

# WEEK 2

## SMALL GROUP GUIDE

# TAKE THE LEAD

## THE BIG IDEA

God gives me courage to lead.

## THE BIBLE

**Gideon:** Judges 7;  
(Psalm 20)

## QUESTIONS

- What kind of soldiers did God tell Gideon to keep?
- Why do you think God wanted Gideon to fight the Midianites with a small army rather than a large one?
- Which “weapons” did Gideon and his army use to defeat the enemy?
- Read Psalm 20:7-9. Why are we able to “rise up and stand firm?”
- What does courage look like to you? How can you tell if someone has it?
- In what areas of your life do you think you need more courage?
- Can you think of one way God might be nudging you to take the lead?

## ACTIVITY

Give each kid two [cotton candy cones](#). Instruct them to decorate one to be a [trumpet](#) by cutting off a little of the pointy end to create a mouthpiece, then bending the wider end into the shape of a horn. Instruct them to make the other cone into a [torch](#), by first smearing glue along the inside of the wider end, and sticking in different colored gift wrap tissue. You could have them paint both cones brown, then store their finished products in their own [mason jars](#).

Gideon and his army didn't fight the Midianites with the usual weapons – the Bible says they charged with trumpets, torches, and jars. Take these objects home with you to remind you that incredible things can happen when you trust God. Tell yourself this week: God gives me courage to lead.

## MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH: Micah 6:8 (NIV)

**And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.**

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