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## BREAD, BULLIES and the BIBLE

**G**ideon wanted to make some bread for his breakfast, lunch and dinner. He lived during Bible times and people loved to eat bread.

But Gideon had a BIG problem. He had to hide to make his bread. That's because bullies kept taking his flour, and flour is used to make bread.

The bullies stole flour, milk, vegetables and meat from Gideon, his family and all of his friends. How did they take it? They rode camels! They bounced up and down and ran away with all that food. That's why Gideon hid in a hole while he was fixing flour to make bread. He didn't want a bully on a camel to find him.

Something else happened to Gideon when he was in the hole with his flour. He had a great, BIG surprise – the angel of the Lord came to see him. The angel told Gideon that he

was brave. Gideon didn't feel brave. The angel of the Lord said that He was going to help Gideon stop the bullies from taking everyone's food.

Gideon didn't want to fight the bullies because he thought the bullies would beat him up. He asked the angel to prove that he would win the fight. First, Gideon asked the angel to make a piece of thick cloth wet and the ground around it dry. The angel did.

But Gideon was still afraid. So, he asked the angel to make the ground to be wet and the piece of cloth dry. The angel did that too!

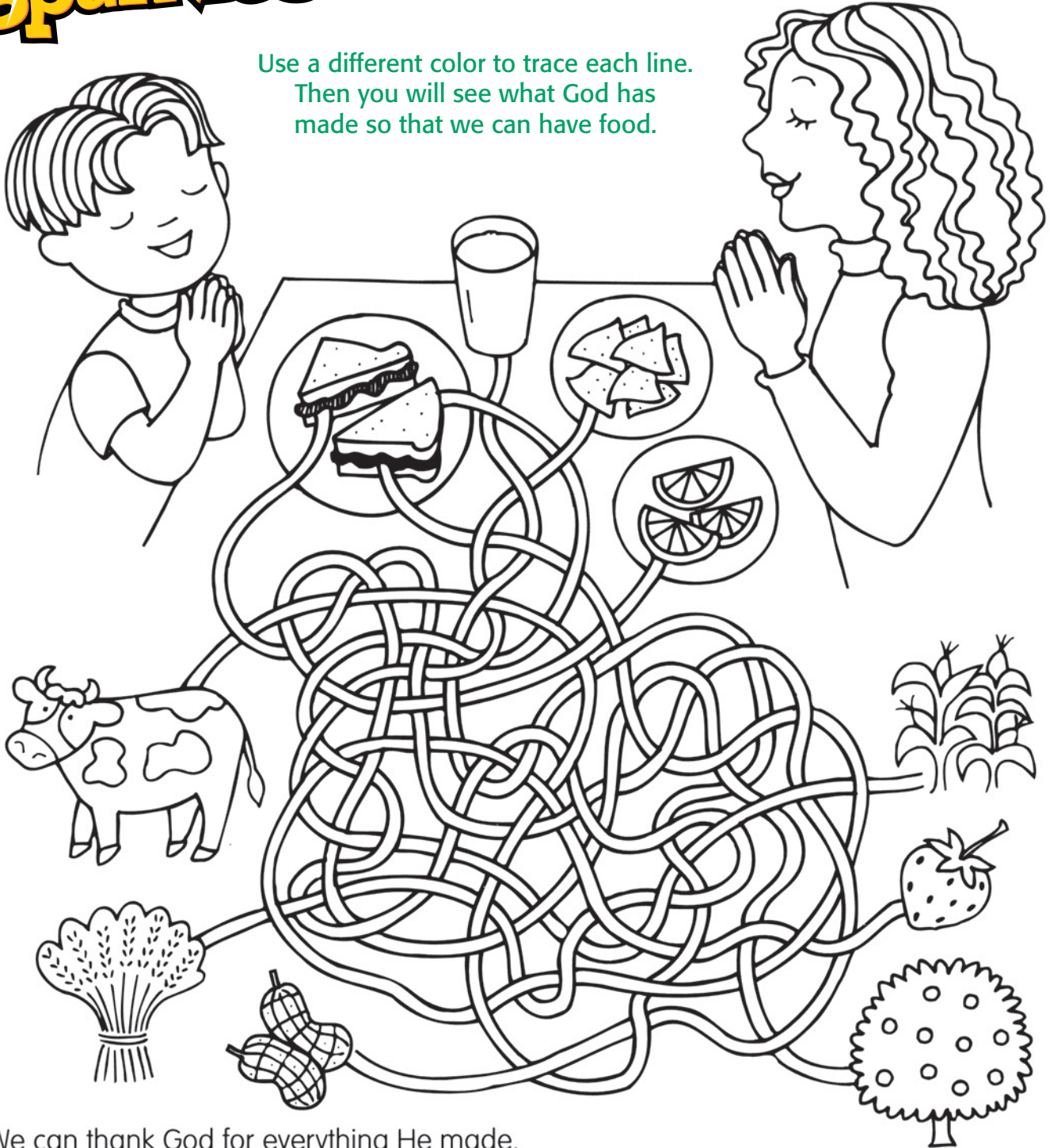
Finally, Gideon believed that God was going to help him take care of the bullies. Gideon and only 300 of his friends fought 135,000 bullies, and because God helped them – they won! They were so happy! They finally got to make bread and eat it too

– without hiding, because Gideon obeyed the angel of the Lord.

Today, God won't answer us if we try to make Him take a test like Gideon did. Gideon was a special case because he didn't have what we have – God has given us all of the answers we need for life in a book. You might even own a copy of it – it's the Bible!

**IF YOU NEED A BIBLE,  
please talk to your  
Sparks leader.  
He or she can help you  
find or get one.  
You can read about  
Gideon and lots of other  
people in the Bible.**

Use a different color to trace each line.  
Then you will see what God has  
made so that we can have food.



We can thank God for everything He made.  
Our Bible says, "I will give thanks to the Lord." Psalm 7:17



Draw a picture of some food your family likes to eat together.  
Thank God for your family.



## Club Announcements &amp; Fun Stuff

Awana Clubs at Falcon Baptist Church will begin in August. We are looking forward to seeing you then! Check the website, [www.falconbaptist.com](http://www.falconbaptist.com), for more information as August gets closer.