

# check it out!

#### "Special"

In order to soar high with God, you must know that you are special and that God has a plan for your life. God called Gideon to lead his people against a massive army. When the Angel of the Lord approached Gideon, Gideon didn't think he was good enough for the job. The fact is: we are not "good enough" for what God has for us to do. But with His strength and His power we can do great things for the Lord. If we know that we are "special" to God and that he has a great plan for us, then we can accomplish many things for Him.

### S.SPECIAL O. A. R.

# MAIN FOCUS

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### MAIN WORD

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### ORDER OF SERVICE

MAIN FOCUS

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#### COUNTDOWN VIDEO

5 min. Video

INTRO VIDEO

Piloi Pete

PHRAZE CRAZE

I AM SPECIAL TO GOD AND HE HAS A PLAN FOR MY LIFE

WORD DROP

Psalm 139:16

VINNIE BUDDAFINGA

"A Special Plane"

SERMON

"Am I Special?"

TIME BLASTER SKIT

"Gideon"

TIC TAC TOE

Review Game



### **Illustrated Sermon**

"Am I Special?"

Supplies Needed: A/C duct from hardware store, duct tape, Bubble to Ball Trick (sold at any magic store or online at <a href="https://www.gospelmagic.com">www.gospelmagic.com</a>)

#### Preparation:

Intro

Today we are learning that we are special to God and that He has a plan for us. Many of you don't think that you are special. There's a man in the Bible who felt the same way. His name is Gideon. And he didn't think God could use Him to do anything great. Gideon was used by God in a mighty way. But Gideon didn't realize how important he was to God.

#### Object Lesson 1

**Duct tape** 

Gideon was hiding from the Mideonites in a winepress and he was trying to get some food. The angel of the Lord approached him and called him a mighty warrior. You see, Gideon didn't know that God had a big plan for him. Gideon told the angel that he was the least in his family and how he thought that God could never use him. Gideon was kind of like this duct tape. Have you ever seen duct tape? Duct tape is used for all kids of things. (Talk about all the things you can do with it.) But do you know what duct tape was made for? It was made to seal ducts like this. (Take two ducts and start taping them together.) But people don't really use it for what it was made for. They use it for all kinds of other things. We must understand that God made us for a special purpose and we will never be happy until we are in His will, doing what He designed us to do.

#### Object Lesson 2

Bubble to glass trick

You know, when I start blowing these bubble I notice that they are beautiful for just a few seconds and then they're gone. (Start blowing bubbles) And then I'll blow some more and they pop (blow bubbles). God has a special purpose for your life, but some people have their own plans for their life that are different from God's plans. Like these bubbles, people try to find other ways to be happy but they only last a short time. You might try to make a lot of money (blow bubble). But money doesn't always last. You might try to get famous (blow bubbles). But fame doesn't always last. You might try to be the prettiest or the most handsome (blow bubbles). But we won't stay that way forever. We get old. There is only one thing that will bring you true peace and joy... God's will for you. His plan for you will last forever. (Produce glass ball from a bubble and show kids this bubble that does not pop). Whatever God calls you to do, do it with all your might. Don't ever give up. (Talk about different things call may call us to do)

Closing

You must understand that God loves you so much and has a plan for your life. Good plans..... Plans for you to do great things for Him. Are you special? Yes. Because God made you in His image and with a special plan.





## TIME BLASTER PUPPET SKIT

(The Time Blaster Skit can be used with a puppet or a live person. You can set the skit up as if you are bringing the character back from Bible times, as in a time machine)

"Hi kids. My name is Gideon. One day I was trying to thresh some wheat in an abandoned wine press when all of a sudden the Angel of the Lord came up to me and called me "mighty warrior". I looked around to see who the angel was talking to. Me? Mighty warrior? Yeah right! I mean, didn't he see that I was afraid of the enemy and I was hiding like a scared turtle? He told me that God was going to use me to defeat the Mideonites. I'm thinking, what? I'm the least in my family and our family is the weakest in our tribe. The angel said that God would be with me. That really surprised me because I never really thought of myself as very special or important. But I guess I am. So, get this..... something amazing happened next! Me and 300 other guys just defeated the biggest army....... the Mideonites! They had over 135,000 soldiers and we beat them! 300 against 3500! We didn't even have swords! Yeah! Well, I'll tell you what happened. All we had was a torch, a trumpet, and a jar. We surrounded the enemy's camp in the middle of the night. We kept our torches hidden in the jars. Then at the same time, we broke the jars, raised our torches, and blew our trumpets! God confused the Mideonites and they started fighting each other. It was awesome!

You see boys and girls, God can use you no matter who you are. I thought I was nothing and he used me. If he can do that with me, he can use YOU! If you're wondering "Am I special to God?" The answer is "YES". All of you are special to God.

Well, I got to go check out the plunder of the Mideonites. See you later, kids!"

#### **Review Questions**

- Did Gideon think highly of himself?
   Answer: No.
- What was the name of the army that was against Israel? Answer: The Mideonites
- What did the Angel of the Lord call Gideon?
   Answer: Mighty Warrior
- 4. What was Gideon doing when the angel came to him? Answer: Hiding in a winepress
- Did Gideon find out what God's plan was for his life? Answer: Yes
- Did God make us for a special purpose? Answer: Yes
- According to our verse, God saw us before we were

  Answer: Born
- 8. Can God use us even if we have made mistakes in our lives?
  Answer: Yes
- Should we judge ourselves and others by what we see on the outside? Answer: No
- Where is the Main Verse found?
   Answer: Psalm 139:16