

# Together @ Home

Here are some activities you could do together as a family, begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.

## Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring the story of Gideon being called by God.

You can find it in your Bible in:  
**Judges 6**

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your group.



## A prayer to say together

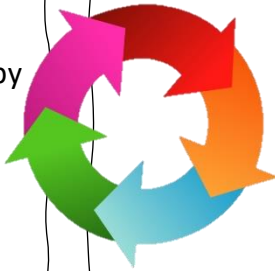
Dear God,

Thank you for the story of God calling Gideon to lead his people to victory. Help us to be bold and brave, taking on challenges knowing that you are with us.

We pray for all those facing difficult challenges in their lives this week, that they would know that you are with them.

When we feel afraid or inadequate to the challenges we face help us to call on you just like Gideon did.

Amen



## Recap

*The book of Judges is a story full of cycles. Over and over God's people turn from Him to worship false gods, when their enemies attack, they call on God for help. Throughout the book of Judges God raises up individuals (judges) to lead his people and defeat their enemies.*

## Discussion

### A question for adults to ask children

Why do you think Gideon kept questioning God?

Gideon found it hard to believe that God had chosen him, he thought that he was the least important member of the least important family in the least important tribe! Even when God had shown him miracles and he had destroyed the altars of Baal Gideon still wanted proof. Gideon believed that God could save his people but he wasn't convinced that he was the right person to do it!

How would you feel if God asked you to lead his people?

### A question for children to ask adults

Can you think of a time when you were given a task or role that you didn't think you would be able to do?

## Family Activity 1

**Hide and Seek!** The Midianites had attacked the Israelites and forced them into hiding. The Israelites had found shelter and places to hide in the caves and mountains.

Play a game of hide and seek together.





## A verse to remember

### Philippians 4 v 13

**I can do all things through Christ, because he gives me strength.**

Try to learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate a copy and put it up somewhere you can see it during the week.

## Family Activity 2

*You will need: paper, pens, craft materials*

Gideon did not believe that his family was important enough to be used by God. What is it that makes your family unique and special? Why not design a family crest together. You could include things that you like to do as a family together or divide it into sections that reflect each member of your family and the things that make them unique. Why not spend some time waiting on God together and ask how He would like to use your family this week.



## Active Prayer

Gideon named the place where God's spoke to him "Jehovah Shalom" – the Lord is Peace. There are lots of different names given to God throughout the Bible to describe what He is like. Here is a simple names of God scavenger prayer activity you can take on around your home. Find the object and then complete the prayer challenge. You might also like to look up the name in its original context.

### Jehovah Jireh

**The Lord provides**

*This name of God comes from Genesis 22 v 14*



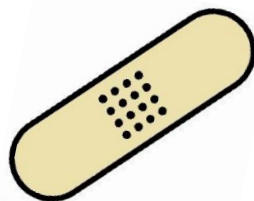
**Find...** Can you find something to eat.

**Pray...** Set yourself a 30 second timer and thank God for as many things that he provides as you can.

### Jehovah Rapha

**The Lord who heals**

*This name of God comes from Exodus 15 v 26*



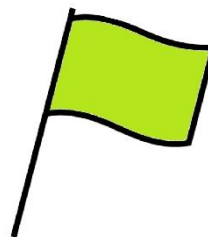
**Find...** Something you can use for first aid!

**Pray...** Pray together for anybody you know that needs healing today. As you pray place your hands over the part of the body which needs healing.

### Jehovah Nissi

**The Lord our banner**

*This name of God comes from Exodus 17 v 15*



**Find...** Something you can wave like a flag!

**Pray...** Take it in turns to wave your banner and shout out a thank you prayer to God.

### Jehovah Shalom

**The Lord is Peace**

Peace in the Bible is often symbolised by a dove.



**Find...** Can you find a bird in your home, it could be a picture in a book, a toy or an image on an item of clothing.

**Pray...** Pray and ask God to fill you with his peace, spend some time waiting quietly on God together.

**If you were choosing a word to describe what God is like what would you pick?**

# A colouring page you could print and colour together

Free colouring page from

[www.pinterest.co.uk/hollybcroley](http://www.pinterest.co.uk/hollybcroley)





# PUZZLE SHEET

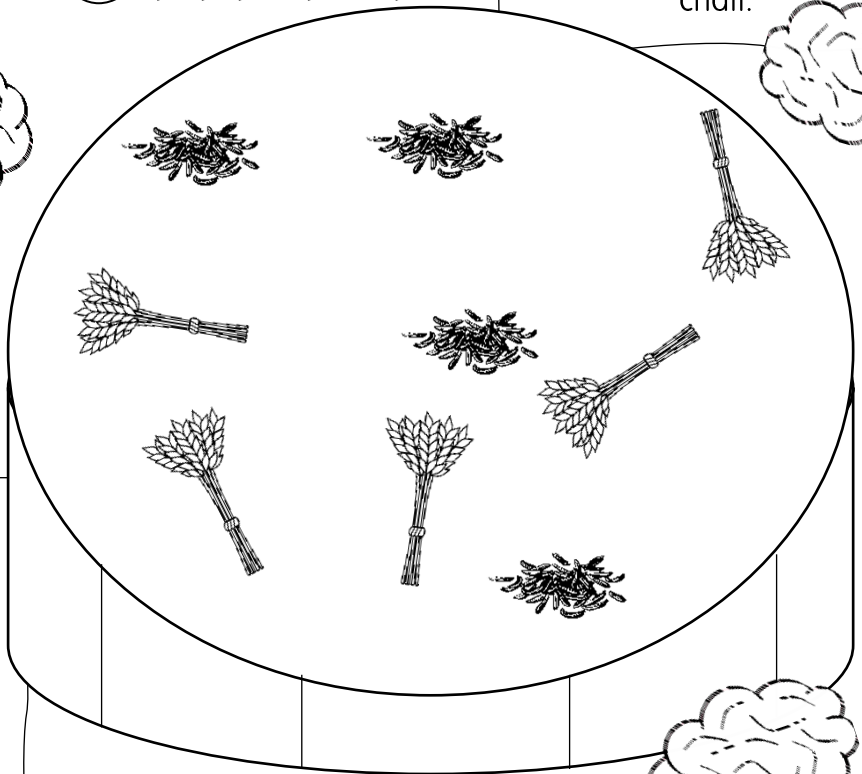
Can you draw two straight lines across the winepress to separate the wheat from the chaff.

How many fleeces can you find spread out around the page?



Solve the code to reveal what God told Gideon.

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Can you find 8 differences between the two pictures of Gideon and the fleece?

