Open with Play Time

Welcome each Kid-O into the room as they arrive. Help them find a toy or game to encourage engagement during play time.

__:20 Music & Worship: Pick a song

Have Kid-Os use scarves, ribbons, or instruments as you lead them in singing. Encourage the Kid-Os to use their hands, feet, and voices as they worship God!

___:25 Group Time

Follow the Group Time Guide on the next page.

__:35 Coloring

Hand out the Bible story coloring sheets and coloring utensils. Encourage the Kid-Os to color a picture to take home!

End with Play Time

Allow the Kid-Os to play or color until they are picked up. Before each Kid-O leaves match their name tag to the grown-up's security tag.

Group Time Guide

Supplies Needed: None

1. Circle Up

Circle Up: Have all Kid-Os sit in one section of the room for story time.

2. Bible Story: Judges

Do This: Read through the Bible Story at least one time. If Kid-Os are engaged, feel free to read it a second time.

3. Hands-On Option: Don't Give Up!

Say This: God wanted to help His people follow Him! So, He sent them many judges like Deborah, Gideon, and Samson, who would help show people how to follow God. Sometimes they did a good job, and other times they messed up - but no matter what, God never gave up on them! And guess what! When we mess up, God never gives up on us either! He always provides a way for us to follow Him again! Let's practice doing some hard things and then reminding ourselves that God never gives up on us!

Do This: Give "movement" commands to the kids sequentially (i.e. give one command, then give the first command again followed by the second command and have the kids do one after the other). As the list grows longer, the kids will have trouble remembering all the movements as they act them out. Once you get to 3-4 movements, stop and say "Uh oh! We messed up! But that's okay because God never gives up on us! Let's try again!" Repeat as desired.

Movements Options: Prayer Hands (to pray like Deborah), Dance (to worship like Deborah), pretend to Blow on a Trumpet (like Gideon), Run in place (like the Midianites running away), Strong Arms (to be strong like Samson), make a Sad Face (for when people disobeyed God), make a Happy Face (for when people obeyed God). Feel free to also use other fun movements like Spinning, Jumping, Touching Head/Knees/Toes, etc!

The Point: God will never give up on me!

4. Prayer

Do This: Pray! "Dear God, we love you. Thank you for loving us. Help us remember that you never give up on us. Amen."