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SERIES: OUTRAGEOUS FOR KIDS

The Story of Gideon

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Props: Put the phrase "GOD CAN DO OUTRAGEOUS THINGS" in big bold colors up on the wall.

Slide: Welcome

(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

Slide: Series Intro

We're continuing in our series today called, "Outrageous"! Does anyone remember what that word means? (allow kids to answer). Right, something cool or totally unbelievable. You know, like when you go to the circus and see people do some crazy, outrageous tricks on a bike or with an animal. Last week, we learned about some totally outrageous things God did in the life of Paul. Was Paul always a good guy? (allow kids to answer) No way, he used to be VERY mean to Christians. But then who did he meet? (allow kids to answer) You got it, Jesus. And Jesus forgave Paul and helped him to be a good guy. Isn't that outrageous?!

But that's not all. Today we're going to learn about another outrageous story from the Bible about a guy named Gideon. Now Gideon lived when God's people were having a really rough time. Some mean people were stealing all their things and being really mean. So God decided to use Gideon to save his people! But Gideon wasn't excited about that idea.

We'll talk about that more in a few minutes. But first, let's stand and sing.

Song

Greatly to Be Praised

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

Slide: Big Idea

All together:

God can make us brave. (Repeat)

Video

Play lesson video.

Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- Gideon was just a _____ guy. (normal)
- Who made Gideon brave? (God)
- True or False: If we trust in God, he can't really make us brave. (F)

That's false, God can definitely make us brave if we trust in him! Even if we feel small and weak like Gideon. He didn't feel like he was extra special, which is why he thought God had made a mistake thinking he could lead an army to defeat the enemy. In fact, he thought it was so outrageous that he didn't believe that it was God asking him to do it. Sometimes we might feel the same way. Maybe at school you see the new kid sitting all alone at lunch and you know you should go sit with them but you're not sure what your friends will think. Or, you see someone being bullied at recess and you know you should stand up for the kid being attacked. It's hard to feel brave in those situations but God is with you and can help you to be brave!

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and read it together.

Slide: Memory Verse

"The angel (spread arms) of the Lord (point up) appeared to him and said (hands cup mouth), 'Mighty hero (flex arms), the Lord (point up) is with you (point out)!'" Judges 6:12 (Repeat)

Great job! God wanted Gideon to know that he wasn't alone. He was right there with him ready to help. Gideon trusted God and ended up defeating the enemy. We can be brave in our lives, too. The next time you feel scared or nervous about doing the right thing, remember that God is with you and you can be brave!

Song

No One Greater

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

Slide: Big Idea

God can make us brave. (Repeat)

Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and dismiss.