

LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

When I play, I can remember if I trust God, it will be okay.

OBJECTIVE:

Kids will ask God to help them with something that makes them feel “stretched.”

KEY PASSAGE:

Judges 6:36-40 and Judges 7:19-22, Gideon

MEMORY VERSE:

“You are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of it.” 1 Corinthians 12:27 (NirV)

SUMMARY:

The slinky is a fun toy to play with because you can stretch it out really far and when you let it go it will come right back together. People, however don't like to feel stretched out or feel like they're being asked to do more than they can handle. That's exactly how Gideon felt when God asked him to lead an army and then told him he had to make his army even smaller before the battle! But Gideon trusted God, and did things God's way and God helped Gideon win in an amazing way.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for being there when we feel all stretched out.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

MEMORY VERSE

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." 1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV)

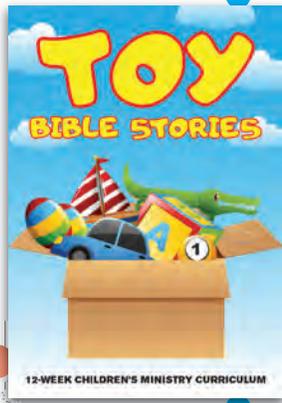
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LARGE GROUP:

Read the verse in a normal speed with the kids. Then read it super slow. Then read it super fast!

SMALL GROUP:

Have the kids sing the memory verse in the style of their favorite pop/rock singer.



MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

Toy Bible Stories 3

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: SLINKY



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

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HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

If you have a Slinky in the house, take some time to play with it this week with your kids. Ask your kids how they know they can trust God when they feel stretched.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Why did Gideon test God when God asked him to save Israel?
- How did God stretch Gideon and then give him victory?
- How can we trust God when we feel stretched?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

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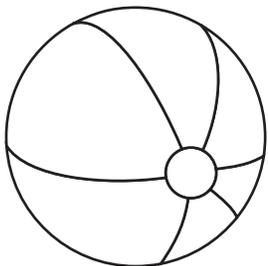
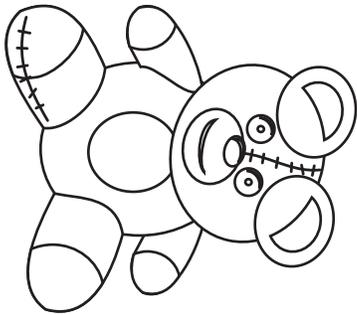
PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

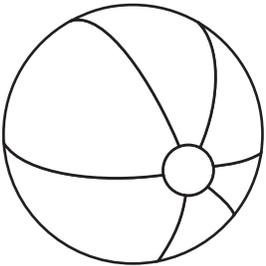
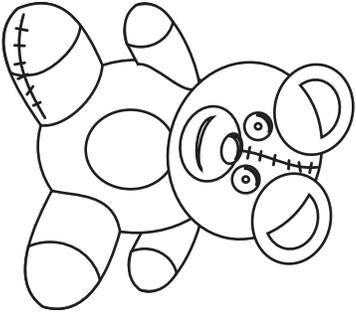
Are you feeling "stretched"? Are there situations at work or elsewhere that have stressed you to your limit? Get on your knees this week and give that frustration to God. Trust him, and know that in the end, God will make all things work out for the best.

CRAFT ACTIVITY

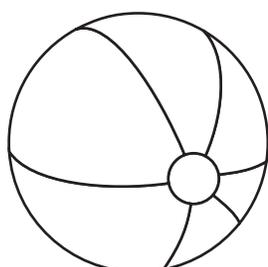
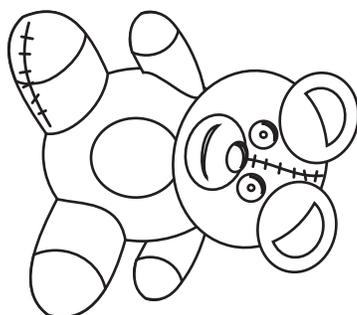
Have the kids create a mini-Slinky by coiling up colored pipe cleaners.



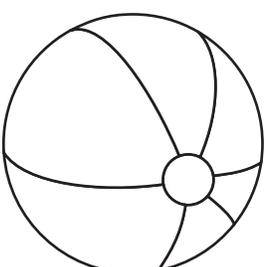
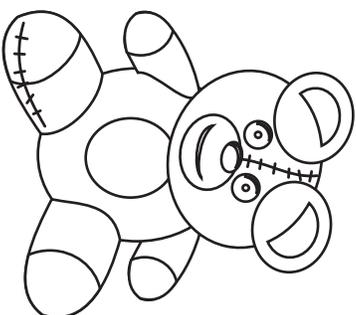
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