Hidden Figures Activity

Prepare Ahead of Time

Cut out the pictures of Gideon threshing in the winepress, and the Israelites hiding in the mountains at the bottom of this page. Hide the pictures in the classroom. For a group with children of mixed ages, make one picture easier and one harder to find.

New Church Concept
Hiding in Caves

They hid themselves in **caves...**signifies truths and goods destroyed by evils of life and falsities therefrom. See *Apocalypse Explained* 410

The story of Gideon starts as two groups of people are hiding. One man is hiding alone. He is called Gideon. Other people are hiding in groups. They are the Israelites. Hide pictures of Gideon and the Israelites in the room and invite children to find them.

Direct children to find the pictures. Give clues such as "warmer", "colder" if needed. When both pictures are found, gather students.

Let's look at the pictures. What is Gideon doing? (threshing wheat in a wine-press) Where do you think the Israelites are hiding? (in a cave high up in the mountains) How do Gideon and the Israelites feel? (they are afraid)

Let's find out why Gideon and the Israelites are afraid. As I read, listen carefully for two things:

- Why were Gideon and the Israelites hiding?
- Who were Gideon and the Israelites hiding from?

Stop and ask these questions again after reading Judges 6:1-6, and again after reading Judges 6:11-24 from the next page.

Gideon & Israelites





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