

BATTLE

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GIDEON GOES OUT TO FIGHT

FOCUS

JUDGES 6:12, 7:2, 10-11, 16, 20-21

Gideon was called by God to be a mighty warrior and defeat Israel's enemy! By following God's battle plan, the enemy scattered at the sound of a horn and light from a torch!

MATERIALS

Gideon picture (1 per child)

30 Army men

Dream and Interpretation coloring page (1 per child)

Tent and bread

Jar of light (1 set per child)

Trumpet (1 per child)

Crayons

ACTIVITIES

1. INTRODUCTION

TALK: Gideon was a regular man trying to get food for his family, when one day he met the angel of the Lord. The angel called him a mighty warrior and told him he would lead the Israelites to fight their enemies!

ACTIVITY: While your Tiny Arrow is coloring, point out the trumpet and fire.



CORRESPONDING VERSE

WHEN THE ANGEL OF THE LORD APPEARED TO GIDEON, HE SAID, "THE LORD IS WITH YOU, MIGHTY WARRIOR."

JUDGES 6:12

2. TOO MANY MEN

TALK: Gideon was able to find 32,000 men to help him fight the enemy. But God said that was too many! So he sent 22,000 home, but it was still too many! So he picked 9,700 to leave and was left with 300!

ACTIVITY: Have your Tiny Arrow count the number of army men. Then have them take 20 away. Then have them take 7 away and count how many are left!



THE LORD SAID TO GIDEON, "YOU HAVE TOO MANY MEN."

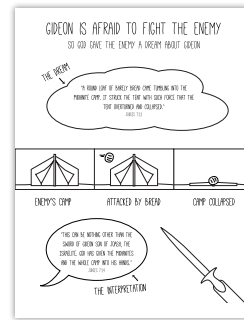
JUDGES 7:2

ACTIVITIES

3. AFRAID?

TALK: Right before battle, Gideon was afraid of attacking the enemy. There were so many of them, and so little of the Israelites! So God told Gideon to go to the enemy's camp and listen. Gideon heard that the enemy had a bad dream about him, and they were afraid! The dream was that he was a piece of bread attacking their camp and tearing down their tents! Now Gideon felt ready to fight!

ACTIVITY: Color the coloring page and go over the dream and its interpretation. Then, assemble the tent then grab a piece of the bread. Let your Tiny Arrow throw the bread at the tent until it collapses!



4. JAR OF LIGHT

TALK: Gideon gave the 300 men with him no weapons to fight the enemy. He gave each a trumpet and an empty jar with a torch inside.

ACTIVITY: Have your Tiny Arrow color the cup then place the small light inside.



5. TRUMPET

TALK: The Israelites had to blow the trumpets at the same time! When they did they made a loud sound! Then they smashed the jars with the torches inside making a bright light! Then the Israelites yelled, "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!"

ACTIVITY: Color the trumpet.



5. BATTLE!

TALK: Right after the Israelites yelled the enemy ran away in fear!

ACTIVITY: Set up the 27 soldiers in one spot. Then place the three soldiers around them. Then have your Tiny Arrow take the cup off the light, blow the horn and yell, "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!". Afterwards have all the soldiers in the center run away!

BONUS: Sing "Gideon's Battle" song while arranging the men.

OPTIONAL: Hand out each child a bible verse to take home.

GRASPING THE TORCHES IN THEIR LEFT HANDS
AND HOLDING IN THEIR RIGHT HANDS THE
TRUMPETS THEY WERE TO BLOW, THEY SHOUTED,
"A SWORD FOR THE LORD AND FOR GIDEON!"

JUDGES 7:20

CORRESPONDING VERSE

IF YOU ARE AFRAID TO ATTACK, GO DOWN TO THE CAMP WITH YOUR SERVANT PURAH AND LISTEN TO WHAT THEY ARE SAYING. AFTERWARD, YOU WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO ATTACK THE CAMP.

JUDGES 7:10-11

HE PLACED TRUMPETS AND EMPTY JARS IN THE HANDS OF ALL OF THEM, WITH TORCHES INSIDE.

JUDGES 7:16

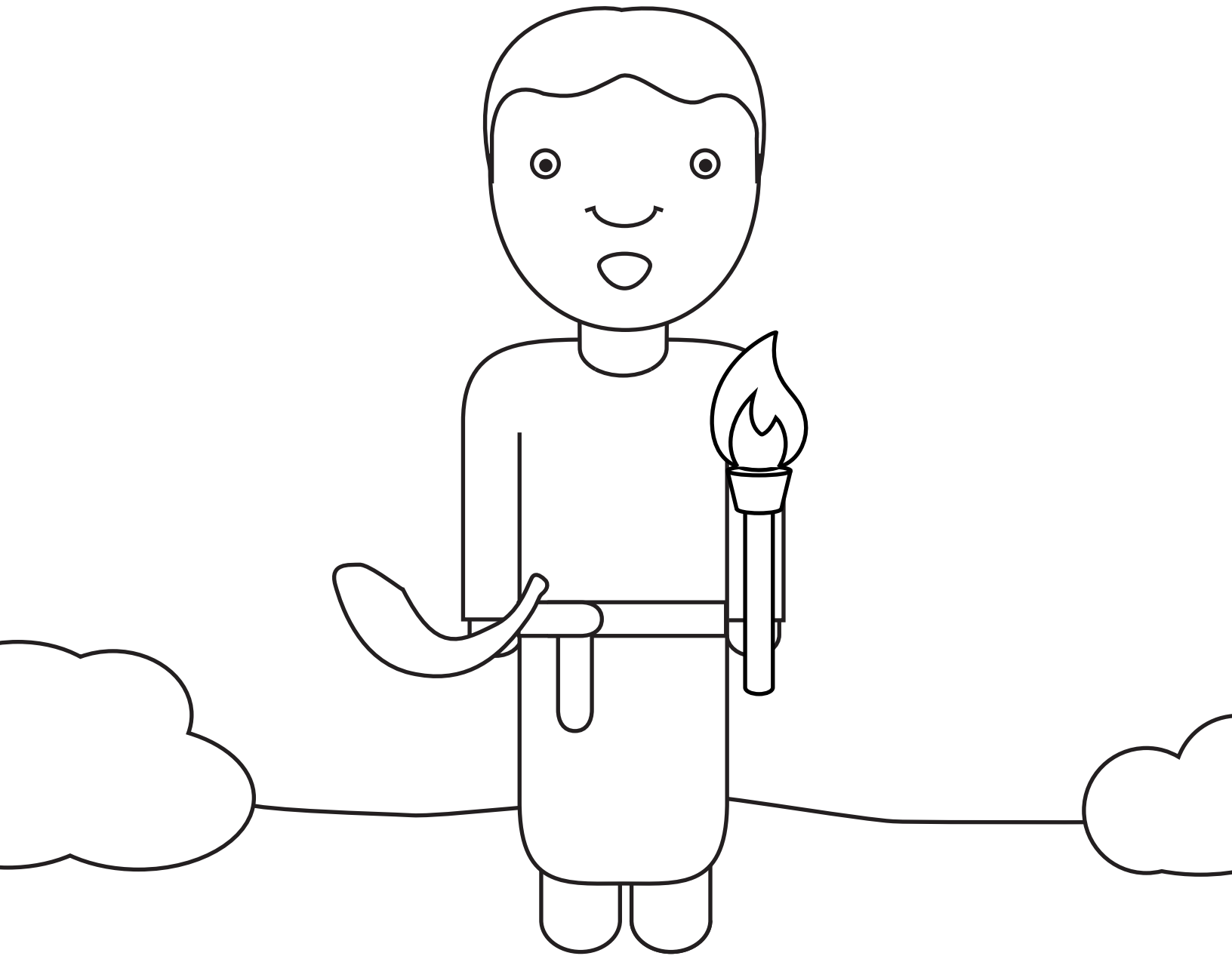
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JUDGES 7:20

WHILE EACH MAN HELD HIS POSITION AROUND THE CAMP, ALL THE MIDIANITES RAN, CRYING OUT AS THEY FLED.

JUDGES 7:21

GIDEON IS READY FOR BATTLE!



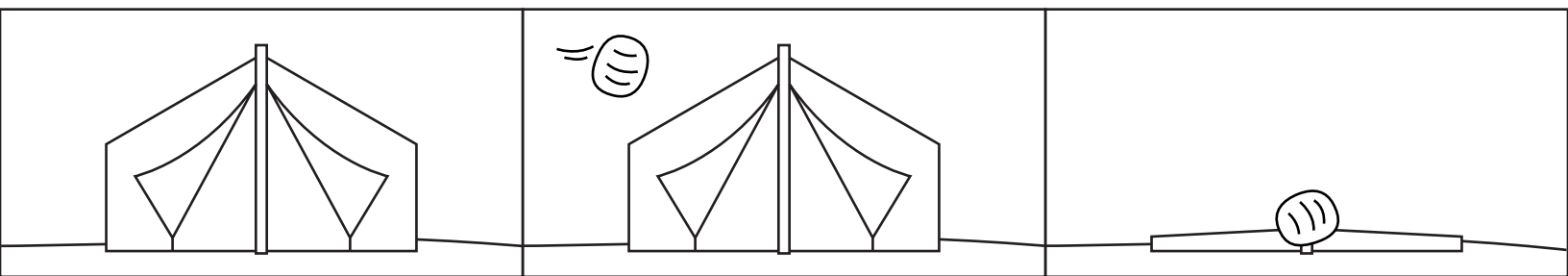
GIDEON IS AFRAID TO FIGHT THE ENEMY

SO GOD GAVE THE ENEMY A DREAM ABOUT GIDEON

THE DREAM

"A ROUND LOAF OF BARELY BREAD CAME TUMBLING INTO THE MIDIANITE CAMP. IT STRUCK THE TENT WITH SUCH FORCE THAT THE TENT OVERTURNED AND COLLAPSED."

JUDGES 7:13



ENEMY'S CAMP

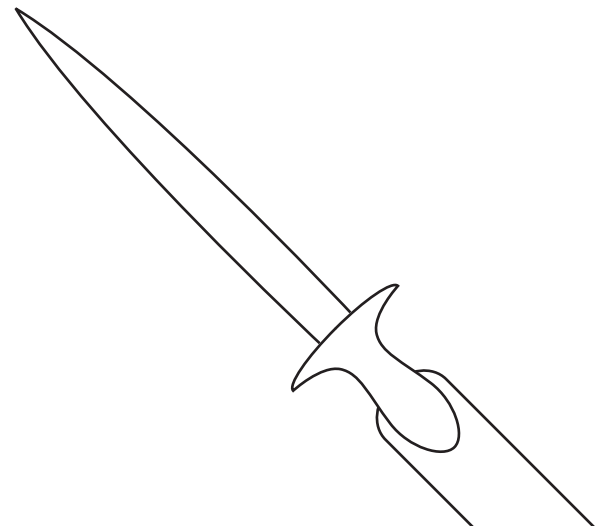
ATTACKED BY BREAD

CAMP COLLAPSED

"THIS CAN BE NOTHING OTHER THAN THE SWORD OF GIDEON SON OF JOASH, THE ISRAELITE. GOD HAS GIVEN THE MIDIANITES AND THE WHOLE CAMP INTO HIS HANDS."

JUDGES 7:14

THE INTERPRETATION

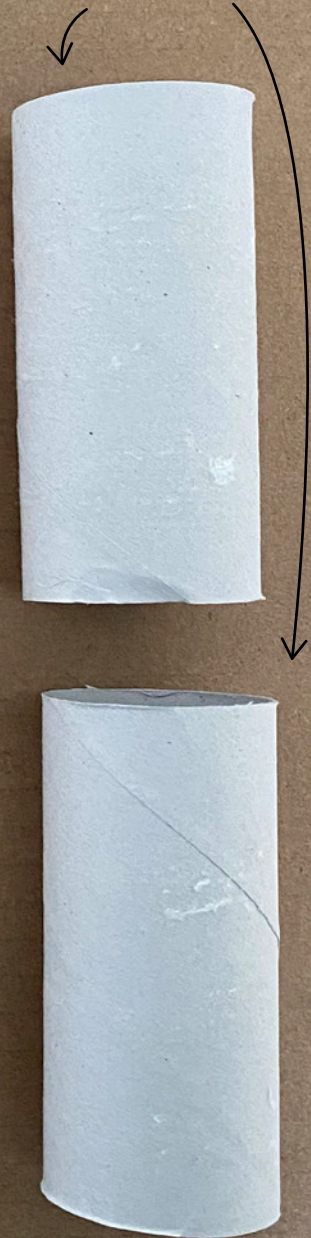
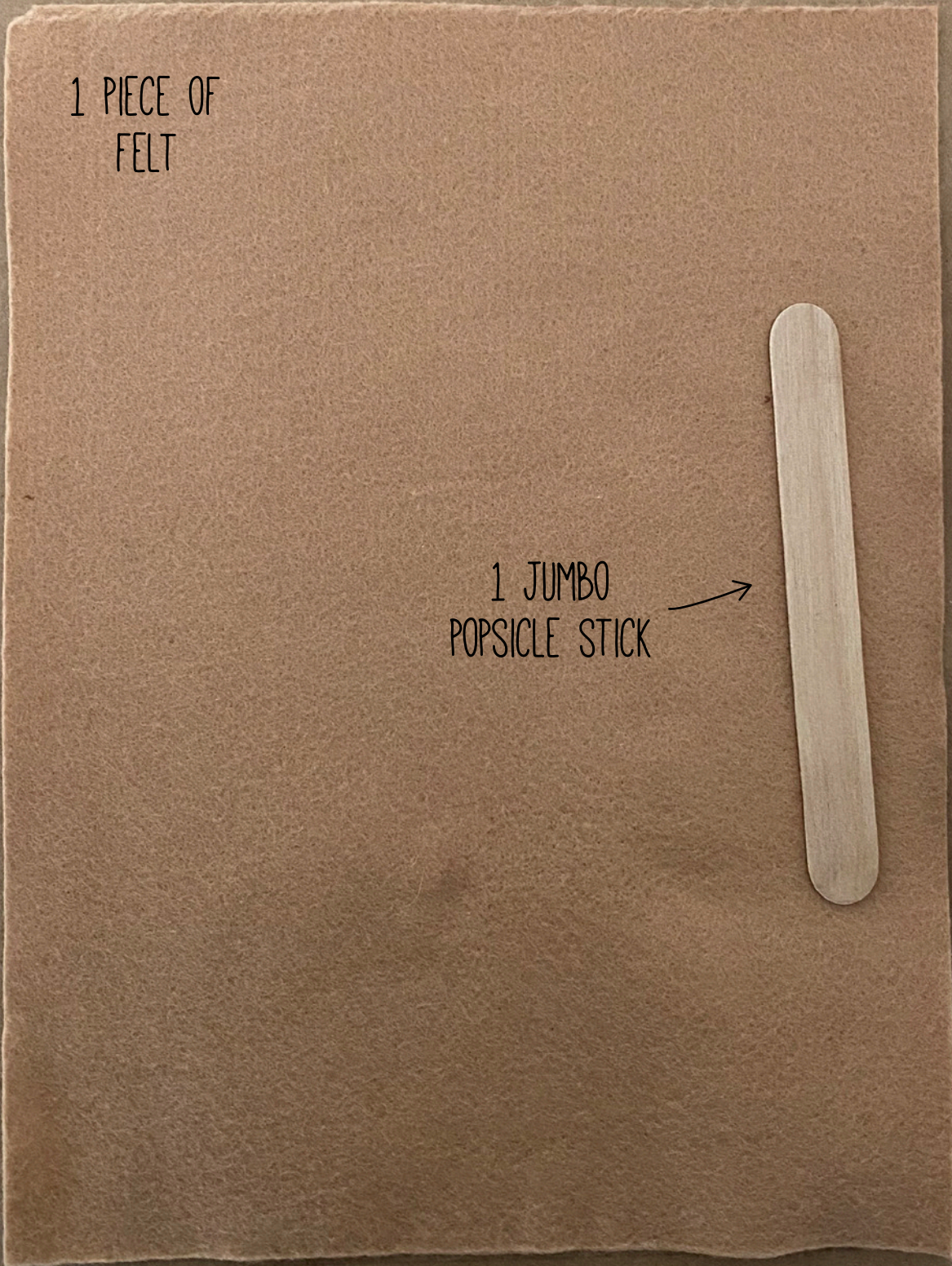


TENT

1 PIECE OF
FELT

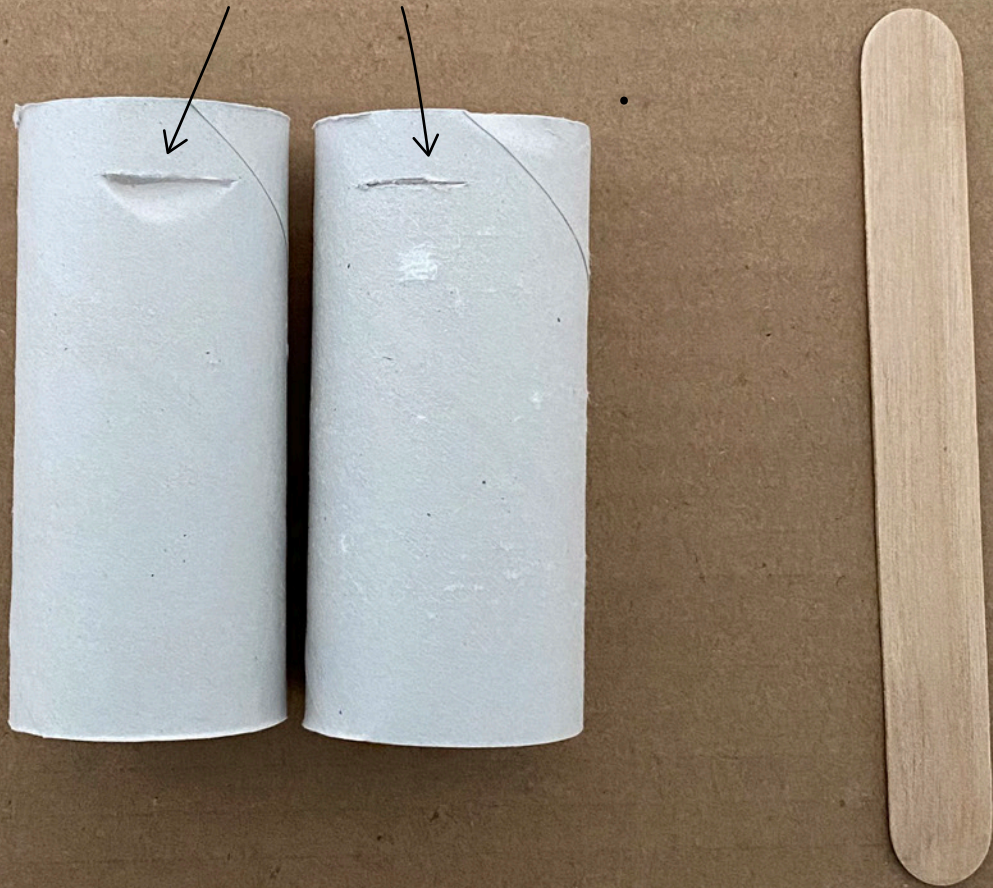
1 JUMBO
POPSICLE STICK

2 TOILET
PAPER ROLLS



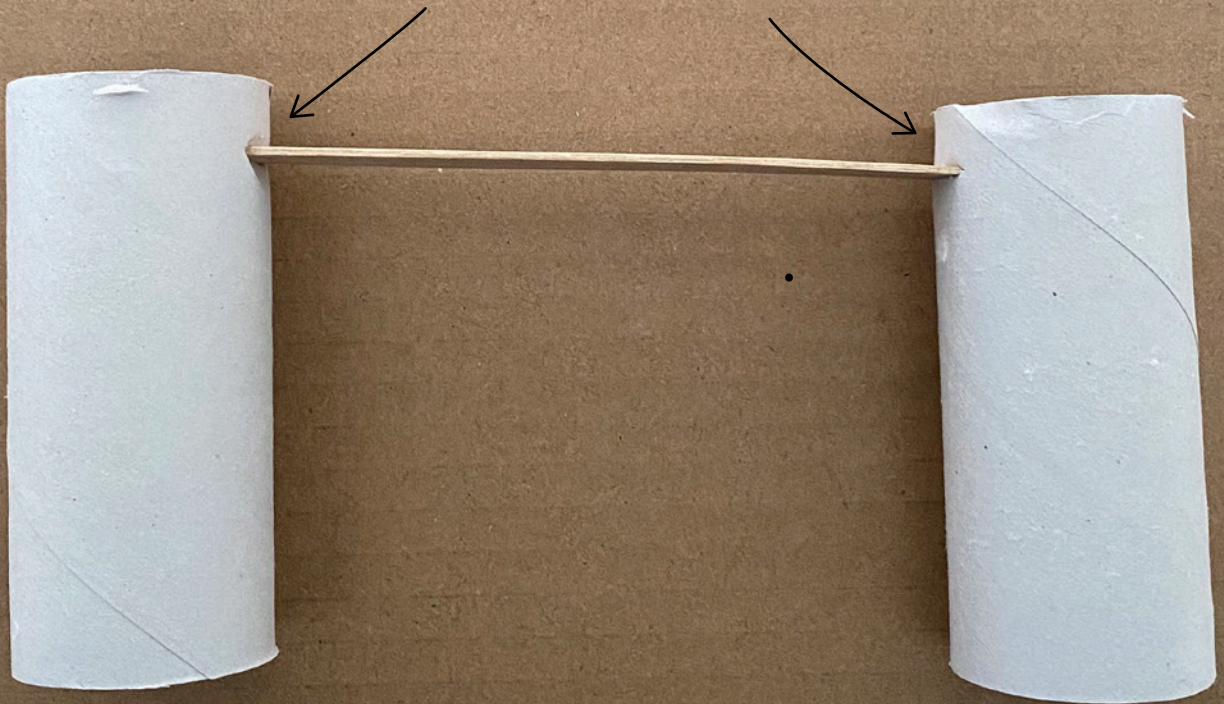
TENT

CUT ONE SLIT, ON EACH TOILET PAPER ROLL, ABOUT
A 1/2" DOWN FROM THE TOP OF THE ROLL WIDE
ENOUGH TO FIT THE JUMBO POPSICLE STICK



TENT

INSERT THE POPSICLE STICK INTO BOTH TOILET
PAPER ROLLS SO IT FORMS A BRIDGE



TOP VIEW



TENT

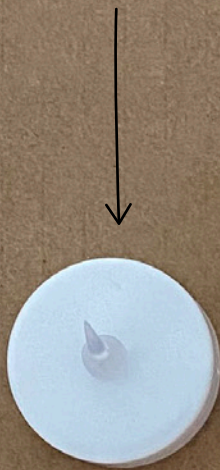
LAY THE FELT OVER
THE BRIDGE TO ACT
AS A TENT

TOP VIEW

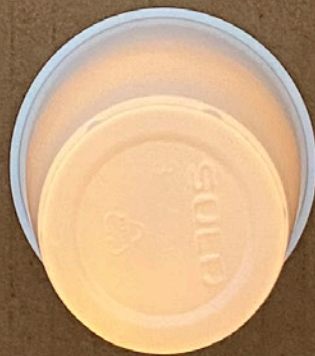


JAR OF LIGHT

1 TEA LIGHT



1 3 OZ. WHITE SOLO CUP



TURN LIGHT ON, &
PLACE CUP OVER LIGHT

TRUMPET

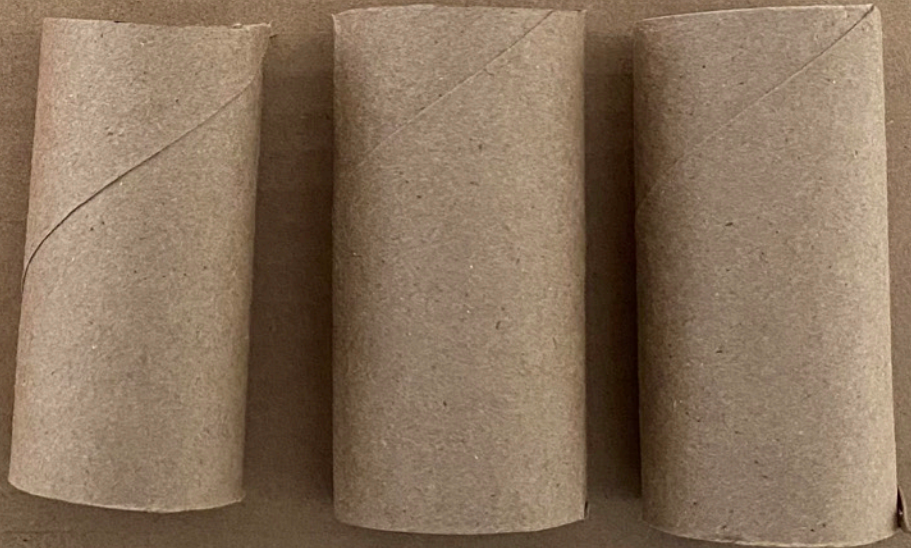
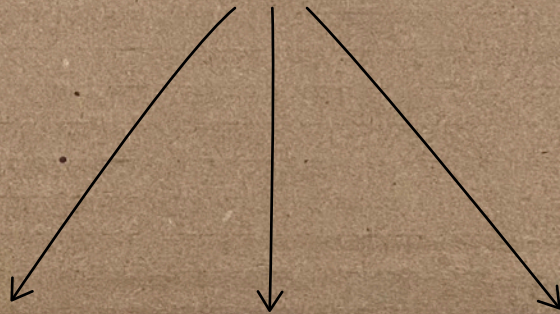
1 PARTY HORN



3 TOILET PAPER ROLLS

OR

1 PAPER TOWEL ROLLS CUT IN THIRDS

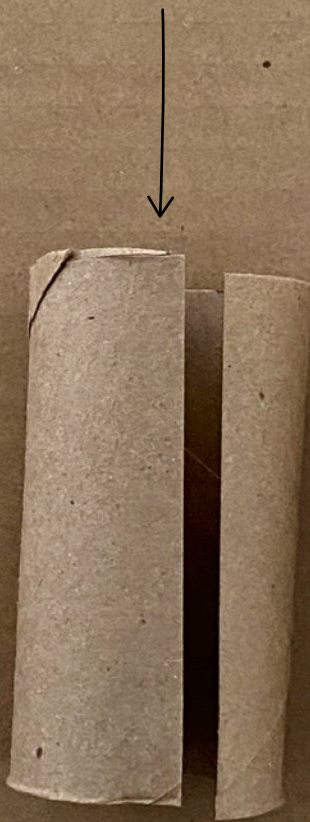


TRUMPET

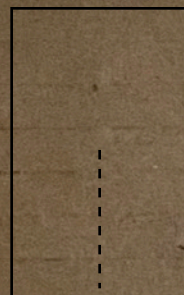
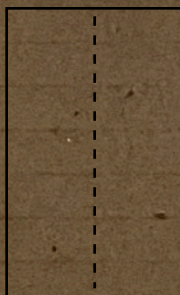
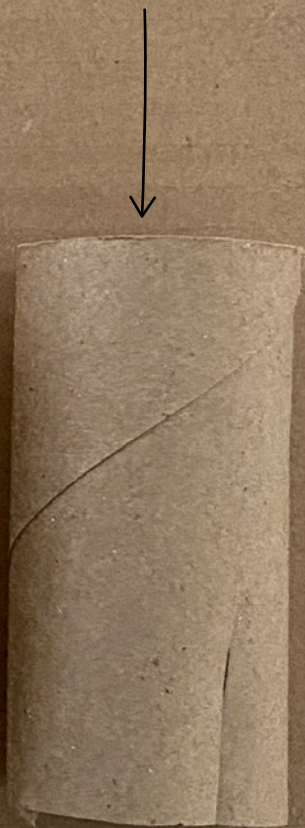
TAKE OFF
STREAMERS
FROM HORN



ROLL #1
CUT IN HALF



ROLL #2
CUT IN HALF HALFWAY



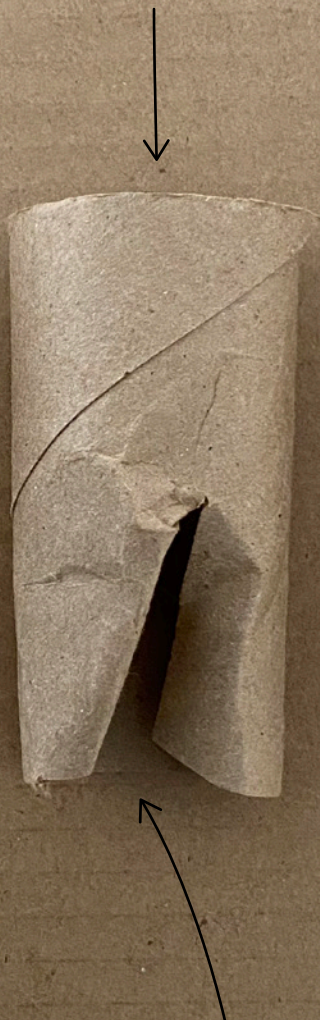
TRUMPET

ROLL #1
ROLL IN A CONE
FORMATION AROUND
THE MOUTH PIECE



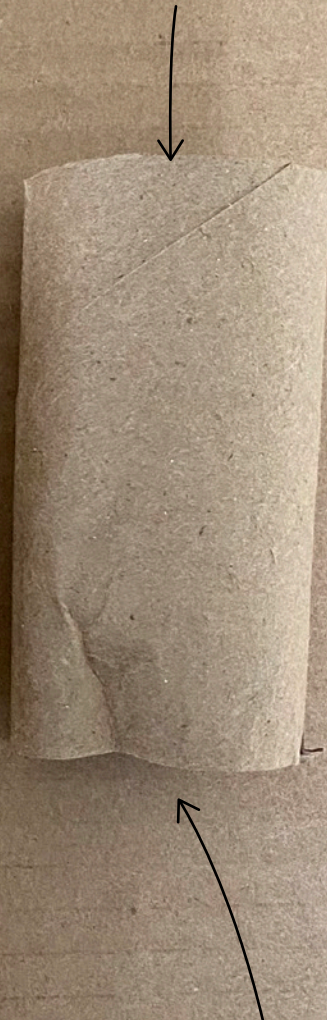
SECURE WITH
HOT GLUE

ROLL #2
TUCK THE FOLDED
PIECES IN



THIS WILL BE MANIPULATED TO
FIT IN THE CONE OF ROLL #1

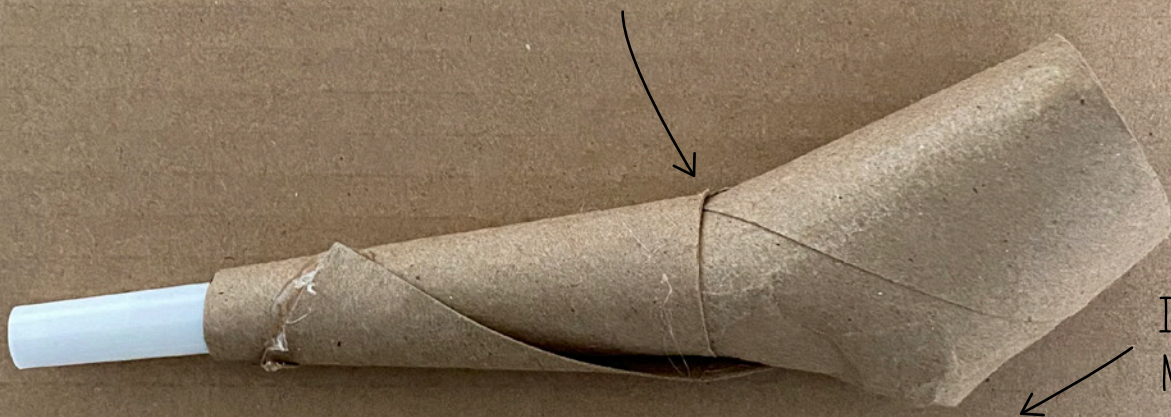
ROLL #3
GENTLY SQUEEZE
THE BOTTOM END



THIS WILL BE MANIPULATED TO
FIT IN THE TOP OF ROLL #2

TRUMPET

TUCKED END GOES INTO
THE CONE SHAPE



IT CREATES A
NATURAL BEND

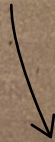
SQUEEZED END GOES IN



PRESS DOWN TUCKED END
FROM THE INSIDE OF THE
ROLL TO KEEP THE SHAPE

TRUMPET

WRAP TAPE AROUND ROLLS



I USED BROWN ELECTRICAL TAPE WHICH IS VERY FLEXIBLE. YOU CAN USE ELECTRICAL TAPE, MASKING TAPE, OR ALL PURPOSE TAPE.

YOU HAVE THE OPTION OF TAPING IT TOGETHER AND PAINTING IT TOO!

GIDEON'S BATTLE

Blow the trumpets

Bum bum bu bum

Smash your jars

Crash crash ca crash

Shout out loud

A sword for the Lord and for Gideon

See them run

Chu chu chu chu chu

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