

## ALONG THE WAY (Imaginarium)

WEEK 1 (Oct 5 2025)

### **BIG IDEA**

God is with me no matter what I go through.

### **BIBLE**

Job Is Tested: Job 1–2:10; Hebrews 2:5–12

### **ABOUT THIS WEEK**

Our travel adventures can get off to a bumpy start with flight delays, flat tires, or lost luggage, but doesn't that just add to the story? This week, we'll take a look at the life of Job, whose life hit quite a few unexpected bumps. Despite the pain and moments of despair, Job modeled this theme throughout his life— God is with me no matter what I go through.

### **SERIES FOLDER DOWNLOAD**

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#### Felix Bucks Store (15 MIN)

Felix bucks store will be open every week (15 min before the experience begins 9:15am, 10:55am, 12:55pm).

Kids can shop as they arrive. Simply write their names and the date on a paper so you know who has already shopped that day. Same rules apply they can buy 2 small items or 1 large item each week.

Still start countdown right at the start of the experience (9:30am, 11:10am, 1:10pm). Store is closed with 1 min left on countdown so you can begin the experience right as the countdown ends.

#### CHECK-IN/PLAYTIME (5 MIN)

Check-In Opens 15 min before the Experience begins and closes 15 min after it begins

Kids will play until the main experience begins and then you will start lesson (check in will still be open for 15 more minutes station one of your helpers at the door for the remainder of check in)

Start countdown as soon as the main experience starts (9:30am, 11:10am, 1:10pm)

Whoever is doing check-in should stay there and welcome all kids. An Adult (18years or older) must drop kids off and check for name-tag with phone number on it.

## Large Group Time

### Welcome (5 MIN)

Introduce yourself and the other teachers

Welcome any first time kids (Have them come up front, introduce them, give them their 5 Felix Bucks and explain what Felix bucks are)

Pass out Felix Bucks (those attending more than one experience can receive Felix Bucks for all experiences they attend)

- Bible (1 Felix Buck)
- Notebook (1 Felix Buck)
- Paper from previous week (5 Felix Bucks)

Have you ever been traveling with your family and been scrunched in the back seat or waiting forever in line at the airport?

You start complaining, and then you hear a grown-up say, "It's about the journey, not the destination."

While we may get frustrated that we aren't at our destination, our Bible story for today is about a man who's about to start a pretty tough journey.

As we hear about his journey, I wonder what we can learn with him *along the way*?

### Rules (5 MIN)

Go over Rules quickly but thoroughly:

1. No Talking without Permission
2. Be Kind!
  - Use Kind words (no curse words)
  - Keep your hands and feet to yourself (no fighting/shoving)
3. No Running
  - No leaving the classroom without a leader
4. No personal Toys or Electronics
5. HAVE FUN!

You can give Felix bucks to those who know the rules (ex. what is rule #1? whoever can tell you gets a Felix Buck then quickly move to next rule)

### Generosity Time (5 MIN)

Briefly explain what a tithe and offering is. That a tithe is giving back to God what is His and then he blesses the rest. An offering is anything more than our tithe. Everytime we sacrifice and give it opens the door for God to bless us even more.

### MEMORY VERSE | Psalm 121:8 (NIV) (5 MIN)

**PRE SUNDAY PREP:** Have the sign language motion video below loaded on ProPresenter and ready to play.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Learn the memory verse together in [sign language motions](#), use the video to learn step by step how to do it then practice it together each week; You will have new kids each week so watch the video step by step before practicing full speed.*
- **"The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore."**

### Worship (8 MIN)

- - Play one worship songs from Pro Presenter
    - **1st Experience:** [That's Who I Praise \(motions\)](#) by Brandon Lake (Kid Kardia)
    - **2nd Experience:** [Good God Almighty \(Motions\)](#) by Passion Kids Worship (Kid Kardia)
  - Lead Teacher go on stage and have 2 volunteers on either side of you (remind the volunteers what they are doing on the stage. Leading their friends in worship not playing)
  - Don't be afraid to teach the kids about worship for a minute if you feel it is needed or explain the meaning of some of the words in the songs
  - Make sure you pray out of worship. (pray for upcoming week, families, the kids, whatever Holy Spirit is leads you to pray)
  - Don't forget to do Salvation Prayer.
    - make sure helper grabs green salvation bag from the back of Imaginrium, where the shirts are for those who said "yes".
    - Place bag by the door and give to kid(s) who said "yes" to Jesus as they leave. Also, let parent know the decision they made.

*WHAT? What are we talking about today?*

### ACTIVITY | Airport Race (10 MIN)

**PRE SUNDAY PREP:** Have 2 tables folded up and ready to be used for this game (maybe in the hall

or on the stage); create 2 "conveyor belts" according to the instructions below

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For this activity, you'll need to create two conveyor belts, each using the rolls of [garbage compactor bags](#) (secure them at the perforated places with black duct tape) spread out over the length of the two rectangular tables. To play, divide kids into two teams. When you say "go," the first player has to remove their shoes and place them at the end of the table, then run to the other side, pull the garbage bag toward them until the shoes reach them, put their shoes back on and get to the other side of the room. The next player can go as soon as the player before them puts on their shoes. The first team to get all players to the "gate" (the finish line) wins! For larger groups, choose a handful of volunteers to play this upfront and swap out players.
- Phew! I thought we wouldn't make it to the plane on time, but we we did. Now, let's get ready to board the airplane and see what comes next along the way as we travel toward our destination.
- We might have a trip completely planned out and can guess everything that will happen next, but sometimes the most unexpected things happen along the way.

#### POLL | Mode Of Travel (5 MIN)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** As you ask the following poll questions, have kids either go to the left or right of your space, acting out their choice of transportation as they travel.
- **If you were going on a long trip, would you rather travel by ...**
  - **Car or Train?**
  - **Bus or Motorcycle?**
  - **Boat or Airplane?**
  - **Hot Air Balloon or RV?**
- There are so many different ways to travel, but sometimes it's more about the experience along the way!
- The man we'll hear about in today's Bible story doesn't go on a real journey ... he actually stays pretty close to home. But, the journey he goes on in his relationship with God can help us learn things for our own journey.

## SO WHAT? Why does it matter to God and to us?

#### VIDEO | Along The Way, Episode 1 (8 MIN)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's episode of [Grow TV](#).
- Or download the months videos [here](#).

#### BIG IDEA | God is with me no matter what I go through. (5 MIN)

**PRE SUNDAY PREP:** Write each word of the Big Idea on separate index cards. Prepare a small suitcase or duffel bag packed with clothes, toiletry bags, wallets, luggage organizers, and the like. Hide the index cards in between the items and in the bag compartments themselves

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Invite kids to dig through the bag to find all the words. Once all the words are found, put them in order, and recite the Big Idea together.

- Look, you discovered the Big Idea along the way!
- **God is with me no matter what I go through.**

#### VIDEO | A Clip Of An Air Traffic Controller (5 MIN)

**PRE SUNDAY PREP:** have the below video loaded in ProPresenter

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** As a teaching tool, play a short clip (0:21-2:43) from this [video](#) about a pilot who passes out while flying a plane, or something similar.
- Can you imagine if you were in an airplane and the pilot passed out? And there was no one else to fly the plane but you—and you had never flown a plane before?
- Thankfully, there are people known as air traffic controllers at every airport. Their job is to talk to pilots and guide them to land their planes. In this situation, an air traffic controller had to guide a regular passenger—who had no experience at all—and help him to land a plane safely. The passenger didn't know what to do, but the air traffic controller was with him over the radio and guided him when he was in trouble.
- Just like the passenger must have been afraid, Job must have also been afraid when all the worst things happened to him. But he never gave up hope that God was always with him.
- We, too, can trust that God is with us no matter what we go through. God will help us through the times when we can't see or understand what's happening around us.
- When we're in trouble, we can each say: **God is with me no matter what I go through.**

## NOW WHAT? What does God want us to do about it?

#### RESPONSE | Big Idea Passport (10 MIN)

**PRE SUNDAY PREP:** Print the printable according to the instructions below (these will be collected and used each week so you could go ahead and print enough for extras in case someone comes that wasn't there the weeks before); Have markers and stickers or the visa stamps in the room; Have Mini Cupcakes in the room

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Print out the pages of the [printable](#) double-sided (consider printing on cardstock paper for more durability). Combine with an extra copy paper, fold in half, and staple along the spine. You will use these passports every week so make sure you collect them back at the end and have extra copies on hand for kids who are absent this week. Consider using [visa stamps](#) or [stickers](#) to decorate the pages.
- When you travel, you'll need to have a passport. A passport shows who you are and what country you're a citizen of. If you get into trouble along the way, you can use your passport to get help from your home country! Your passport can also remind you of all the places you've been and what you saw and experienced along the way!
- After you fill out your information on the inside cover of your passport, turn to the first blank page.

- Write today's Big Idea at the top of the page: **God is with me no matter what I go through.**
- Then write or draw about something tough that you or someone you know is going through.
- **What can you do to remember that God is always with you (or them)?**
- Great! Now we have all of our passports ready for the trip. And since our real home country is heaven, we can turn to God whenever we need help along the way.

#### GC Birthday Celebration (10 MIN)

**PRE SUNDAY PREP:** Have Mini Cupcakes in room 1 per child

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Pass out Mini Cupcakes and talk about GC's Birthday

- It's GC's 20th Birthday!! Sing Happy Birthday to GC
- Talk a little about why that is such an amazing thing.
  - we can have this class because 20 years ago a lot of people (with Pastor Troy and Jen in the lead) decided to sacrifice time and money to build this church.
  - Over these 20 years soooooo many people have served and given money to keep Generation Church going and now YOU are a part of the birthday celebration and maybe in 20 years you will be some of the people we are thanking for this birthday.

## Small Group Time

#### REFLECTION | What If (if needed)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Dim the lights in your space and invite kids to close their eyes. You could even pass out [eye masks](#) and have kids sit back in their chairs.*
- **What if you were Job and you had lost everything?**
- **How would you feel? What would you want to do?**
- **Does anyone want to share how they would feel?**
- Difficult things happen to everyone. But that doesn't make it any easier. And the truth is, sometimes we don't know why bad things happen. Sometimes parents get divorced, close friends move far away, or a loved one dies. The only comfort we may have in situations like these is that God will be with us through all of it.
- We learned in the Bible story that even through his bitter circumstances, Job never blamed God. In fact, he praised God.
- **What are some ways we could show our thanks to God even when things are going wrong?**
- Remember you are never alone. God never leaves us. Say it with me: **God is with me no matter what I go through.**