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³³Now all the Midianites, Amalekites and other eastern peoples joined forces and crossed over the Jordan and camped in the Valley of Jezreel. ³⁴Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet, summoning the Abiezrites to follow him. ³⁵He sent messengers throughout Manasseh, calling them to arms, and also into Asher, Zebulun and Naphtali, so that they too went up to meet them.

³⁶Gideon said to God, “If you will save Israel by my hand as you have promised—³⁷look, I will place a wool fleece on the threshing floor. If there is dew only on the fleece and

all the ground is dry, then I will know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you said.” ³⁸And that is what happened. Gideon rose early the next day; he squeezed the fleece and wrung out the dew—a bowlful of water.

³⁹Then Gideon said to God, “Do not be angry with me. Let me make just one more request. Allow me one more test with the fleece. This time make the fleece dry and the ground covered with dew.” ⁴⁰That night God did so. Only the fleece was dry; all the ground was covered with dew.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) Why were the eastern people joining forces?
5		2.) Why did Gideon place a wool fleece on the floor?
5		3.) What happened to the fleece on the first night?
5		4.) Why do you think Gideon tested God twice?

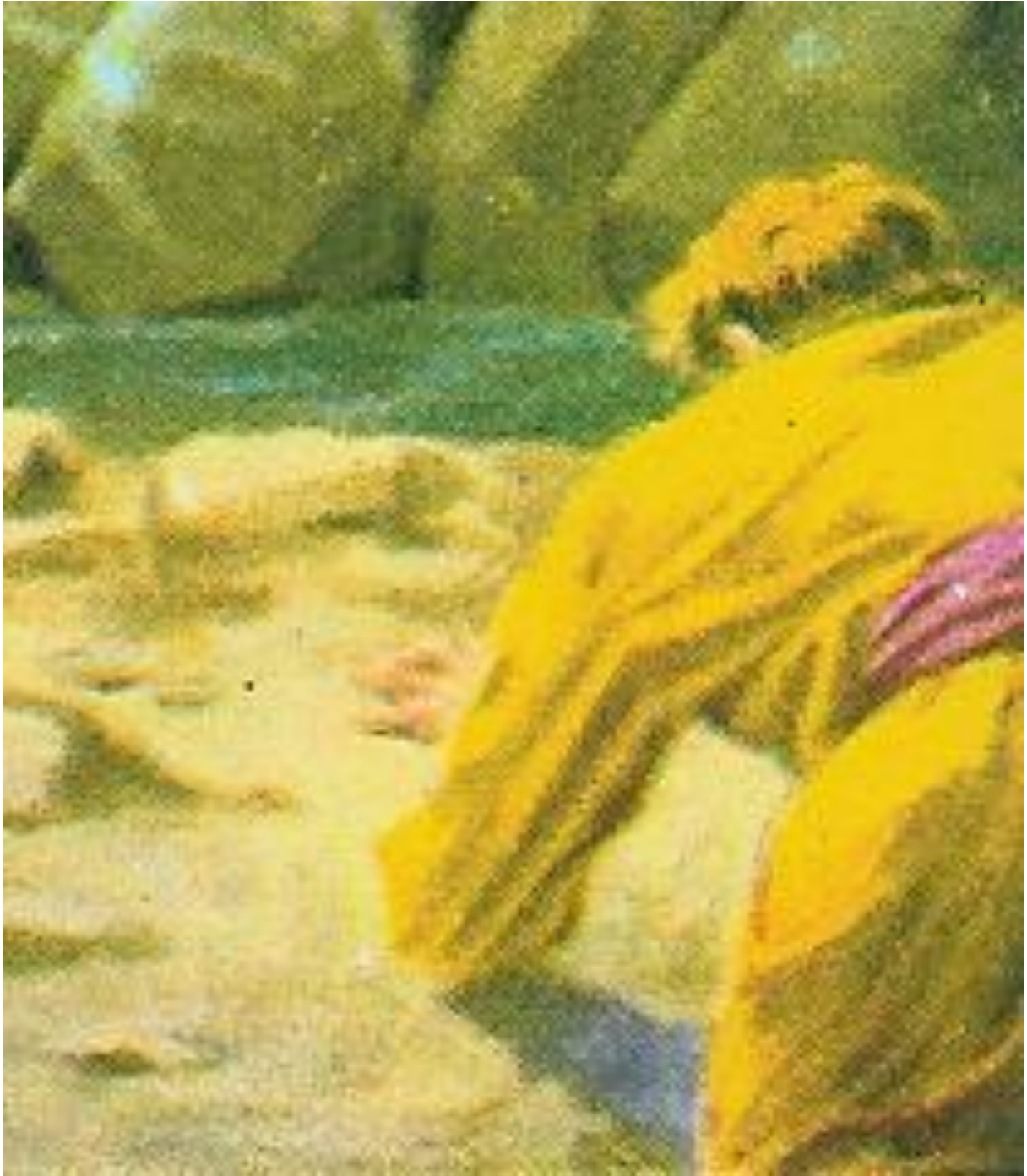
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Psalm 46:1</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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In the morning, the animal skin was wet and the ground was dry

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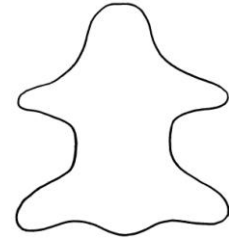
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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: FLEECES

Students will make fleeces to remind them that Gideon tested God to see if he truly was the man God wanted to use to save the Israelites.

MATERIALS

1. Tan 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Fleece Pattern
3. Scissors
4. Glue
5. Cotton Balls



DIRECTIONS

1. Copy a fleece pattern for each student onto 67 lb. cardstock.
2. Have students cut out the fleece pattern.
3. Let students crumble and recrumble the fleece pattern until it becomes soft like leather (at least 15-20 times)
4. Pass out a handful of cotton balls to each student.
5. Allow students to glue the cotton balls to the fleece pattern to make it look like wool.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are crumbling their “fleeces”, remind them that Gideon was unsure about God choosing him to save the Israelites. Later Gideon would see that God was with him when they went to battle. Help students realize that God does not call any of his children to do anything that He has not, or will not, prepare them for. Encourage them to rely on Him for their strength and refuge in good times and in times of trouble.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

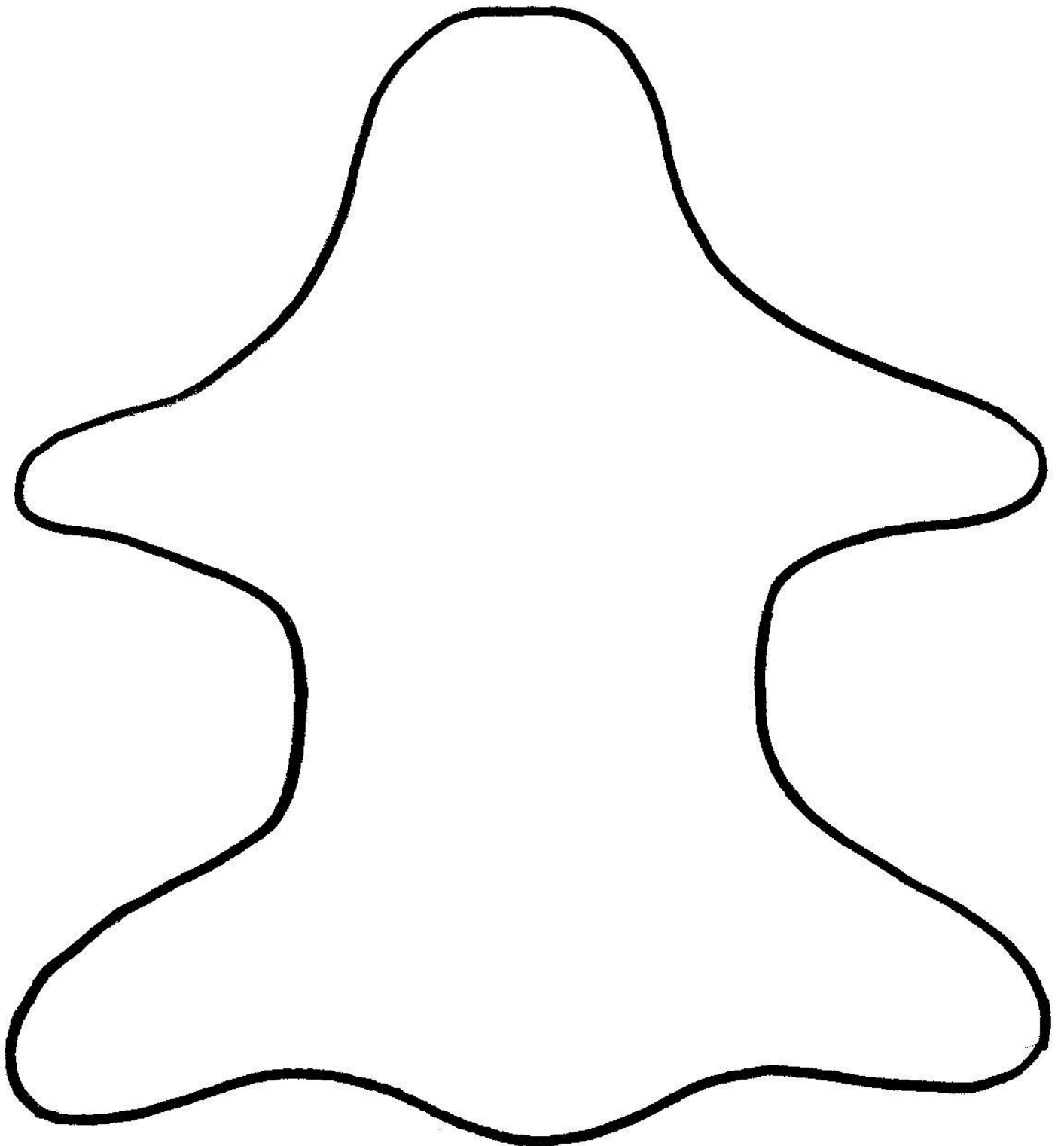
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FLEECE PATTERN



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God chose Gideon to save his people. This seemed like a hard thing to Gideon, but he did something that helped him trust in God.

In the word pairs below, one word has a letter that is not in the other word. Write the extra letters you find in the squares. They will spell three words that will tell you what Gideon did, and what you can do when you are facing a tough job.

1. You can find me in PINK but not in KIN.

1	2	3	4
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2. You can see me in DROP but not in POD.

5	6
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3. I'm right there in READ but not in RED.

7	8	9
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4. See me in YOWL but not in LOW.

5. Find me in THEN but not in HEN.

6. I am in COAT, but not in CAT.

7. Here I am in GEAR but not in ARE.

8. I'm found in BOAT but not in BAT.

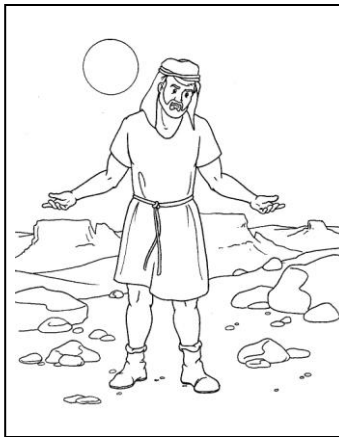
9. Now I'm in DONE but not in ONE.



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Last night, the Midianites and Amalekites were seen crossing over the Jordan river. They looked ready to fight! One source saw the Spirit of the Lord

coming upon Gideon. Gideon was also seen by another person blowing a trumpet and calling the troops together.

Gideon wanted to make sure that God was with him, so witnesses saw him put a wool fleece on the ground. It seemed strange to the onlookers, but it helped Gideon know for sure that God was with him. Once, the wool fleece was wet and the ground was dry. The next time the wool fleece was dry and the ground was wet!

God allowed Gideon to test Him twice. I don't know about you, but I believe Gideon has all the power he needs to take care of his enemies. For more on this story, read Judges 6:33-40 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. Why did the Midianites and Amalekites cross over the river?
2. Why did Gideon test God?
3. What did Gideon do with the wool fleece?
4. Why do you think God allowed Gideon to test Him?

MEMORY VERSE

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.”

Psalm 46:1

WORD SEARCH

N A N J I D K E B G
I Q D N O G B S R R
H O K G F E T V Y O
T H G F Z E H D R U
W E Z I T S E T D N
X O W Z D T O E W D
V H U Z A E C O I T
F L E E C E O U X Z
V N Q A G L Z N N U
T G O M O I A H A V

DRY
FLEECE
GIDEON
GOD
GROUND
TEST
WET
WOOL