

LEADER GUIDE

DESCRIPTION



**SuperTruth:**

With God I can do great things.

**Superverse:** Judges 6:12 (niv)

*When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior."*

**Scripture:**

Judges 6–7

### Prep Material:

- Bibles (ESV)
- Sticky Notes
- Gideon Superbook Videos:
  - There are two ways to watch this week's video:
    - Superbook Academy - [Click Here](#) - Enter Code **Psalm91**
      - The place where you enter the code is under "Guest Access" at the bottom of the screen. Enter the code where it says password.
- Feel free to use the craft or other activities before/after the lesson or during the week.

### Scripture Read (Optional)

Families get an ESV Bible and have kids find the following passages (Judges 6-7) in the Bible using the concordance and placing a sticky note by each reference. Once the scripture references are all found, have each member of the family read the story (If kiddo can't read the story have an adult read).

\*During DB kids services we have kids read the Bible because we desire to have them know what scripture says first before engaging in our Superbook Adventure. Remember the Superbook is someone's interpretation of Scripture, and can spur discussion\*

### Introduction

Welcome back for the last lesson of our *Superbook adventure*, "Gideon." For those of you who were here last time, why did the Israelites need God's help so badly? *Their enemies took all of their crops, food, and animals. Their aries outnumbered Israel's army.*

Why was Gideon such an unlikely choice to be the leader of Israel's army? *He was not confident in himself. He was the youngest in his family, and from the smallest tribe of Israel.*

Gideon was about to find out that with God he could do great things. And with God, we can do great things, too!

Before going a little further though, let's dig into our Supertruth.

### Review SuperTruth

Today's SuperTruth says, "**With God I can do great things.**"

Say the first part, "**With God**"...

and then have the child say the second part "**I can do great things.** (Repeat)

Let's now watch a short version of the video titled "Gideon." If you've already seen it, I want you to pay attention to what the Isrealites wanted Gideon to do after they won? Also, how did Gideon answer them?

### Watch: Condensed Bible Story

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## Family Discussion

Questions:

- *Why do you think Gideon needed so many signs that God wanted him to lead Israel's army?*
- *Have you ever doubted yourself and felt you weren't capable of doing something you were asked to do?*

God can give us the victory over doubt and fear; all we need to do is put our trust in Him!

Now let's watch our Bible Background Video and learn about the world in the time of Gideon. When Gizmo asks a question in the video, wait for him to suggest some answers, then call out the one you think is right!

## Watch: Bible Background Video

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## Watch: Signpost Video

The Bible is full of so many truths and it is so cool to see how stories in the Old Testament can have symbolic value to God's redemption plan in the New Testament. Can you guess how the story of Gideon points to Jesus?

Let's watch our Signpost Video and find out.

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## Teaching/Conclusion:

Let's say our Supertruth again: "**With God I can do great things.**"

I want you to remember three things today

- 1) Our Identity is in Jesus
- 2) Jesus is the King & Judge
- 3) Saved by faith

- **Our Identity is in Jesus**

Gideon did not think of himself as strong at all. He saw himself as unimportant and a member of the smallest tribe of Israel. Yet God saw Gideon as a mighty warrior who would lead Israel into battle!

The Apostle Paul reminds us in Philippians 4:13, that "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens men." Why do you think the apostle Paul gave us this reminder? [Because we may sometimes forget that Christ is the one who gets the ultimate credit](#)

Should we place our identity in how we view ourselves or how Jesus views us? [Jesus](#)

Just remember, when you maybe forget your identity in Christ, He has not forgotten you and will always be there with you.

- **Jesus is the King & Judge**

After Gideon and his tiny army defeated the Midianites in battle, the Israelites wanted to make Gideon their king. Did he agree (Hint Judges 8:22-23)? [No, Gideon refused to be their king.](#)

He told the people that the Lord was their only ruler. Gideon knew that his victory came only by God and he would not take the glory or credit! Gideon knew he was not a king, but just put in place by God for that time to save the people.

After Jesus performed a great miracle, what did a crowd want to do to him (Hint John 6:15)? [To make Jesus their king to rule over them on this physical earth.](#)

Jesus is the King, but this was not yet Jesus' time to rule. He understood that He would not be an ordinary king with an earthly kingdom. He knew God's plan was for Him to die on the cross for our sins, then rise from the dead to give us new life and reign as the King of kings in heaven forever!

The Hebrew word for judge also means defender and savior. Jesus is a righteous judge; our Defender and Savior! Jesus said He came to judge the world and give sight to the blind. Jesus was not only talking about seeing with our physical eyes, but also with our spiritual sight—seeing and believing the truth that He is the one and only Savior of the world!

- **Saved by Faith**

God reduced Gideon's army from 32,000 to 10,000, and then to only to how many (Hint Judges 7:8? [300 men](#))

God did this so Israel would not be able to boast that their victory came by their own ability and power. He wanted them to know that victory came only by His power and might!

This part of the story reminds us that there is nothing we can do to save ourselves. Salvation is not a reward for our good deeds or our great accomplishments. Salvation is a gift from God, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, who gives us the victory! We cannot take the credit; we don't earn it or deserve it, so there is nothing for us to brag about! It is only by God's mercy and grace! Jesus did all the work for us. All we need to do is believe and trust in Him like Gideon!

God saw Gideon differently than Gideon saw himself. God saw that Gideon had the potential to be mighty when he allowed God's power to work through him. It is the same with us. In Jesus, we are made new—we are His masterpiece—created to do the great works that He planned for us to do! We are weak. We make mistakes. We disobey God. But when we ask His forgiveness and trust in Him, Jesus' strength works in our weakness. Because of this, we can accomplish great things for God!

The SuperTruth today is: "**With God I can do great things..**"

## SCRIPTURE SWORD CHALLENGE



### 30 VERSES IN ONE YEAR

For every **two verses** memorized, kids will get a pin for their dbKid's hat!  
**2 verses** = 1 pin | **20 verses** = Gold Armor of God pin | **30 verses** = Special Prize

Go to [www.dbkids.org](http://www.dbkids.org) to get the complete list for the dbKids Elementary Scripture Sword Challenge list for the 2020-2021 year (It will be posted August 16). Remember to grab your initial dbKids hat at Church on the weekend or throughout the week (beginning August 22). A replacement hat will cost \$10 each. Kids can say the verse to dbKids Elementary coordinators every Sunday via Zoom every week (30 min block window) in order to get the pins for their hats. See dbKids website for times and for more information.

Practice the verse at home or life group by using a whiteboard and wiping away words and repeating the scripture until all the words are erased. (Tip: Make hand motions for younger kids)

Our SuperVerse for **Gideon** is **Judges 6:12 (NIV)jk**

“When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, “The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.”

Our August verse for **August** is **Exodus 20:3-4a (ESV)**

“You shall have no other gods before me. “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

## Prayer & Send Off

Ask for several praises & prayer requests. Explain that a praise is something we are thankful God has done and want to give him glory for, and a prayer request is asking God to help with a problem.

**Dear God, may I remember that you are the one who does the work in our lives and that I can trust You. Also dear God we want to pray for... and praise you for... In Jesus' name, Amen.**



## OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Gideon Extra Game - SOLDIER
- Gideon Bumble Jumble & Answers
- Gideon Coloring Prompt
- Gideon Flip Book
- Gideon Stem Activity

## EXTRA GAME - SOLDIER

- Whiteboard and marker, or chalkboard and chalk to keep score
- Bed sheet or two large towels, preferably blue or green
- Crayons or washable markers
- 30 sheets of paper—can be scrap paper
- Scissors for the teacher
- Medium-size box or container

Cut each sheet of paper in half horizontally to make 60 sheets.

Place or tape a mark near one end of the room as a starting line.

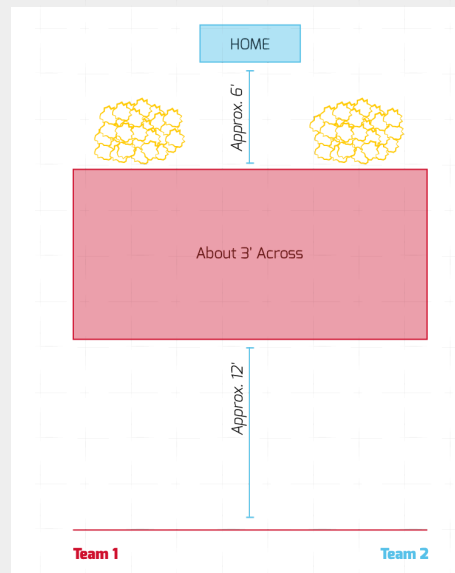
Place the bed sheet or towels on the floor and stretch across the width of the game area,

approximately 12 feet from the mark. See illustration.

Roll or fold the sheet vertically so about a 3 foot length remains as a “stream” to jump across.

Write “Home” in large letters on the front of the box.

Place the box on the floor approximately 6 feet from the sheet (stream).



Gideon gathered an army of 32,000 men. Let's read what happened next.



## Read Judges 7:2–8a:

*The Lord said to Gideon, "You have too many warriors with you. If I let all of you fight the Midianites, the Israelites will boast to Me that they saved themselves by their own strength. Therefore, tell the people, 'Whoever is timid or afraid may leave this mountain and go home.'" So 22,000 of them went home, leaving only 10,000 who were willing to fight. But the Lord told Gideon, "There are still too many! Bring them down to the spring, and I will test them to determine who will go with you and who will not." When Gideon took his warriors down to the water, the Lord told him, "Divide the men into two groups. In one group put all those who cup water in their hands and lap it up with their tongues like dogs. In the other group put all those who kneel down and drink with their mouths in the stream." Only 300 of the men drank from their hands. All the others got down on their knees and drank with their mouths in the stream. The Lord told Gideon, "With these 300 men I will rescue you and give you victory over the Midianites. Send all the others home." So Gideon collected the provisions and rams' horns of the other warriors and sent them home. But he kept the 300 men with him.*

**This is what our game is about—to send soldiers home and reduce Gideon's army to the number that God wanted—300!**

Divide the children into two teams; they do not need to be exactly even. Give each team 10 sheets of paper plus crayons or markers. Have each team draw a small soldier on all ten pieces of paper. They should then fold each sheet in half to hide the soldier, then crumple the pages into paper balls.

Next, give 20 sheets of paper to each team; they should fold the blank sheets in half, then crumple them into balls. Have each team mix up all 30 of their paper balls and place them on the other side of the stream, opposite the starting mark. Each team must have a separate pile!

**Each paper that you drew a soldier on represents 30 soldiers;  $30 \times 10 = 300$ . The 20 blank balls represent the soldiers that Gideon sent home after the men took God's test at the stream. You must find all of the soldiers who didn't pass God's test and send them home as quickly as possible!**

Have the teams stand behind the starting mark. Both teams play at the same time. The first player from each team walks quickly to the stream and jumps over it to get to their team's soldiers. Each player will then open the balls one by one until finding a blank one. Important: each ball with a soldier on it must be crumpled up again and placed back in the pile before the player may open another ball.

Once a blank ball is found, the player throws it into the "Home" box—or walks to the box and drops it in. The player then jumps back over the stream to return to their team, and the next player repeats the process. The first team to send 20 "soldiers" home and have only 10 left wins!

Notes:

- To make the game go faster, players may set aside each soldier they find so other players will not open them.
- For children with special needs, you may walk them through the stream instead of jumping over—simply say that the stream is very shallow at that point! Adjust all distances to fit your classroom size and to accommodate the children's ages and abilities.

**Conclusion: Congratulations on reducing Gideon's army to the correct number! God wanted the Israelites to know beyond any doubt that their victory was by His strength, not their own! God was the reason they could do great things! God wants us to know that He is our source of strength to accomplish great things! Let's shout our SuperVerse. Philippians 4:13:**

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

# GIZMO'S

## BUMBLE JUMBLE

Help "Bee Gizmo" unscramble these words.

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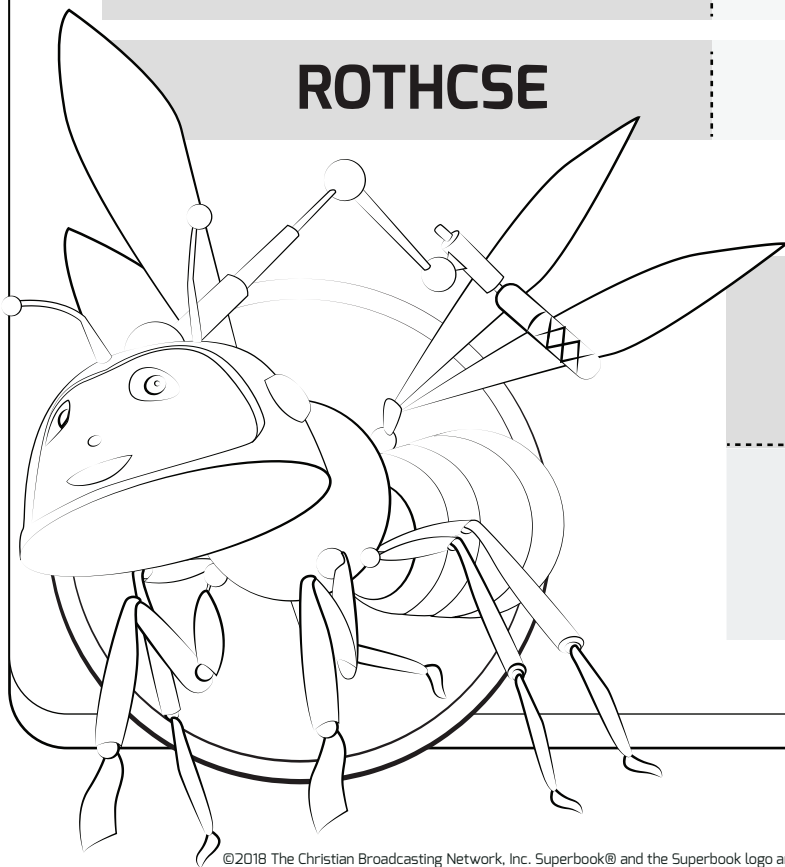
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## BUMBLE JUMBLE

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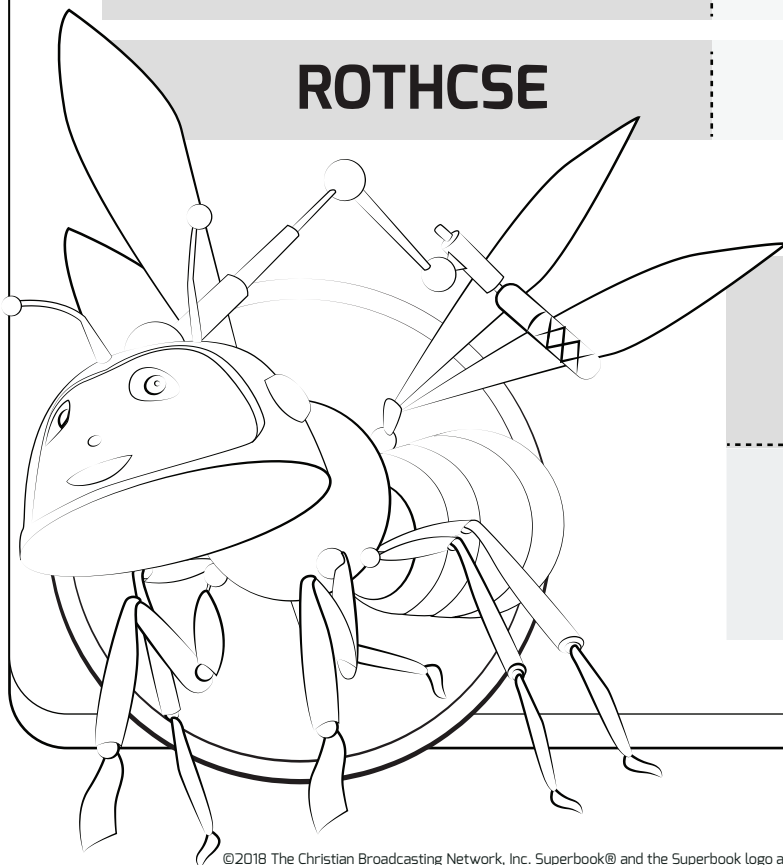
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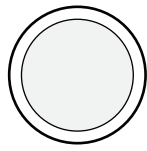
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**Draw the torch and pitchers that God instructed  
Gideon's army to use to confuse the Midianites.**

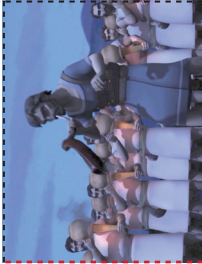
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**FLIPBOOK**

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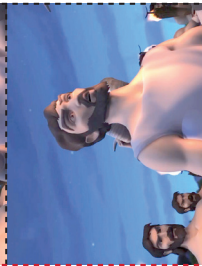
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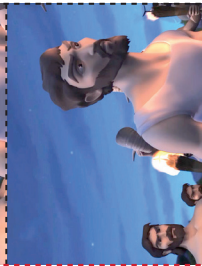
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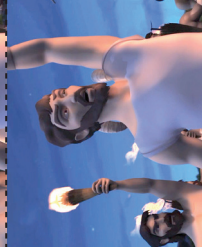
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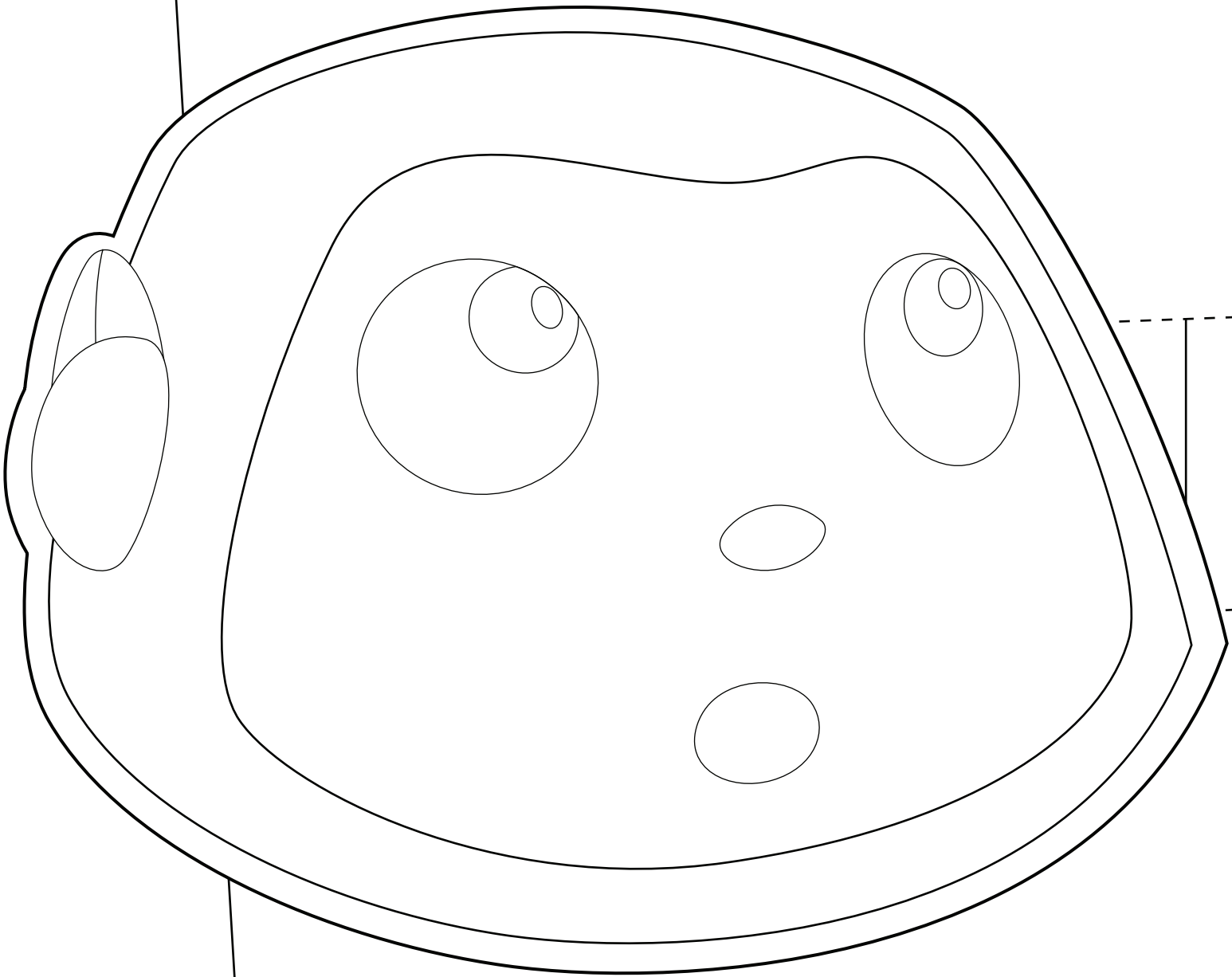


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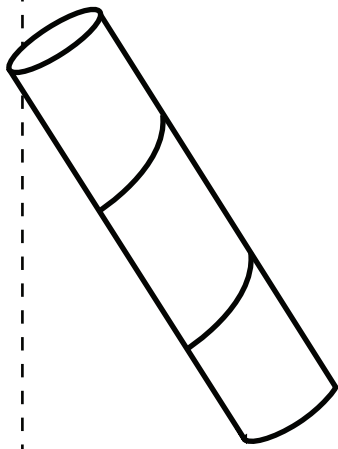


**STEM ACTIVITY**

# WHAT YOU NEED

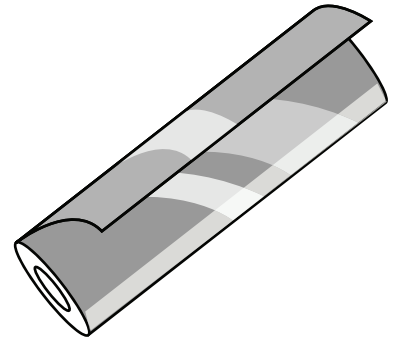
## PAPER TOWEL TUBE

Or you can make a roll out of cardstock.



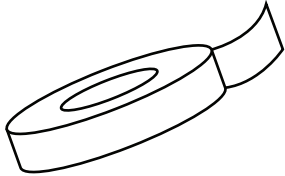
## ALUMINUM FOIL

You'll need a sheet about the size of printing paper.



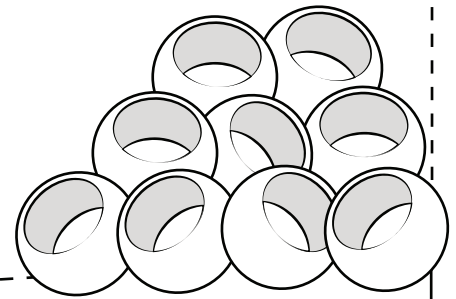
## TAPE

Packaging or duct tape works best.



## CRAFT BEADS OR DRIED BEANS

Many different things can be used.  
Just make sure that it's small and safe for kids.



# DIRECTIONS

## STEP 1

Tape one end of the paper towel tube shut. Scrunch up the aluminum foil into about the length of the tube. Pour your beads or beans into the tube, then slide the aluminum foil on top.

## STEP 2

Tape the other side of the tube shut; then decorate the rainstick with construction paper, crayons and any other art supplies.

## STEP 3

Slowly turn the rain stick upside down. Alternate to make the sound of rain.

## MIMICKING SOUND

A foley artist is someone who uses everyday items to recreate the natural ambient sounds for film and TV. Our everyday objects make a sound that sounds like rain. What are some different ways you could make storm sounds?

