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Gideon’s tiny army faced a battle that seemed impossible. Three hundred warriors faced an enemy force of thousands, perhaps even hundreds of thousands. But the Lord was with Gideon and promised He would bring victory.

Try doing an “impossible” task—going *through* a sheet of paper! *Allow students to struggle on their own before telling them how to do this.*

(To see how this works, watch a video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=71bzxv0032s.)



Materials Needed

a piece of scrap paper (8 ½” x 11” or A4 size)
scissors

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Directions

1. Have you ever struggled with an “impossible” task? How did things work out?
2. We’re going to attempt an “impossible” task. (Give each student a piece of scrap paper.) Your task is to put your entire body through the piece of paper.
3. Have scissors available for students to use if they choose. *Do not give away the strategy.* Let students struggle to find a solution. (If a student has done this before, encourage them not to give the answer away until others have had time to think it through.)
4. When students are ready to give up, show them how they can do it, using the directions on the following page.
5. The Lord said that “nothing will be impossible” (Matthew 17:20). What do you think He meant by that?
6. The Lord also said, “with God, all things are possible” (Matthew 19:26). What kinds of things are possible with the Lord?

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Diagram 1

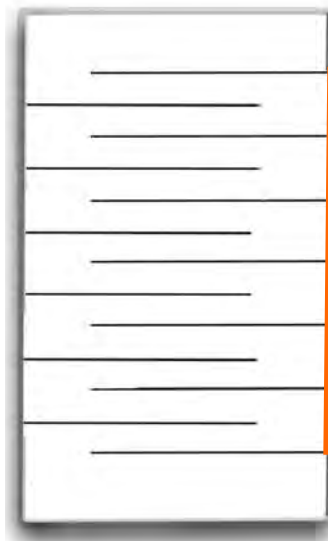


Diagram 2

1. Start by folding the paper in half along the long side.
2. Using scissors, from the open edge of the paper make straight cuts approximately 1” (3cm) apart cutting towards the fold but leaving the paper uncut 1” from the fold (where the orange line is). (See Diagram 1)
3. Turn the paper so the folded edge is towards you. Cut between the previous cuts, leaving 1” at the open edge of the paper. (See Diagram 2)
4. Now snip the paper on the middle of the fold on the orange line between the end cuts. Beware! **DO NOT CUT the folds at the two ends!** If you do, you will not be able to go “through” the paper!
5. Once the folds are cut, open the paper out into a circle. It should now be large enough to step through.