



# The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church Department of Christian Education

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## Sunday School Lessons

### Unit One

### "Called To Be Strong"

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We are providing these notes from the Committee on Uniform Series that prepares associated Sunday School lesson outlines long in advance of their usage. Included in this Guide are thoughts that are reflected in the Lesson Development Guide for writers of Sunday school lessons and the recommended commentary of the Department of Christian Education, The New International Lesson Annual published by Abingdon Press Nashville, Tennessee.

During the Summer quarter, we are exploring "The Call." The lessons focus on God calling individuals to do certain work or to take on certain vocations. The quarter is entitled **Faith in Action: Healing and Heeding The Call**. During this quarter we discover that the calling God gives each person is distinct, however, God's calling of individuals into service has a recognizable pattern that reveals much about the nature of that call. This quarter we see God's call as intrusion into our lives. We will look at lessons about The Call of the Judges, The Call of the Prophets, and The Call of God in Acts. Unit One is entitled "Called To Be Strong."

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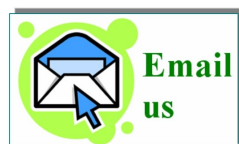
People sometimes view their circumstances as a hindrance to being effective leaders. How do they deal with their doubts? Gideon voiced his doubts and requested a miraculous sign.

### Goal for the Learners

- ✓ To understand that God's criteria for choosing leaders differ from those set by humans.
- ✓ To re-experience a time of feeling unqualified for a task because of perceived inadequacies in "pedigree."
- ✓ To embrace the call of God in building personal confidence.

### Lesson Challenges for the Week

- Identify contemporary leaders who strike you as shocking choices. What traits did these people have that impelled people to support these unlikely leaders? What lessons can you learn from them about your own possibilities as a leader?
- Keep a journal of "God sightings," that is, revelations of God that you experienced through other people, prayer, situations, worship, or by other means. How does an awareness of these encounters with God empower you to make faithful decisions concerning what God wants for—and from—you?
- Talk with a trusted mature Christian about a call you are currently experiencing. Enlist this person to help you test the validity of the call and determine what your next steps might be.



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