

STEP ONE: Watch the EC video at hillsideonline.com/kids

STEP TWO: Repeat the verse twice with the motions!

"God's way
(point up)

is perfect."
(two thumbs up)

2 Samuel 22:31
(open hands like a book)

STEP THREE: Have fun with the activity "Fewer and Fewer!"

What you need:

Spoons, stuffed animals, building blocks, or anything else you have a grouping of

What you do:

Sit with your child and place a large pile of items in front of them. As you review the Bible story, take away some of the items. Emphasize that they have fewer items now. Repeat the activity.

Say, "Our Bible story was about a man named Gideon. He was the leader of God's army, and he was leading them into battle. At first, Gideon had a large army. Let's pretend you are Gideon and these are your soldiers. Wow! Look at all of the soldiers you have! That's great!

Before Gideon went to battle, God told Gideon to make his army smaller. Let's take some of these soldiers away. Now Gideon has fewer soldiers. Before Gideon could go to battle, God told Gideon to make his army smaller...again! Can you give me another handful of your soldiers?

Now Gideon has even fewer soldiers. How was Gideon going to win the battle with a smaller army? Gideon had to decide if he would trust God and go God's way or not trust God and run away! Do you remember what Gideon did? *(Pause.)* Gideon trusted God, and he went God's way! And they won the battle!

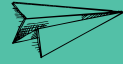
Sometimes, we won't understand how God's way will work, but we can always trust God because God's way is always perfect! **Whose way is perfect? God's way is perfect!"**

* the Bible story for this week is found in Judges 7:1-8

STEP FOUR: Pray together as a family!

"Dear God, thank You for this family. I pray that they will trust that Your way is perfect. I pray they will be brave enough to tell others that Your way is perfect. And I pray they will go Your way, even when they don't understand. Thank You for loving us and helping us go Your way. We love you, God. In Jesus' name, amen.

STEP FIVE: Draw a picture of a sword.



STEP SIX: Remind them that Gideon had to trust that God's way is perfect, even when he didn't understand what God was doing.