

PRAISE WEEK 1



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GIDEON WORSHIPED

FOCUS

JUDGES 6:16 & 34, 7: 2-5, 7, 10 & 13-15

Gideon was called by God to be a mighty warrior and save his people the Israelites from the hand of Midian.

Before they were even delivered, Gideon worshiped God because he trusted that He would save them!

MATERIALS

Gideon Worshiped picture

Gideon, Angel and 2 Soldiers actors/singers (shofar and tent)

Gideon Calls the Israelites to Battle coloring page (1 per child)

Enemy's Camp vs Gideon's Camp coloring page (1 per child)

Small pool filled with clean water

Tent and bread (1 per child)

Crayons and chalk

ACTIVITIES

1. INTRODUCTION

TALK: Ask the children if they know who Gideon was.

ACTIVITY: Show children the Gideon Worshiped picture and hang nearby for them to see.

2. GIDEON CALLED

TALK: Gideon was called by God to save the Israelites from the hand of Midian. God even called him a mighty warrior.

ACTIVITY: Have the Angel and Gideon actors sing **song 1**.

CORRESPONDING VERSE



"I WILL BE WITH YOU, AND YOU WILL STRIKE DOWN ALL THE MIDIANITES, LEAVING NONE ALIVE."

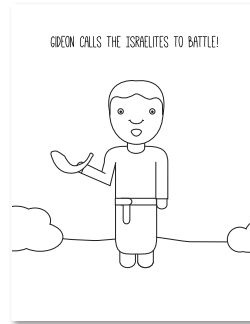
JUDGES 6:16

ACTIVITIES

3. GIDEON CALLS!

TALK: Gideon sounded his trumpet and called the Israelites to go to battle!

ACTIVITY: Color the Gideon Calls the Israelites to go to Battle coloring page. Then have Gideon sing **song 2** and have children follow him.



4. TOO MANY MEN

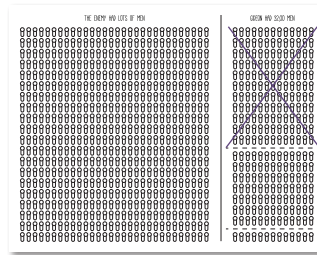
TALK: Gideon went to war and a lot of Israelites joined him, but God said he had too many men!

ACTIVITY: Have Gideon and Angel sing **song 3** with children standing in front of him. Then choose roughly 2/3 of the children to “leave.”

5. WHOSE AFRAID?

TALK: 22,000 of Gideon’s men were afraid and decided to leave!

ACTIVITY: Have children color the Enemy’s Camp vs Gideon’s Camp coloring page, then cross out the people above the first dotted line in Gideon’s camp.



6. STILL TOO MANY MEN

TALK: The Lord said Gideon still had too many men!

ACTIVITY: Have Gideon and Angel sing **song 4**.

7. LAP THE WATER

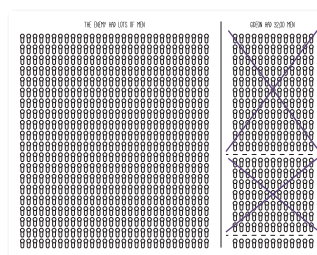
TALK: God told Gideon that whoever laps the water like a dog can stay in his army, but the ones who knelled down to drink would go.

ACTIVITY: Have children pretend to lap the water with cupped hands or kneel down to drink from the small pool filled with clean water.

8. SAVED WITH 300

TALK: God told Gideon he would defeat the enemy, even though they only had 300 men left in Gideon’s camp!

ACTIVITY: Cross out the people in the second large section from the Enemy’s Camp vs Gideon’s Camp coloring page. Then have Gideon and the Angel sing **song 5**.



CORRESPONDING VERSE

THEN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD CAME ON GIDEON, AND HE BLEW A TRUMPET, SUMMONING THE ABIEZRITES TO FOLLOW HIM.

JUDGES 6:34

“ANYONE WHO TREMBLES WITH FEAR MAY TURN BACK AND LEAVE.”

JUDGES 7:3

“YOU HAVE TOO MANY MEN”... SO TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND MEN LEFT, WHILE TEN THOUSAND REMAINED.

JUDGES 7:2-3

THERE ARE STILL TOO MANY MEN.

JUDGES 7:4

“SEPARATE THOSE WHO LAP THE WATER WITH THEIR TONGUES AS A DOG LAPS FROM THOSE WHO KNEEL DOWN THE DRINK.”

JUDGES 7:5

“WITH THE THREE HUNDRED MEN THAT LAPPED I WILL SAVE YOU.”

JUDGES 7:7

ACTIVITIES

9. ARE YOU AFRAID?

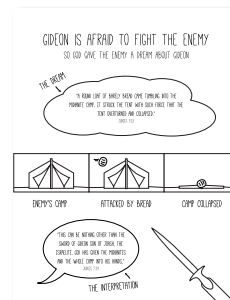
TALK: God did not want Gideon to have any fear in going to war with only 300 men, so he encouraged him to go down to the enemy's camp and listen. Gideon did and heard one soldier tell another he had a dream, and the other soldier tell him his dream meant Gideon's army would win!

ACTIVITY: Have Gideon, the Angel and two Soldiers sing **song 6**.

10. THE DREAM

TALK: The soldiers dream was about a round loaf of barely bread tumbling into the camp and destroying the tents. His friend told him that was God saying He was giving them into Gideon's hand.

ACTIVITY: Have children color the Gideon is Afraid to Fight the Enemy coloring page.



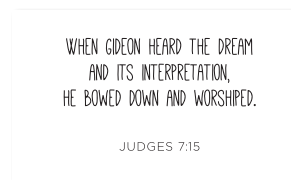
11. VICTORY!

TALK: God was encouraging Gideon! Even the enemy knew they were defeated, and Gideon worshiped God before they even had won the battle!

ACTIVITY: Have children throw bread at the tents and try to knock them down. Each time they do, have them praise the Lord!



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



CORRESPONDING VERSE

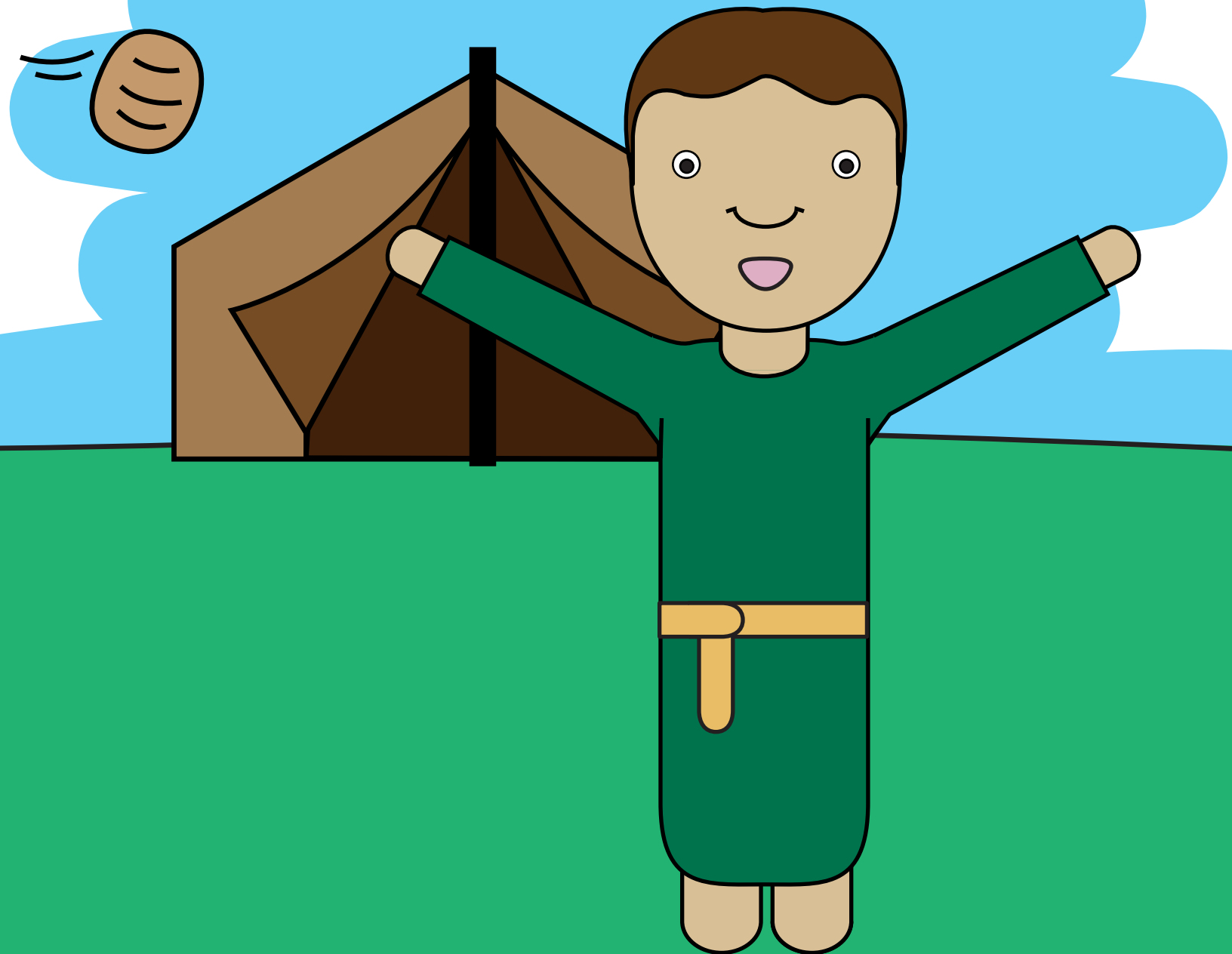
IF YOU ARE AFRAID TO ATTACK, GO DOWN TO THE CAMP... AND LISTEN TO WHAT THEY ARE SAYING. AFTERWARD, YOU WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO ATTACK THE CAMP.

JUDGES 7:10

"A ROUND LOAF OF BARELY BREAD CAME TUMBLING TOWARD INTO THE MIDIANITE CAMP. IT STRUCK THE TENT WITH SUCH FORCE THAT THE TENT OVERTURNED AND COLLAPSED." HIS FRIEND RESPONDED, "THIS CAN NOTHING OTHER THAN THE SWORD OF GIDEON... GOD HAS GIVEN THE MIDIANITES AND THE WHOLE CAMP INTO HIS HANDS." WHEN GIDEON HEARD THE DREAM AND ITS INTERPRETATION, HE BOWED DOWN AND WORSHIPED.

JUDGES 7:13-15

GIDEON WORSHIPED



MIGHTY WARRIOR

SONG 1

ANGEL: The Lord be with you mighty warrior.

GIDEON: Who me?

ANGEL: I am sending you to clear the field!

GIDEON: I just did!

ANGEL: Not for wheat or wine but to save the one whose mine.

GIDEON: Oh, Israel.

ANGEL: Go in the strength I am giving you.

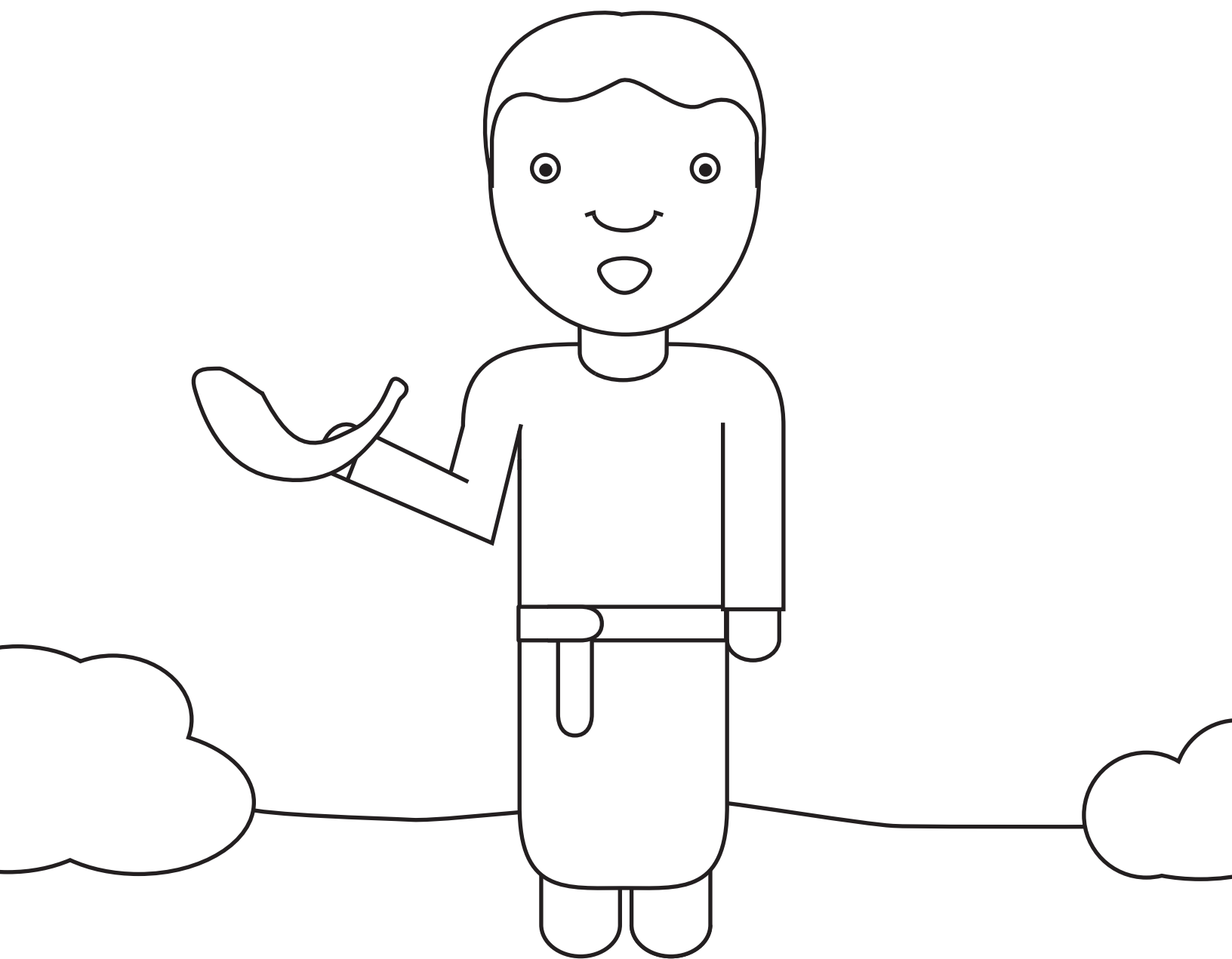
GIDEON: I'm weak.

ANGEL: You will strike them down and leave none alive

GIDEON: Are you sure?

ANGEL: Yes! Now go!

GIDEON CALLS THE ISRAELITES TO BATTLE!



FOLLOW ME

SONG 2

GIDEON BLOWS TRUMPET: Follow me! Follow me! To war we go!

TOO MANY MEN

SONG 3

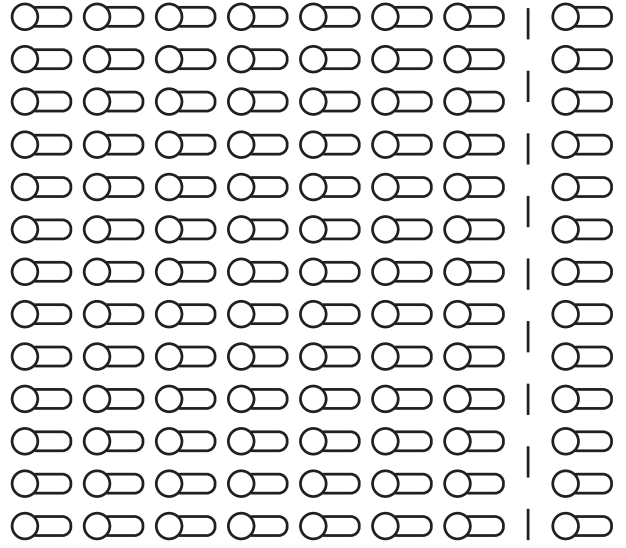
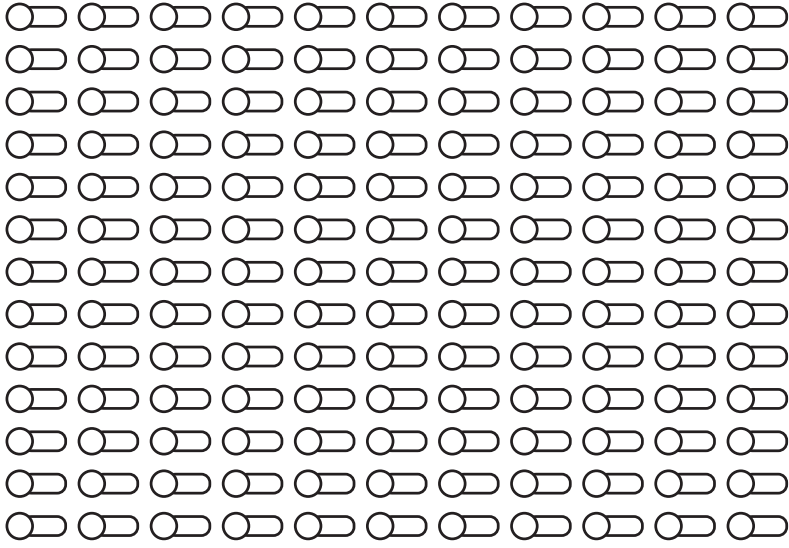
ANGEL: You have too many men! Many men! Many men!

GIDEON: Are you sure?

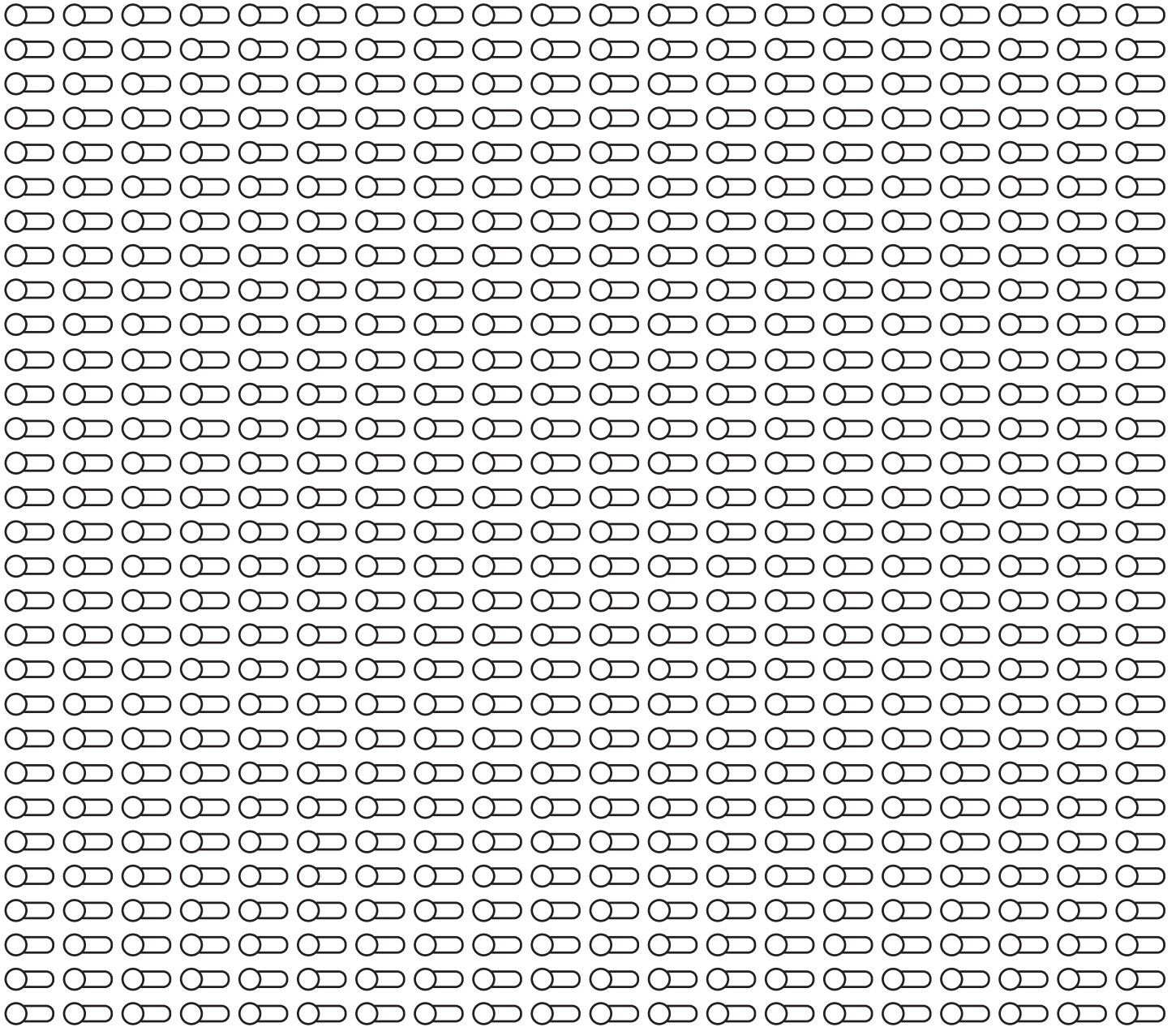
ANGEL: Yes I am. Whoever trembles with fear must go!
Must go! Must go!

GIDEON: Ok. *(looks at children)* Whoever's afraid, you can go.

GIDEON HAD 32,000 MEN



THE ENEMY HAD LOTS OF MEN



STILL TOO MANY MEN

SONG 4

ANGEL: You still have too many men! Many men! Many men!

GIDEON: Really?!

ANGEL: Take them down to the water and I will decide who stays and who goes.

GIDEON: Ok.

300 MEN

SONG 5

ANGEL: Now you have 300 men! Now you shall defeat your foe!

GIDEON: Just 300 huh?

THE DREAM

SONG 6

ANGEL: If you are afraid, go down! Go down to the enemy's camp and listen.

GIDEON GOES TO THE ENEMIES CAMP AND STANDS BY TENT.

SOLDIER 1 IN TENT: I had a dream! I had a dream! A round loaf of bread attacked the tent and it fell down. It fell down.

SOLDIER 2 IN TENT: This dream can only mean one thing! That Gideon will defeat us all!

GIDEON: The Lord will save us! The Lord has saved us! Praise the Lord who saves! Praise the Lord who saves!

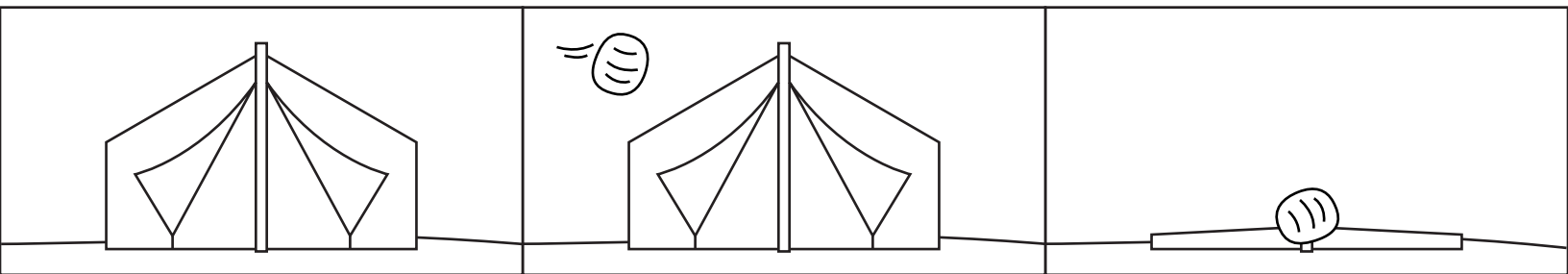
GIDEON IS AFRAID TO FIGHT THE ENEMY

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

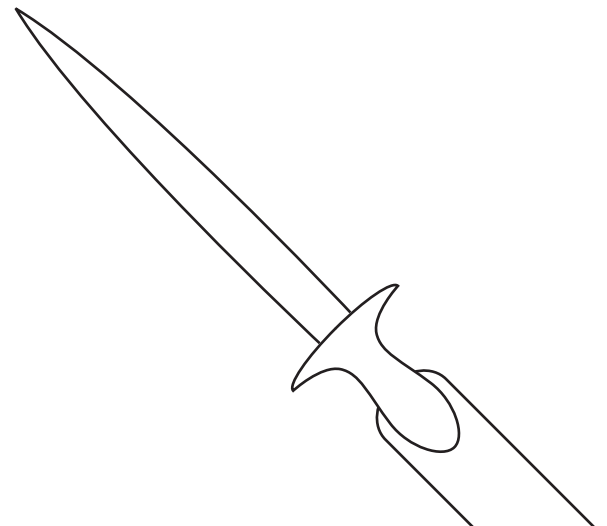
ATTACKED BY BREAD

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

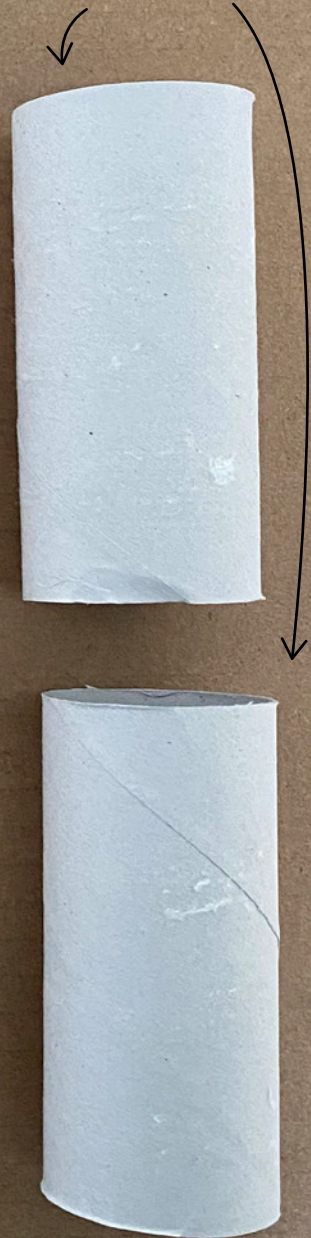
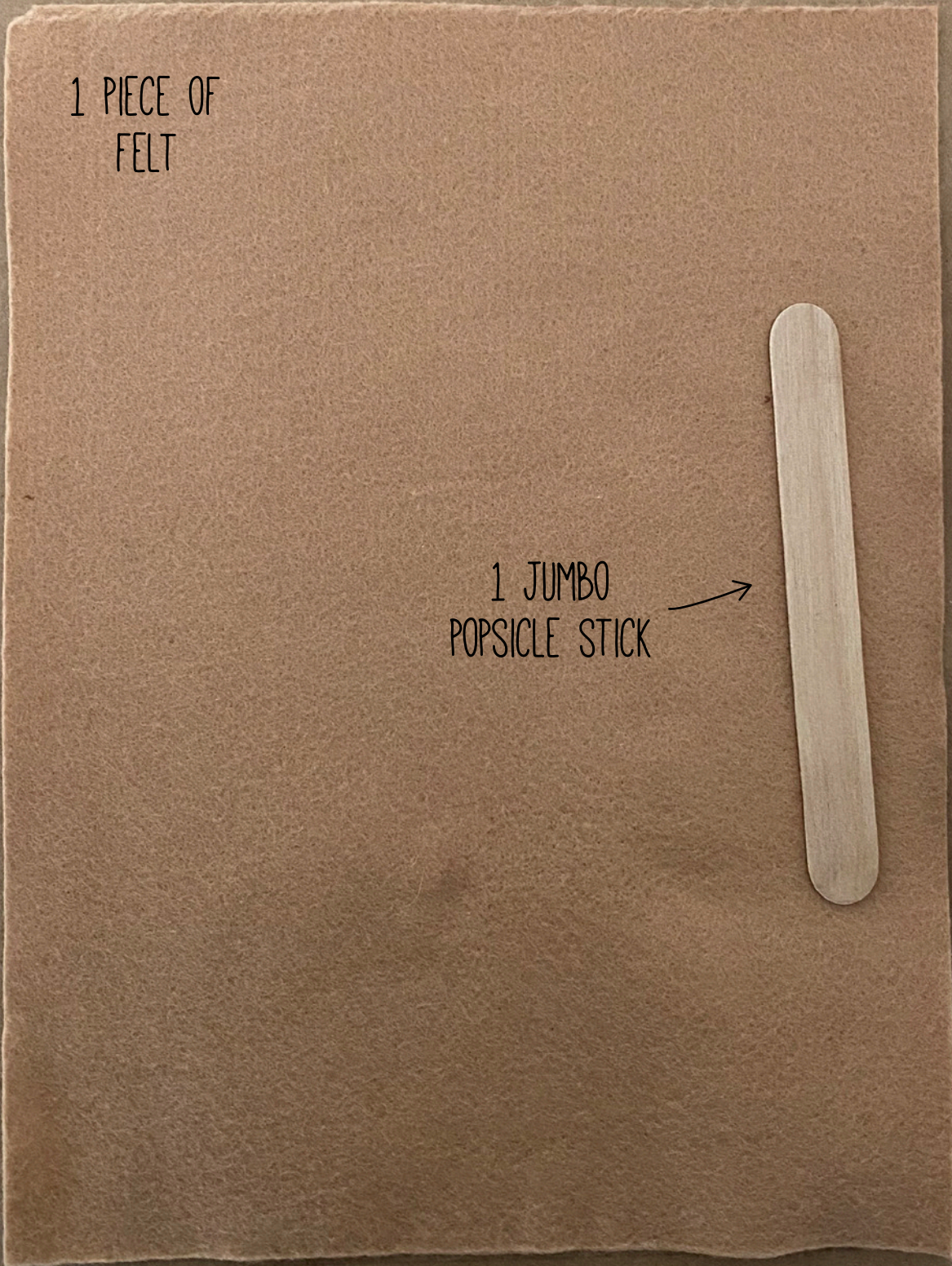


TENT

1 PIECE OF
FELT

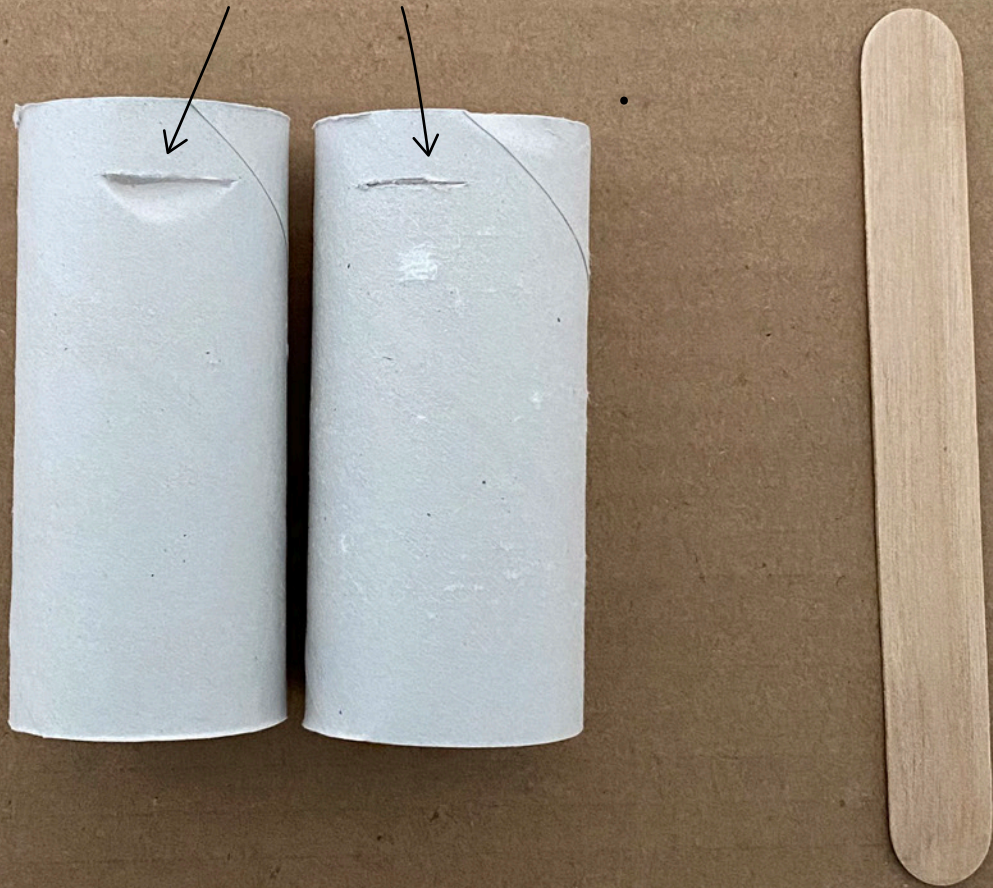
1 JUMBO
POPSICLE STICK

2 TOILET
PAPER ROLLS



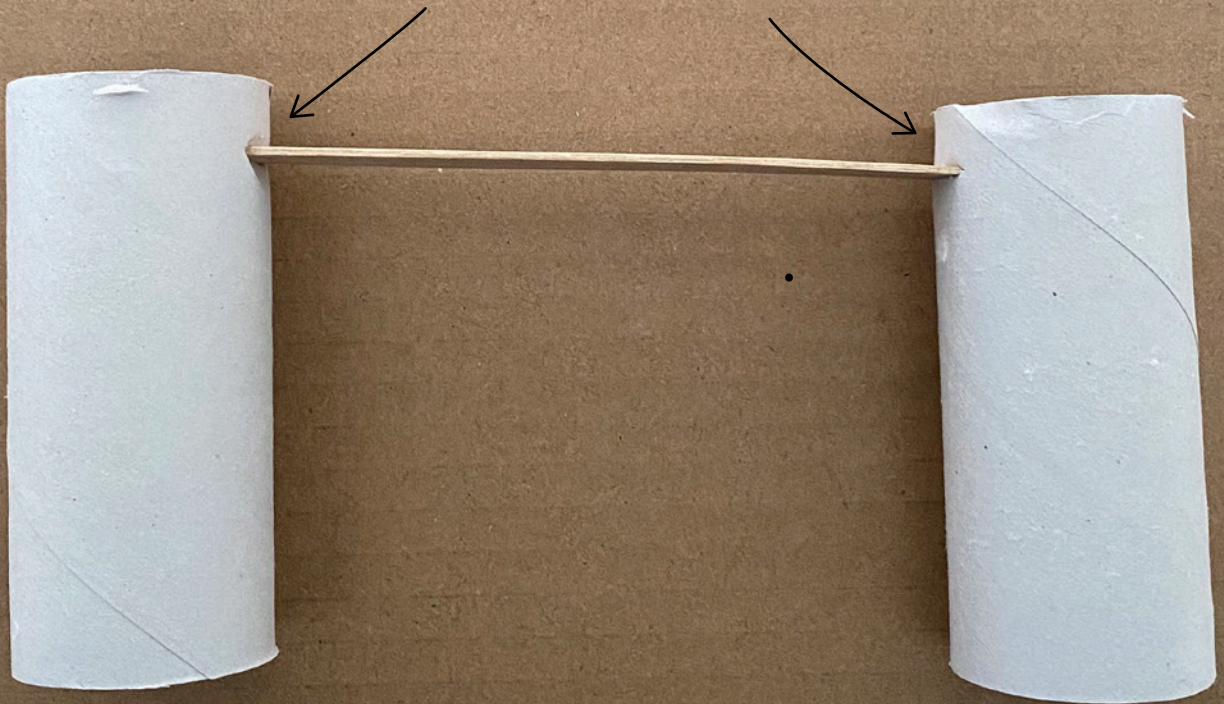
TENT

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



PROPS

For the actors, Gideon was given a shofar. And I set up a tent for the two soldiers.



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