Mirror Image—Wet and Dry (Ages 7-10)

Gideon asked the Lord for a sign that the Israelites would be victorious over their enemies. He put out a fleece on two nights. After the first night there was dew on the fleece but the ground was dry. After the second night, the ground was wet with dew but the fleece was completely dry. Students will create a mirror-image picture of what happened during these two nights.



1. Have you been out early in the morning and seen drops of water on the grass when there has been no rain? If a toy or tool was left out on the ground it will be wet too. This wetness is called dew. Dew doesn't always happen, but when it does the ground and everything on it gets wet.
2. Gideon asked the Lord for a sign that He would give Gideon victory in battle. He first asked that dew cover the fleece, but that the ground be dry. The following night he asked that the fleece be dry and the ground around it be wet. We're going to make a two-sided picture to show the miracles the Lord did each night.
3. Hand out supplies (see above right). Have students fold the *Ground for Fleece* (p. 2) along the black line. Starting in the center of the fleece shape, poke the scissors through both pages. Cut out the fleece shape.
4. Unfold the *Ground for Fleece* page. It should have a fleece-shaped hole on each side of the black line. Tape a piece of white felt or white paper to the back of each hole so the "fleece" shows on the picture side of the paper.
5. Now we are ready to add the dew! Squeeze some white glue into a lid or onto a paper plate. Add a drop of blue paint or blue food coloring and mix it into the glue using a cotton bud (e.g. Q-tip).
6. Create the dew by dipping the end of a cotton bud into the blue glue. On one side of your page make blue glue dots *only* on the fleece to show what happened on the first night Gideon put out the fleece.
7. On the other side of the page make blue dots *only* on the ground to show what happened on the second night Gideon put out the fleece.

Materials Needed

copy of Ground for Fleece p. 2 for each student, white felt or paper, white glue, blue paint or food coloring, lids or paper plates for mixing, cotton buds (e.g. Q-tips), tape, scissors

Prepare in Advance

Print copies of *Ground for Fleece* for each student. Cut pieces of white felt or paper into rectangles of at least 4.5" x 3" (12cm x 8cm). Each student will need two white rectangles. Gather other supplies.

New Church Concept White Wool

White wool signifies good in ultimates. See *Apocalypse Explained* 9263.4

New Church Concept Dew

"'And in the morning' means the beginning of a new state. 'There was a deposit of dew around the camp' means the truth of peace attaching itself. 'And the deposit of dew went up' means an introduction of truth." *Arcana Coelestia* 8450.

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