

Week 1

Theme : Betsy King – God’s love is the best prize!

Opening prayer : Stand in a circle, one arm in, hand on hand as teams do before a match as an encouragement and motivator. Pray for the Kingsquad and for the session. On Amen, children all raise their arm out of the circle and shout “Amen” as arms go over their head.

Games : Pitch and putt. *You need a ping pong ball, toy golf club, cone (tee) and target markers.* From a start line, children try to score points by putting the ping pong ball to different target markers. Have the highest scoring mark near the children rather than far away as they will need more discipline to control the ball to a nearer marker.

Torch tag. *You need several working torches, blindfolds.* . Select some children to be torch bearers (as many as you have torches) and blindfold them. Other children run around . When leader calls FREEZE, blindfolded children aim torchlight . Any child caught in the torch light is out. If there is time, swap torch bearers.

Memory verse : Hebrews 13: 16a *“Do not forget to do good and to help one another.”* Divide the verse into parts on paper then roll up paper into a ball. On Go, one person goes to pile of paper balls and, using the golf club, putts it back to team, returns to team and tags next player. Once all the paper balls are back with team, unfold paper balls to read memory verse. Put more than one word on a section.

Introduction : From profile pack, tell Betsy King’s story.

Story : There is a powerplay in the resources section based on Judges 7 – *Gideon and the Midianites.*

Application : Talk to the children about Sports Day. How many of them have taken part in races and won ? What about those who took part and didn’t win ? Did they feel they had achieved any less ? The chances are they felt that if they didn’t win, they lost, no matter how close they were. But Betsy King’s life story and Gideon’s experiences show us that if you have God on your side, you are always on the winning side. Winning doesn’t mean having the largest, strongest army or winning the most valuable prize, true winning is the knowledge that God loves you no matter what.

Prayer: Bunker Prayers. Continuing our golf theme, prepare a couple of trays of sand. Make some little triangular flags and thread a cocktail stick through them. Children write their prayers on the flags and place them in the sand.

Game: Finish with a favourite Kingsquad game. ...Head it, Catch it, King Pin etc....

Song: *“You’re the one for me.”* Spring Harvest Kid’s Praise Party 2

Resources : Powerplay, Profile of Betsy King in profile pack, fun sheet.

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Gideon Powerplay

The children of Israel had settled in the land of Canaan. They began to worship idols that the people of Canaan served. Because of their disobedience, God *** allowed the Midianites *** to treat them badly. God *** sent an angel *** to a man named Gideon ***. The angel *** told Gideon *** that God *** had chosen him to deliver the Israelites. Gideon *** was not sure this was true and asked God *** for signs or miracles to prove that God *** was really with him.

Gideon *** started out with an army *** of 32,000 *** men. God *** said to tell all who were afraid to go home. 22,000 *** left ! The next test was to have the remaining men get a drink of water. Some of his army *** got down on their knees and put their faces in the water. These were rejected. Some of his army *** took water in their hands and lapped it out of their hands as a dog laps water. These were chosen. There were 300 *** of them. What a small army *** ! God *** did not want them to think they had won the battle all by themselves.

Gideon *** and his small army *** surrounded the Midianite *** army *** which was down in a valley. Each man had a trumpet *** in his right hand and a pitcher with a lighted torch in his left hand. When Gideon *** gave the signal, each man blew on the trumpet *** , broke the pitcher to let the torch shine, and shouted, "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon ***!

The Midianites *** thought they were surrounded by a huge army *** and became so confused that they killed one another. Gideon *** , with God's help, had won the battle with 300 *** men.

God – *point to heaven.*

Midianites – *hold up fist, grimace and growl GRRRRR*

Angel – *draw imaginary halo on head and say, "Ting!"*

Gideon – *"That's me !"*

Army – *marching*

Trumpets – *mime trumpet and toot !*

Numbers (32,000, 22,000, 300) – *count on fingers.*

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O S I K O R P H A H
W E F E J A R S P N
H T D L Z B T D A H
E I O Q E E O D L W
G L D N P E R F T P
D E N M G O C L A Y
K A U C J U H E R O
B R O K E C E D E W
T S R J D H S S T W
U I G R N S D Z A R
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S I B M F A H Y X G
D F H B B K R T A D

“Do not forget to
do good and to
help one another.

Hebrews 13:16a

Word List

ALTAR	LAP
ANGEL	LORD
BAAL	MIDIAN
BROKE	ORPHAH
DEW	SHOUT
DRY	SWORD
FLED	TONGUES
FLEECE	TORCHES
GIDEON	TRUMPETS
GROUND	WATER
HANDS	
ISRAELITES	
JARS	
JORDAN	



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