You have said-- look, I shall put a (PIECE, FLEECE) of wool on the threshing floor.'" JUDGES 6:36-37
9. "If there is dew on the fleece (ONLY, ALSO), and it is dry on the ground, then I shall (KNOW, GUESS) that You will save Israel by my hand, as You have said.'" JUDGES 6:37
10. "And it was so. When he rose early the next morning and squeezed the fleece together, he wrung the dew out of the fleece, a bowl (FULL, EMPTY) of water." JUDGES 6:38

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

11. "Then Gideon said to God, 'Do not be angry with me, and let me speak just once more: Let me test, I pray, just once more with the fleece; let it now be _____ only on the fleece, but on the ground let there be dew.'" JUDGES 6:39
12. "And God did so that night. It was dry on the fleece only, but there was _____ on all the ground." JUDGES 6:40

THE CALLING OF GIDEON

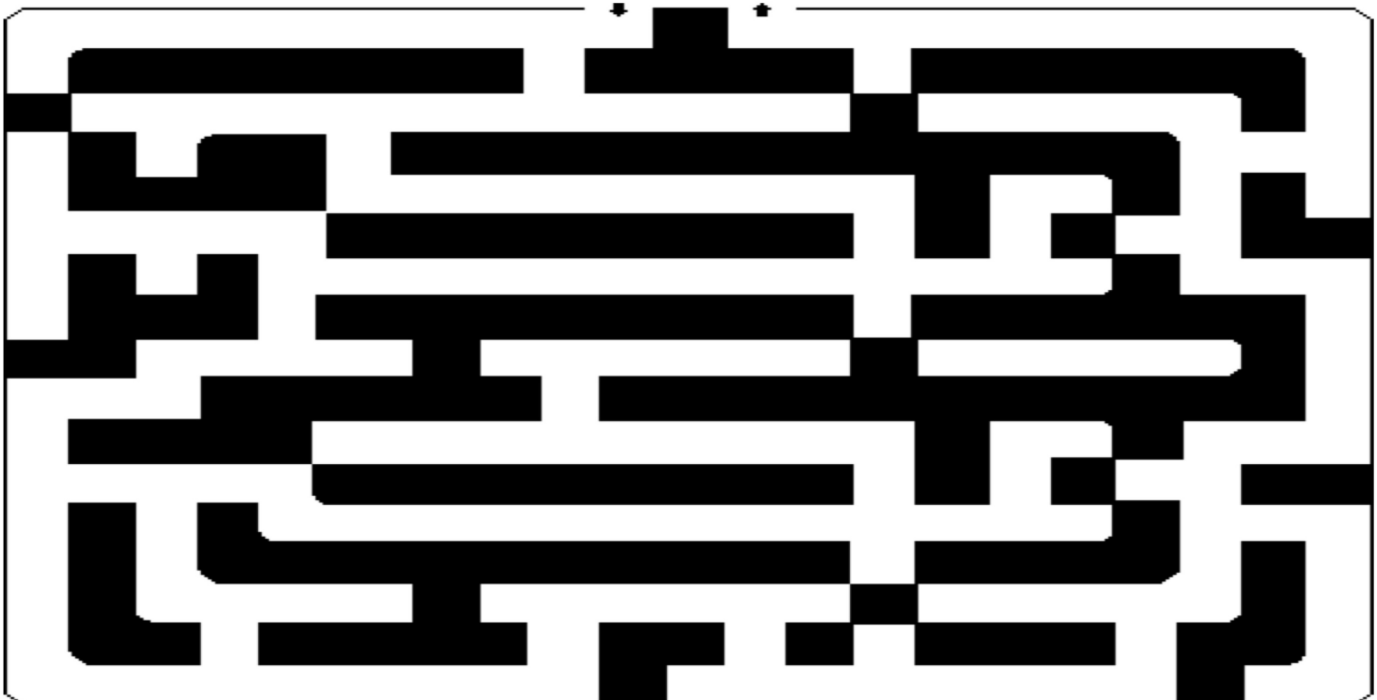
(JUDGES 6:11-40)

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ANGEL OF THE LORD
BAAL
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GIDEON
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ISRAEL

LEAST
MIDIANITES
OFFERING
VALOR



GIDEON'S ARMY OF 300

(JUDGES 7:1-25)



“And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow *withal*: and they cried, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon.”

JUDGES 7:20

GIDEON'S ARMY OF 300

(JUDGES 7:1-25)

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DRINK
GIDEON
ISRAEL
KNEES
LAPPED

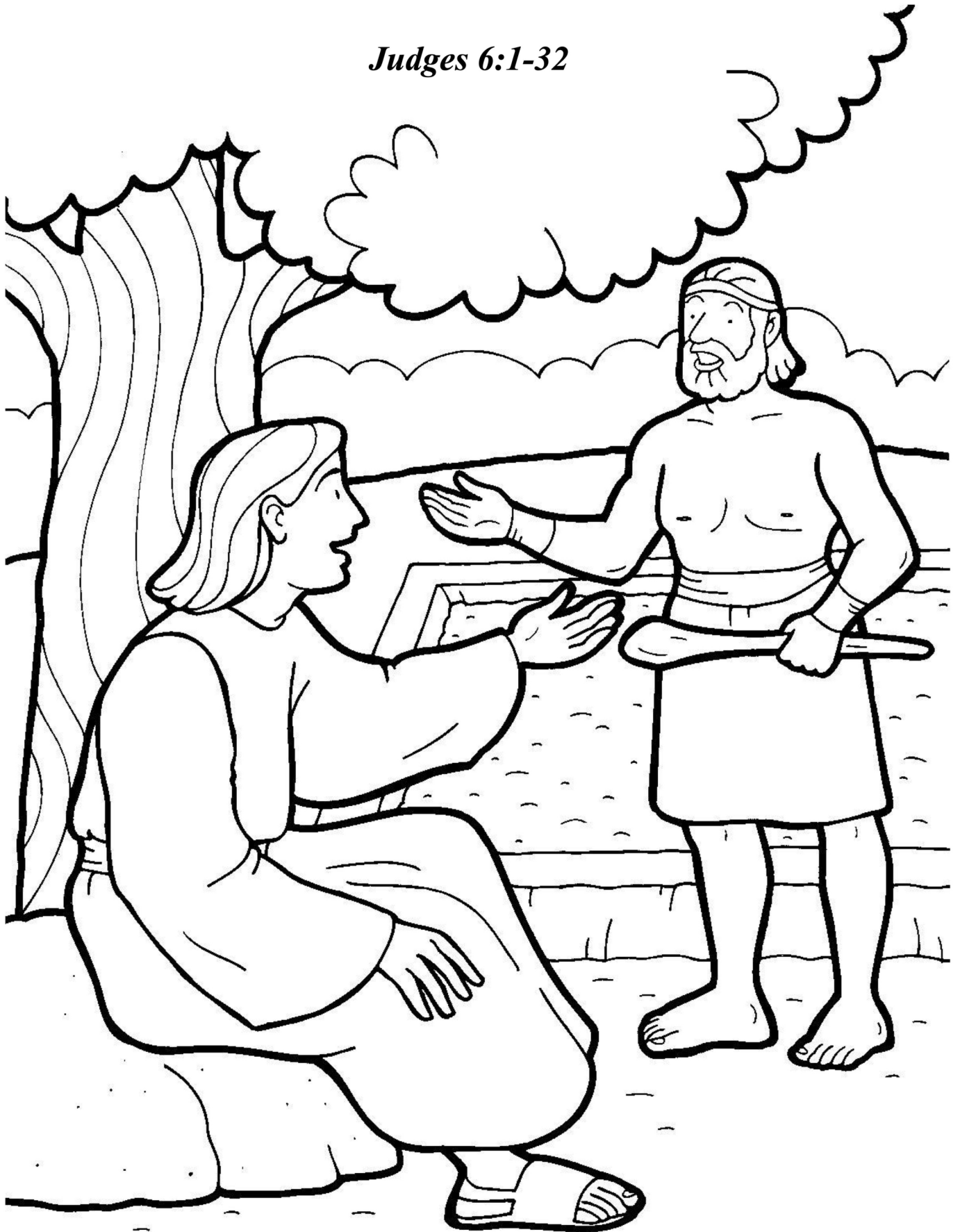
MIDIANITES
MOUNT GILEAD
PITCHERS
THREE HUNDRED

TOO MANY
TORCHES
TRUMPETS
WATER



AN ANGEL TALKS TO GIDEON

Judges 6:1-32



An angel tells Gideon that he will help save the Israelites

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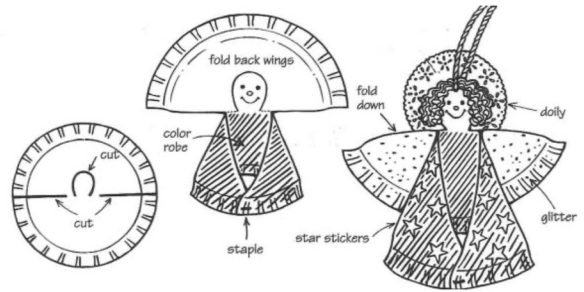
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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: ANGELS

Students will make paper plate angels to remind them that an angel appeared to Gideon under an oak tree. The angel told Gideon that the Lord was with him and that he was to save Israel out of Midian's hand.

MATERIALS

1. Paper Plates
2. Stapler
3. Markers, Crayons, or Colored Pencils
4. Glitter
5. Yarn
6. Doilies
7. Star Stickers
8. Scissors
9. Glue



DIRECTIONS

1. Cut and fold paper plates following the diagram above.
2. Staple the robe together with a stapler.
3. Color the robe with markers, crayons, or colored pencils.
4. Add star stickers.
5. Glue on doilies to the back of the angel heads.
6. Glue yarn to the head of the angel.
7. Glue on a piece of yarn to hang the angel with.
8. Glue on glitter (optional).

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their angels, remind them of how God heard the cries of his people, the Israelites. God used Gideon, an average man from the weakest tribe and the least in his family, to save the Israelites from the Midianites. Help students realize that God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things for him. God can use any of the students in your class for his purpose. Encourage your students to lean on him for their strength.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE: Approximately 20 minutes

MEMORY VERSE

“He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.”
Isaiah 40:29

GIDEON AND THE FLEECE

Judges 6:33-40



In the morning, the animal skin was wet and the ground was dry

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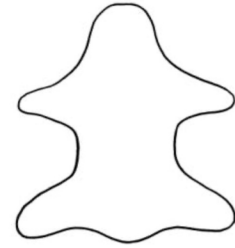
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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: FLEECES

Students will make fleeces to remind them that Gideon tested God to see if he truly was the man God wanted to use to save the Israelites.

MATERIALS

1. Tan 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Fleece Pattern
3. Scissors
4. Glue
5. Cotton Balls



DIRECTIONS

1. Copy a fleece pattern for each student onto 67 lb. cardstock.
2. Have students cut out the fleece pattern.
3. Let students crumble and recrumble the fleece pattern until it becomes soft like leather (at least 15-20 times)
4. Pass out a handful of cotton balls to each student.
5. Allow students to glue the cotton balls to the fleece pattern to make it look like wool.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are crumbling their “fleeces”, remind them that Gideon was unsure about God choosing him to save the Israelites. Later Gideon would see that God was with him when they went to battle. Help students realize that God does not call any of his children to do anything that He has not, or will not, prepare them for. Encourage them to rely on Him for their strength and refuge in good times and in times of trouble.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

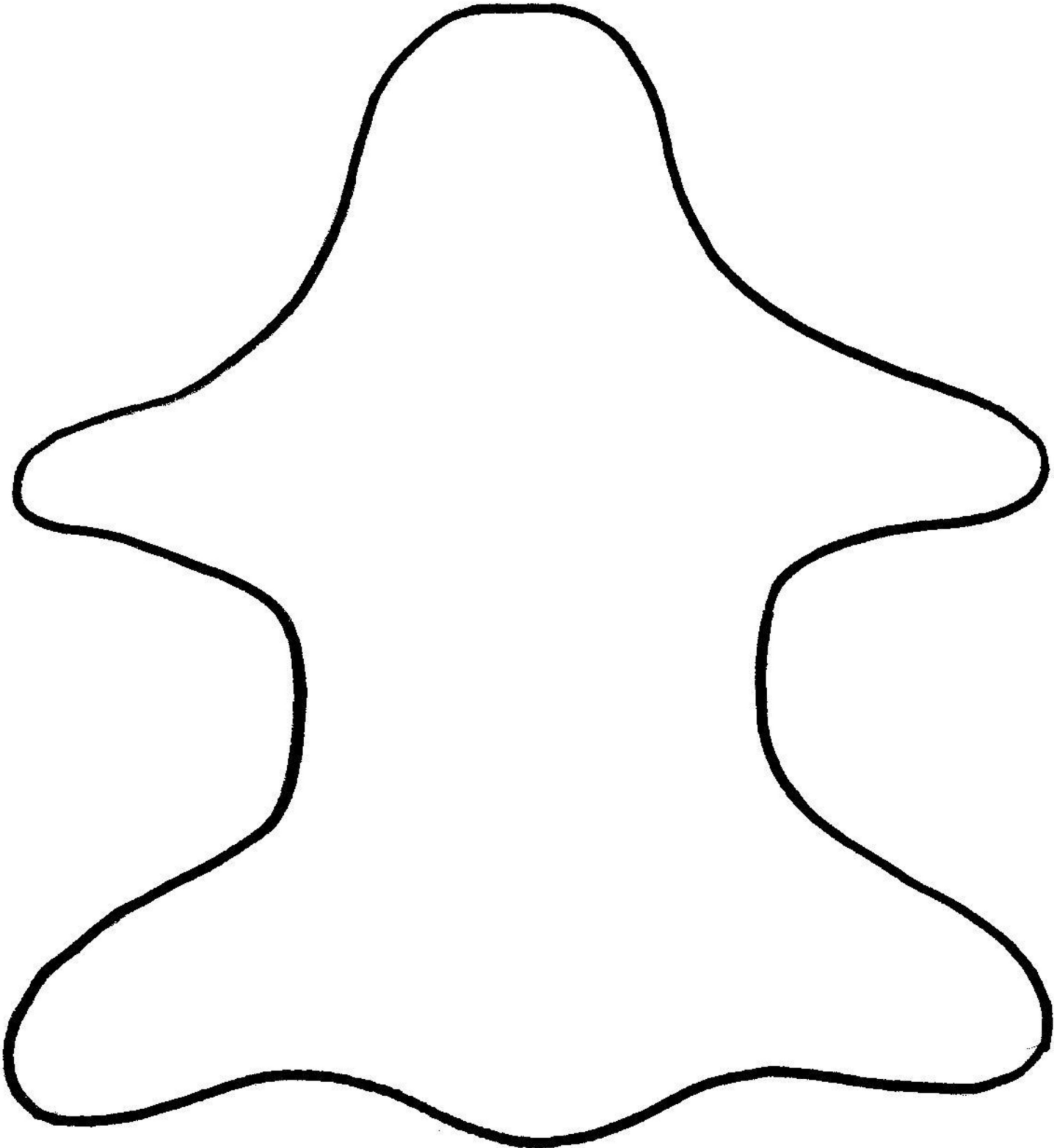
MEMORY VERSE

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.”
Psalm 46:1

GIDEON AND THE FLEECE

Judges 6:33-40

FLEECE PATTERN



GIDEON AND THE FLEECE

Judges 6:33-40

God chose Gideon to save his people. This seemed like a hard thing to Gideon, but he did something that helped him trust in God.

In the word pairs below, one word has a letter that is not in the other word. Write the extra letters you find in the squares. They will spell three words that will tell you what Gideon did, and what you can do when you are facing a tough job.

1. You can find me in PINK but not in KIN.

1	2	3	4
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2. You can see me in DROP but not in POD.

5	6
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3. I'm right there in READ but not in RED.

4. See me in YOWL but not in LOW.

7	8	9
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5. Find me in THEN but not in HEN.

6. I am in COAT, but not in CAT.

7. Here I am in GEAR but not in ARE.

8. I'm found in BOAT but not in BAT.

9. Now I'm in DONE but not in ONE.



"See what great **LOVE**

the Father has lavished

on us, that we should be called **CHILDREN OF GOD!**

1 John 3:1a (NIV)



PRINT THE BIG IDEA AND MEMORY VERSE!

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Judges 6 - 7

2 Corinthians 4: 5 - 9

GIDEON AND HIS TRUST IN GOD.

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- 1** Complete the boxes.
- 2** Cut the boxes and glue them in order.

RECESS

FLIP BOOK

GLUE OR STAPLE HERE

Week 1 of Recess is in the books!
We talked about Gideon and his trust in God.

Judges 6-7; 2 Corinthians 4:5-9

1 WEEK 1 SUMMARY

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PRINT THE BIG IDEA.

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God _____ me _____

_____.

2 BIG IDEA

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3 MEMORY VERSE

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ELEMENTARY SONGS

"What Great Love"
by Lifeway Kids Worship

PRESCHOOL SONGS

"Jesus, Strong and Kind"
by Summit Kids

4 WORSHIP

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RECREATES