

ALONG THE WAY (P/O)

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

ABOUT THIS WEEK

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CHECK-IN/PLAYTIME (15 MIN)

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

Kids will play until check-in closes

Start countdown 5 minutes before check-in closes (9:40am, 11:20am, 1:20pm)

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.

Welcome Time!

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Rules (5 MIN)

1. Be Kind (make heart with hands)
2. Use Listening Ears (Cup ear with hand)
3. Use walking feet (walk in place)
4. Keep hands and feet to yourself (hold up hands then point to feet)
5. Help Clean up (pretend like your using a broom)
6. HAVE FUN!

Worship (8 MIN)

- INSTRUCTIONS: Play Videos loaded on the Sunday playlist on Youtube
 - **1st Experience:** [Praise \(motions\)](#) by Elevation Worship: Kid Kardia
 - **2nd Experience:** [O How I love Jesus \(Motions\)](#) by Hi Heaven
 - (other Locations: Click the song title to access youtube video's)

ACTIVITY | Pack Your Bags (5 MIN)

PRE SUNDAY PREP: Have several items (enough for one per child) in each room from the list below or any you think would work as well; Have a small suitcase in each room

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Before kids arrive, set out various travel items (kids clothing items, toothbrush, mini toothpaste, bar of soap, towel, stuffed animal, hairbrush, and a few classroom toys, such as cars, crayons, and books) around the room in plain sight. Set out a small suitcase or duffel bag. Then, have kids look around the room and select items they'd pack to take on a trip. Allow each kid to choose one item from around the room, being sure to point out the "necessities" if they aren't collected.*
- Today, we're going on a trip! Before you go on a trip, you'll need to pack a suitcase. You'll

need to bring important things, but you can pack a few favorite toys, too!

- **What things do you think we'll need?**
- Wow, great job choosing things to go in our bag! I'm excited to see where God will take us. It's a good thing that God is always with us along the way.

ACTIVITY | Traffic Jam (10 MIN)

PRE SUNDAY PREP: Have a whistle in Orange room

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *For this activity, have kids form four lines—two on opposite sides of the room facing each other. Assign one of four modes of transport to each line (plane, train, car, boat). Stand in the middle. Explain to kids that you are going to blow the whistle and call out a different vehicle each time. The kids in that line must advance one step at a time until you blow the whistle. They remain there until they are called again. Alternate among the different vehicles until all the "vehicles" have crossed completely to the other side of the room. Play again and ask if they want to try being a different vehicle. Have kids do the following motions and sounds as they move:*
 - **Plane:** Spread out arms like wings and say, "Whoosh."
 - **Train:** Pump one arm and say "choo choo."
 - **Car:** Pretend to drive a steering wheel and say, "Honk!"
 - **Boat:** Pretend to row a boat and sing "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"
 - **PURPLE:** You can do a simple activity of having kids imitate different vehicle movements and sounds with you.
- Wow, all the different vehicles were trying to cross at the same time. **What do you think would have happened if the traffic controller wasn't there to guide everyone?** It could have been a disaster!
- In today's Bible story, we'll meet a man named Job who did go through a whole lot of disasters. But he knew that God was with him the whole time!

Story Time

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 pieces of painter's tape. Fill a duffel bag, travel suitcase, or backpack (you can reuse the one from the Pack Your Bags activity) with regular travel items (travel pillows, t-shirts, socks, stuffed animals, slippers, books). Tape the words on some of the items

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Have kids rummage through the bag and find all the items that have words. Once all the items are out, put them in order and recite the Big Idea together.
 - **PURPLE:** Feel free to shorten the Big Idea for toddlers and younger preschoolers. For this week, you could teach kids to say, "God is with me."
- Look, you discovered the Big Idea along the way! **God is with me no matter what I go through.**
- Let's learn our Big Idea together:
 - **God** (put a pointer finger up to the sky)
 - **is with me** (point both thumbs to your chest)
 - **no matter what** (bring your hands up by your shoulders and shrug)
 - **I go through.** (walk in place)

VIDEO | Along the Way, Episode 1 (8 MIN)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's episode of [Cali's World](#).
- Other campuses: you can use the video linked above or download the videos for this month [here](#)

Bathroom (10 MIN)

- Line Kids up (Lead Teacher in front/assistant in back)
- Exit room to left and walk kids to the kids bathroom
- Allow 4 girls at a time or 4 boys (boys and girls should never go in at the same time)
- Lead teacher stands at the door with foot in door so they can hear if there are any problems
- Assistant helps keeps the kids waiting entertained, quiet and in their spots against the wall
- Make sure to ask if they washed their hands when done
- Once all kids are done and out of the restroom, lead teacher checks to make sure it looks ok, toilets have been flushed and nothing has been placed in toilets.
- Then walk back to class
- We never assist with anything other than buttoning pants and lead teacher should be in view of assistant at all time.
- If a child needs assistance other than buttoning pants the parent/guardian must be contacted

Sharing Time

Prayer (5 MIN)

- Maybe select a different child each week to pray over the snack
- Give them pointers on praying like how to start..."Dear Jesus" thanking Him for something, praying for anything we might need and then thanking Him for the food.
- Dear God, thank you for always being with us no matter what we go through. Even when things might seem sad or scary, we are not alone. Amen.

SNACK | Mini Cupcakes (10 min)

Have kids sit at table and pass out Mini Cupcakes and water

- It's GC's 20th Birthday!! Sing Happy Birthday to GC and pass out the mini cupcakes;
- 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.

- o 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.

YOU MAY GIVE AS MUCH WATER AS YOU WANT KEEPING IN MIND RESTROOM BREAKS

ACTIVITY | Circle Time (during snack)

- **PRE SUNDAY PREP:** Print the Bible Story Images [here](#). (they are labeled by episode EX. epslimage1)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Use Bible Story Cards to have kids help you retell the Bible story and answer the following questions

- **Who was the man in our story today?** *Job*
- **What did Job have a lot of?** *Animals and kids*
- **What happened to Job's animals and kids?** *They died.*
- **Who was with Job when he lost his animals and kids?** *God*
- **Who is always with us?** *God*
- **God is always with me no matter what I go through.**

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

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Help kids learn this month's memory verse by setting the words to the tune of "Happy Birthday" (include the Scripture at the end). You can also have kids repeat the verse after you in small chunks, say them using silly voices, or create simple hand motions for keywords.
- **"The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore."**

ACTIVITY | Luggage Tags (10 MIN)

PRE SUNDAY PREP: Print the printable on cardstock 1 per child; Have yarn, markers, and stickers in the room

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Print the [printable](#) on cardstock and give each kid one or both tags. Allow kids to decorate the luggage tag with stickers and markers. Help kids write their names and cut out their tags. Punch holes at the top of the tags and help kids thread yarn or a pipe cleaner through so they can attach it to a bag they have at home.
- We have luggage tags on our luggage to make sure we grab the right suitcases at the airport. We wouldn't want to take someone else's bag accidentally.
- But accidents do happen. Bags get lost at the airport. Bad things happen sometimes. But God is always with us. **God is with me no matter what I go through.**

Play Time

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page (at home)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print and distribute [the coloring page](#) along with crayons or markers. You can review today's Bible story, Big Idea, and memory verse as the kids color.*