

March - Week 4

1st-3rd Grade



Today's Theme: Gideon

Scripture: Judges 6-8

Theme Verse: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

Hi Parents and Guardians!

Welcome to Week 2 of Kids Ministry at home! We hope that this time going through this curriculum with your kiddos is one that sparks good conversation and allows you to grow in your love of the Lord with your family. We have always believed that parents play the most important role in their child's faith walk and now is such a unique time to be able to teach our kiddos about prayer, worship and the Word of God. We hope these resources are helpful to you as you do church at home this weekend!

You can find the links to all of the worship songs, teaching videos and activity pages online at hillsidechurches.com/kids.

Be sure to follow us on Instagram @hckidsministry and tag us in your photos of you and your kiddos following along with our Kids Min curriculum on Sunday morning!

Offering Collection

On Sunday mornings in Kids Ministry, we collect offering and explain to your kids about worship through giving. Many of your kiddos bring offering weekly and they still have the opportunity to do so through you and your generosity! Your consistent giving provides an opportunity for God to propel His vision for Hillside's ministry into the future. Living a generous life is key to what God wants for each of us and moves His Kingdom work in the world forward.

Hillside makes giving easy. You can give online through our website or the Hillside app.

Intro Time

- Ask your child to tell you about a time they felt strong.

Prayer Time

- Ask your child why they think prayer is important. See if they remember what each letter of the “PRAY” acronym stands for.
- Tip: Write out the word “pray” on a paper or white board vertically and see if they can fill in what each letter stands for.
 - **Praise** - Thanking God for who He is and all He has blessed us with
 - **Repent** - Telling God our sins and asking for His forgiveness
 - **Ask** - Asking God to help us and others in our lives
 - **Yield** - Being open to whatever plan God has for our lives
- Prayer is a way for us to connect with God and grow in our relationship with Him, not just an opportunity to ask Him for what we want. **With that in mind, invite your child to share their own prayer requests and pray together as a family.**
- Write down your child’s or family’s prayers on the Prayer Request sheet attached on our website and post it somewhere around your home to remind you to pray for those things often.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

Galatians 6:10

Bible Time:

In your bible, turn to Judges 6-8. Show your child how to use their table of contents to find the book of Judges. Remind them that the large numbers in their bible indicate the chapter and the small numbers indicate the verse.

Discussion:

- 1. Why was Gideon afraid to obey God?** *He was the youngest son from the weakest family in Israel. (Read Judges 6:15)*
- 2. What signs did Gideon ask God for?** *A fleece to be wet and the ground dry, then the fleece to be dry and the ground wet. (Read Judges 6:36–40)*
- 3. What did God do to reduce the size of Gideon's army?** *First, God told Gideon to send home those afraid. Then God told Gideon to send home many men based on how they drank water. (Read Judges 7:3-8)*
- 4. Why did God want Gideon to fight with such a small army?** *Guide your child to understand that God was teaching Gideon, and all His people, that He was enough to protect them and give them victory. God did not want the people to boast about their victory but to worship Him instead.*
- 5. What are some ways God gives us victory today?** *Guide your child to discuss the fact that God can give us victory in many ways. When we need healing, when we need peace, when we need wisdom to make choices, God can provide us with those things. Help kids to see that through Jesus' death and resurrection, our greatest victory, over sin and death, is secure.*
- 6. What are some things people trust or boast in today?** *Help your child to see that many boast in wealth, success, fame, or material comfort. Remind kids that those things, though they can be nice, are not able to save us. We need Jesus to save us and should only boast in Him.*

Activity Page:

If time allows, invite kids to complete the "Seeing the Signs" activity page. Kids will add in the missing vowels to find the story point.

Seeing the Signs

INSTRUCTIONS: Add in the missing vowels to find the story points.

GOD SHOWED GIDEON
     

THAT VICTORY
  

COMES FROM HIM.
   

    

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