

# Growing Together

**Bible Story**  
Gideon chooses men for battle (Judges 7:1-8).

**Gideon 12:**  
God helps us make wise choices.

**Bible Verse**  
“Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take”  
(Proverbs 3:6).

## In Touch

Today your child learned how God can help us make wise choices. The children learned that God already knows the right choices to make and he'll help us make good decisions. Use these activities this week to encourage your child to ask for God's help in decision making.

### Hot Potato

For dinner, have a hot-potato bar. Let kids help in the preparation by scrubbing raw potatoes and grating different cheeses. While the potatoes are baking, set out a variety of toppings, including cheese, sour cream, bacon bits, and onions. Then set out a few unusual toppings such as brown sugar, peanut butter, cinnamon, and candy sprinkles. Let family members top their own potatoes with the ingredients of their choice. Discuss how some of the choices were obviously “off the wall,” while others were good. Remind your child that when there are lots of choices, God can help us choose wisely.

### Take a Hike

Go for a family hike in a local park or wooded recreational area. As you walk along, offer each other choices such as “Do you want to turn left or right?” and “Shall we jog or skip?” Allow each family member to make at least one choice during your outing. When you're on your way home, talk about your choices. Point out that poor choices can cause us to go down the wrong path in life, but good choices keep us on the road to God.

### “Chews” for Me

Gather magazines, scissors, glue, and two paper plates. Then settle in a cozy corner with your child, and have fun creating a meal for the other person. Cut food pictures from magazines, and glue them on the plates. Don't ask the other person what to choose—make those choices for him or her! (It's especially fun if you try to keep your plates a secret.) When you've finished “cooking,” swap plates. Then talk about the choices. Ask: “Were these foods you'd have chosen? Why is it hard to choose for someone else? Who knows best which choices are right for us?”

### Family Poster

Make it a joyous family choice to follow God. Using a sheet of poster board and markers, create a family poster with Joshua 24:15 written in the center: “Choose today whom you will serve...As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.” Have the entire family join in decorating the poster. Use sequins, markers, glitter, buttons, ribbons, and other decorations. Then have each family member sign his or her name on the poster.