

WEEK 3

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

SMALL & MIGHTY

BIG IDEA

When I weak, God makes me strong!

BIBLE

Gideon & the Midianites

Judges 6:1-16, 7:1-21; 2
Corinthians 12:9-10

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Scientists say bees shouldn't be able to fly because their wings are too small for their bodies. But they do anyway! This week, we'll hear how Gideon felt weak and unimportant, yet God chose him to lead and win a battle in a surprising way. God showed that real strength comes from trusting God and that **when I feel weak, God makes me strong.**

MEMORY VERSE

"For the Mighty One has done great things for me — holy is his name."
— Luke 1:49 (NIV)



DISCUSSION

BIBLE QUESTIONS

- **Why was Gideon hiding at the beginning of the story?** The Midianites were attacking his people and taking their food.
- **What did God call Gideon even while he was still hiding?** Mighty warrior.
- **How did God's strength show up for Gideon and the Israelites?** God helped them win the battle, even with a very small army.
- **Read 2 Corinthians 12:10. How does Gideon's story remind us this verse is true?** God gave Gideon strength when he felt weak and couldn't defeat the Midianites on his own.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- **What's one thing coming up this week that feels hard or makes you nervous? How can you ask God for help?**
- **When you feel worried or not strong enough, what can you say to remind yourself that God is with you?**
- **Might someone you know be having a tough week? What's one way you could encourage them?**

ACTIVITY

WHAT TO DO



Give each kid ten index cards and a drawing utensil to make a flip book. Have kids fill the first card with many small dots to represent Gideon's original army size. On each following card, draw fewer dots so the army gradually shrinks. By the ninth card, there should only be a few dots representing 300 soldiers. On the last card, write today's Big Idea. When finished, stack the cards in order and staple or secure them along one edge, then flip through the cards. Scan QR code for a worked example.

WHAT TO SAY

"Gideon may have felt weaker with a small army, but God made Gideon's army stronger! God doesn't need a lot to do something amazing. When you see the Big Idea in your flip book, remember that God, who helped Gideon, can help you too. When I feel weak, God makes me strong."