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IDEAS FOR 9-12 YEAR OLDS

FEAR NOT ... FOR I AM WITH YOU (Isaiah 41v10)

There is a lot of material to do with WW1 in this pack and interviews with military personnel and their families that you could use. You will need to gauge what is suitable to show to the children according to their age and stage.

There are also several web based resources which have been developed specifically for the centenary including this one: military-research.co.uk/great-war and one from the BBC: bbc.co.uk/ww1

INTRO

You can use/adapt the intro and games section of the 5-8s material for this age group, using more of the main pack materials, along with the following additions:

If you have a computer and access to the internet in your church you could use a ready made quiz like this one: <http://www.kidzworld.com/quiz/5004-quiz-test-your-phobia-knowledge> or make your own multiple choice quiz up, with pictures.

Video: Even heroes have fears!

Show video clip of *Indiana Jones* – where he meets his fear – snakes!

(youtube.com/watch?v=Clwlj3x24Q4)*

BIBLE

Gideon (Judges 6 & 7)

Watch: 'Gideon Bible Story' (youtube.com/watch?v=ct7N6mn6gRE)*

Brave people in the bible had fears too. Lets read about one such man ... Judges 6 v 11-32

Q. What does the angel of the Lord call Gideon in Judges 6 v 12? *"The Lord is with you, mighty warrior."* Gideon was not a mighty warrior - he was a farmer! Maybe God had got the wrong person? Gideon clearly thinks so ... Judges 6 v 15: *"How can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest and I am the least in my family."*

Q. Be encouraged by the story of Gideon. If you are afraid, you are normal. You may feel afraid, weak and unimportant but God isn't necessarily looking for courageous people. He is looking for obedient people. So when God speaks, are you willing to obey Him and step out in faith?

Gideon wasn't a mighty warrior at first, but he became one because he did what God asked. His first task (Judges 6 v 25-27) was to tear down his Father's altar to Baal and we read that he was so afraid of his family and the men of the town, that he did it at night rather than in the daytime.

The church is remembering 100 years since WW1; sadly millions of lives have been lost in war. There is a time for war, and Gideon was God's man during a time of war. Some people are called to fight a physical war; you may never be asked to do that. However, God may be calling



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you to be a different kind of warrior – a peacemaker – to “war” against injustice. This takes great courage. You may have to overcome your fears in order to stand up for someone being bullied at school, to speak up when you see people being mean to others, to protect those weaker than yourself.

Q. How are you going to be a peacemaker? How will you help develop a sense of wellbeing and harmony in your own life? What social problems move you to want to make a difference? Remember, even when you feel like you're the last person in the world who is cut out to be a peacemaker, think about Gideon's story and God's promise of peace, strength, and courage.

PRAYER

Gideon built an altar to God and he called it “Yahweh-shalom” which means God is peace (Judges 6 v 24). Lets pray right now to the God of Peace that you will, like Gideon, know what it is He wants you to do for Him in your families, in your school, in your church, in everything you do and remember ...

Do not fear for He is with you

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