First Presbyterian Church Sarasota

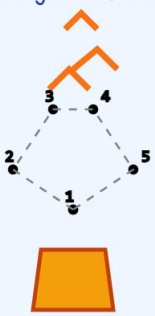
God's Surprising Plan!

July 20, 2025 | Based on Judges 7:1-8, 16-23

A Smaller Army?

Gideon gathered a huge army, but God said it was "too big!" God wanted to show that HE was the one winning the battle. After two funny tests, Gideon was left with only 300 men!

Connect the dots to find one of the strange weapons God gave Gideon's army!



A Silly Battle Plan

God's plan was very strange. He gave the 300 men a trumpet, a clay pot, and a torch. They snuck up to the enemy camp and on Gideon's signal, they blew the trumpets, smashed the pots, held up the torches, and shouted!

Draw a picture of Gideon's army surprising the enemy!

Decode the Secret Message!

Gideon had to trust God's plan. Use the key to decode today's important message!

A=Z	B=Y	C=X	...etc.

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Answer: TRUST GOD'S PLAN!

Big Power in a Small Package

Just like a small flashlight can be very powerful in the dark, God can use small, simple things to do amazing work. We don't have to be the biggest or strongest. We just have to be brave enough to do things God's way.

What's one "silly" or brave thing you can do for God this week? (Like telling the truth when it's hard, or being kind to someone who is mean).

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Today's Lesson:

God's plans might seem strange, but when we trust Him, He does amazing things!