**Lección Cinco**

**Unos cuantos hombres buenos: Gedeón**

**Lección de un vistazo**

**Bienvenida:** Linterna pequeña o vela de té eléctrica para cada niño, (estas se pueden comprar en Dollar Tree o en línea muy razonablemente)

**Pre-sesión:** Pizarra de borrado en seco y rotuladores o pizarra con tiza

**Promesas:** Biblia, bandera cristiana, bandera estadounidense

**Canción y ofrenda:** Plato o lata de ofrenda

**Versículo de memoria:** 2 cartulinas, marcadores, caramelos de premio

**Lección:** Jueces 6-7 Pizarra de borrado en seco

**Puntos importantes:** Hechos 2:38

**Manualidades:** palitos de cake pop, papel de seda rojo, amarillo y naranja o incluso papel de seda de impresión al fuego si está disponible, papel encerado, pinceles, pegamento líquido, cucharada de agua, recipiente de plástico para poner pegamento

**Soldiers in God’s Army**

**Lesson Five**

**A Few Good Men-Gideon**

**Scripture Reference:** Judges 6-7

**Memory Verse:** Deuteronomy 3:22

**A yellow cartoon character with a blue flower

Description automatically generatedWelcome:** Welcome each child with a smile. Give each of the children a small flashlight or an electric tea light. The lights will remind them of Gideon’s torch.

**A group of kids sitting on a large letter u

Description automatically generatedPre-session:** Hangman: use age appropriate army words and or phrases or even words and phrases from the story to have a great game of hangman. For the younger age groups you could play a type of Pictionary using pictures in place of words.

**A child and child praying

Description automatically generatedPrayer & Pledges: (5 mins.)** Make sure everyone is standing for pledges.

Ready… Salute…

\*Pledge of Allegiance to the Bible: I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God’s Holy Word. I will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. I will hide its words in my heart; that I might not sin against God.

\*Pledge of Allegiance to the Pastor: I pledge allegiance to my Pastor, a man sent from God. I will obey the Word that he teaches, follow the example he has set, stand beside him to uphold truth that I might be saved.

\*Pledge of Allegiance to the Christian Flag: I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the Savior for Whose kingdom it stands, One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again, with life and liberty for all who believe.

\*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Prayer

**A group of children singing

Description automatically generatedSong and Offering: (5 mins.)**  “This Little Light of Mine” Try to use all the actions that you know as you pass around the offering plate or tin.Example: Hide it under a bushel, NO- Shine it all over the world, I’m gonna let it shine- Don’t let satan blow it out…

**A book with a cross on it

Description automatically generatedMemory Verse: (15 mins.)** Deuteronomy 3:22 Ye shall not fear them: for the LORD your God he shall fight for you.

Write the verse on both poster boards backwards. Example: 22:3 ymonoretueD uoy rof thgif llahs eh doG ruoy DROL eht rof: meht raef ton llahs eY

Separate your group into two teams. Have them translate the verse and memorize. (If this activity is too difficult, write the scripture the right way without any spaces.) ☺ The group who can quote as a team the verse without mistakes, reward with candy.

**A cartoon of a child reading a book

Description automatically generatedLesson: (20 mins.)** Uh oh… Israel was being bad again. They had been doing evil in the sight of God and now there are consequences. Have you been naughty before and disobeyed your parents? Or your pastor? It is not a comfortable place to be in. The place of punishment. Israel did not get time out, a lecture or even a spanking… they were put in the hands of their enemy for 7 years. They suffered from the meanness of a big bully for 7 years. That’s punishment. The Midianites were Israel’s slave masters. The Midianites came to Israel like a large bunch of grasshoppers. They ate all the food and took all the animals. Israel was hungry! I’m telling you… Israel was sorry they didn’t listen to the Lord. They started repenting!! We are so sorry Lord! Please Save Us!! Help us Jehovah!

When God felt like they had truly repented, He sent an angel to visit a humble farmer named, Gideon. Have you ever been visited by an angel? Well, Gideon went out to thresh wheat behind the winepress hoping to hide the food from the Midianites. An angel came to Gideon and said, “The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor!” Gideon looked around, “Who? Me? If the Lord be with me then why are we suffering so much? No, the Lord has forsaken us and that’s why the Midianites have been trying to kill us all.” The angel said, “Go, I have sent you to save Israel from the Midianites.” After the Lord had shown Gideon that He was really speaking with him Gideon said, “I am ready!”

Gideon sent word throughout Israel that the Lord would deliver them from the Midianites and it was time to fight. 32,000 men showed up the next day to join the army of Gideon. (Write the number 32,000 on the dry erase board.) Gideon was pretty excited! “Yeah! We got us an army, Lord!” The Lord looked and saw the army and said to Gideon, “Tell everyone who is afraid to go home.” Gideon shook his head in astonishment. “Ok Lord- although I don’t think anyone will leave but I’ll tell them.” When Gideon told the 30,000 men that if anyone is scared to go home, 22,000 men went home. (Write 22,000 under the 32,000 and subtract). Whoa! What’s going to happen? The Midianites are a large army and now Gideon’s army is down to 10,000 men!

Gideon said, “Ok Lord- lets fight!” The Lord said that there were still too many men in the army of Gideon to fight. Gideon said, “What do you want me to do, Lord?” The Lord answered, “Have everyone go to the river to drink and I will let you know who to take with you to deliver Israel from the Midianites.” Gideon brought everyone to the river and told them to drink and refresh themselves before the battle. Most of the men laid on their bellies drinking the water from river and some cupped the water in their hands to bring the water to their mouth. Those that cupped the water to their mouth was only 300 men.(Write the number 300 on the dry erase board and circle it), Those were the men that God chose to be in the army of Gideon. “Now with these men will I save you from the Midianites”, the Lord told Gideon. Well, Gideon didn’t know what was going to happen. The Midianites had a big army and Gideon only had 300 men.

In the meantime, the Lord was working strategy. He told Gideon to collect clay pots and put a lit torch inside and have each man carry it in one hand and a trumpet in the other hand. They were to come at the Midianites at night. By this time, Gideon knew to trust whatever the Lord said. He and his army of 300 men approached the great army at night without weapons armed with a torch in a pot and a trumpet. Gideon separated the men into 3 groups and put them on each side of the enemy’s camp. When they were all in position, Gideon gave the word! All the men broke their pots and yelled “THE SWORD OF THE LORD AND OF GIDEON” then blew the trumpets. The Midian army woke in utter confusion! Have you ever been woke up suddenly in the middle of the night? Yells! Swords! Trumpets! Surrounded by LIGHTS! Well, they grabbed their swords to fight and in the middle of all the confusion, the Midianites started attacking each other! The Lord confused their minds to think that their own army buddies were attacking them and Gideon didn’t have to use a sword! The Lord brought victory to Israel!!

**Important Points for Today:**

1. First, Gideon’s army had 32,000 men in it. Why did 22,000 men go home? The Lord said that the army was too big so Gideon told all of those who were afraid to go home. The Lord wanted Israel to know that He fought the battle.

2. How did Gideon choose the final 300 that would fight the Midianites? By the way they drank water. If they lapped like dogs they went home. If they scooped water up in their hand, then they stayed in the army. This is also where being watchful comes in! Remember: 1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

3. What did the 300 Israelite soldiers carry with them when they fought the battle? Clay jars with burning torches inside. They also each carried a trumpet to blow. When we lift our voices in praise and worship, the devil cannot stay around! It hurts his ears to hear the children of God worshipping because that used to be his job.

4. When the Midianites heard the trumpets and saw the fires, what did they do? They started fighting and killing each other and then they ran away. God sent confusion in the camp and the 300 with Gideon didn’t have to use any weapon! GOD FOUGHT THE BATTLE!

5. How do you get the Lord on your side? Follow Acts 2:38 and allow Jesus to take command of your life! Repent, like Israel. Go down in the water in baptism in Jesus Name, like the men drinking at the river. Receive the Holy Ghost as the spirit brings the utterance- that will be like the sound that Israel made when they smashed their pots and their light shone in the darkness! The devil hates the light and when Jesus is in your heart- the devil cannot stay! Hallelujah!!

**A white and orange scissors

Description automatically generatedCraft: (10 mins.)** Torches on a Stick: Give each child a portion of the wax paper as a placemat. Tear up the tissue paper into small squares and put some on each child’s wax sheet. Put a tablespoon of water in the liquid glue to thin it out a little and use the paint brush to paint some glue on the cake pop stick. Roll the stick on the tissue shreds and repeat process. The stick should soon resemble a large colored Q-Tip. With the colored tissue, it should look like fire on the stick.

**A group of kids drawing

Description automatically generatedExtended Time Game: (15 mins.)** Sneak Up on Grandma/pa Game

Chooses one person to be Grandma/Grandpa and face a wall. The rest of the class will start on the opposite side of the room and attempt to sneak up on Grandma/pa and tap a shoulder. However, they cannot be caught moving so and Grandma/pa may turn around at any time. If a person is caught moving and pointed out, they must return to the start. No one can move while being watched. If a player manages to tap Grandma’s/pa’s shoulder, he or she takes their place facing the wall and the game starts over.

**Closing Prayer**

Esta respuesta no se basa en el documento: El documento proporcionado es un plan de lección para un estudio bíblico para niños. La lección se centra en la historia de Gedeón en los capítulos 6 y 7 de Jueces. El plan de lección incluye actividades como juegos, canciones, manualidades y una discusión sobre los puntos importantes de la historia. El versículo de memoria para la lección es Deuteronomio 3:22.