ALONG THE WAY (Imaginarium)

WEEK 2 (Oct 12 2025)

BIG IDEA

We can show God's love in small ways.

BIBLE

Job And His Friends: Job 2:11–13; 16:1–5; Hebrews 4:12–16

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Trips are always better with friends or loved ones because they help us pass the time or give us advice when we need it. This week, we'll hear about Job, his friends, and the way they showed love and care for Job as he was experiencing some turbulence in his journey. Their presence in this difficult moment helps us discover how we can show God's love in small ways.

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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 by 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)

Welcome back! Are you ready to continue our journey?

Last week, we got delayed at the airport due to bad weather at our destination, the land of Uz, where a man named Job is from.

It seems like things are clearing up. We'll be up in the air soon, and there will be so much to see, learn, and do *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
 - o 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.
 - o **INSTRUCTIONS:** Learn the memory verse together in <u>sign language motions</u>, 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: <u>That's Who I Praise</u> (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)
 - o 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 | Paper Plane Race (10 MIN)

PRE SUNDAY PREP: make several paper airplanes ahead of time for this activity; Using tape on the floor, create a runway with two or more lanes (depending on how many kids and space you have), along with a starting line.

• **INSTRUCTIONS:** Have one kid per lane line up at the start and throw their paper planes as far as they can. Whoever gets their plane the farthest wins that round. Winners from each round compete against each other until there is one winner left.

- That was amazing! Did you notice that sometimes, your planes would fly off course and go
 onto another runway or cross paths with another plane? That would be dangerous in real life.
 With real airplanes, everyone has to take turns and use the runway one at a time—just like we
 take turns and are kind to one another when we're going down a slide or taking a drink from
 the water fountain.
- Today's Bible story is similarly about how a little kindness went a long way ... maybe even further than your plane can fly!

QUESTION | What small things bring you comfort? (5 MIN)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Ask the following question. You can have every kid shout their answer but then ask a few kids to share their answers with everyone. Comment briefly on their answers—and have fun with this!
- When you travel, there are all kinds of small things you encounter! When you fly, you have to take small containers of toothpaste or shampoo. The airplane bathroom is also very small. If you're watching something, it's usually on a small screen.
- But the size of something doesn't mean it's not important. You'll notice that sometimes, it's the small things that make us happy or feel safe.
- What is your favorite "small thing" you have that brings you comfort?

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

VIDEO | Along The Way, Episode 2 (7 MIN)

- INSTRUCTIONS: Play this week's episode of Grow TV.
- Or dowload the months videos here.

BIG IDEA | We can show God's love in small ways. (5 MIN)

PRE SUNDAY PREP: Print out as many copies of the <u>life jacket printable</u> as you want to use for the reveal. Consider printing on yellow paper to add to the look. Fold each page on the dotted lines so that it looks like a life jacket. On the inside, write one or more words of the Big Idea. Using painter's tape, attach the "life jackets" underneath random chairs before kids arrive (this will have to be done in between each experience as well)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:**. Bring all the life jackets to the front and put them in order to reveal and recite the Big Idea.
- On an airplane, the life jackets are stored under the seats. Let's check under our seats to see if there are any special words for us today.
- Remember that even though Job's friends knew what Job was struggling with, there are plenty of times that we are in places and situations where we have no idea what the people around us are going through—like when you are on a plane with a bunch of other

passengers. Your kindness in *those* moments could change someone's day. **We can show God's love in small ways!**

VIDEO | A Clip from "Inside Out" (10 MIN)

PRE SUNDAY PREP: Pre-fill small bags with goldfish and have ready to pass out; Have the below clip loaded on Pro-Presenter

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Pass out small packs or cups of Goldfish crackers or other non-allergenic food items as in-flight snacks (like a small snack you would receive on a plane). As a teaching tool, play a short <u>clip</u> from Inside Out, or something like it, as their "in-flight entertainment." If possible, have kids all sit in small groups around a leader who can play the clip on their device. This helps create the idea of everyone being in a small space to watch the in-flight movie.
- Passengers, I hope you enjoyed today's in-flight entertainment!
- In this clip, Bing Bong was sad because they destroyed the rocket he was going to use to take Riley to the moon. Then Joy tried to cheer him up by saying a lot of things, acting silly, and trying to be funny.
 - But did that work?
 - Then, Sadness came up to Bing Bong, and what did she do? Sadness sat with Bing Bong, listened to him talk about his feelings, and let him cry.
 - o Did Bing Bong feel better after being with Sadness?
- Just like Sadness came to Bing Bong to just sit with him, cry with him, and not force him to cheer up, Job's friends Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar did this for Job in the beginning.
- Sometimes, when someone is experiencing hardship, there are no amount of words or gestures that could help. They need to grieve and feel sad for a little while. Even though we might feel helpless on the sidelines, we can be a big help by crying with them, listening to what they're saying, or just simply sitting beside them and being there for them.
- We can show God's love in small ways.

OBJECT LESSON | Quiet Bubbles (5 MIN)

PRE SUNDAY PREP: Have Bubbles in the classroom

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Prepare one medium or large bubble wand and ask a volunteer to come up front to help demonstrate different ways to blow a bubble. If possible, provide bubble wands for everyone (or enough to be shared by two or three kids) and have them try as well.
- Airplanes aren't the only way to fly. Some people fly in balloons that float slowly through the air. Let's imagine what that might look like using bubbles!
- But if I want to travel by bubble, I'd want the biggest bubble. How do I make big bubbles?
 - Dip the wand into the soap, then ask the volunteer to try blowing a bubble while making vocal sounds like humming, grunting, or whistling.
 - Hmm, blowing while making noise didn't produce large bubbles. Maybe I need to do it faster!
 - Have volunteer blow the bubble as fast as they can. Usually, this will result in bubbles that drift off or pop before they get very big.
 - o That didn't really work either. What if we tried being making bubbles slow and steady

- without making extra noise?
- Have volunteer blow slowly and deliberately, with no vocals. The bubble should grow large and float away gently.
- This reminds me of our Bible story, when Job's friends tried to talk to him and explain why he was going through a hard time.
 - Sometimes, when someone is sad, we might think that we need to say a lot of things to be helpful, but words don't always help. It was hard to blow a bubble when we made too much noise!
 - o Or, we might think that we need to cheer them up, but we can't force someone to feel better. The bubbles popped when we rushed them.
 - It can be more helpful when we are gentle and don't say too much, like when we blew the biggest bubble.
- Sometimes just sitting quietly with someone and letting them know you are there shows the most love. **We can show God's love in small ways.**

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

RESPONSE | Big Idea Passport (10 MIN)

- **INSTRUCTIONS**: Use the Big Idea passports you assembled last week. Make sure you have extra copies for kids who weren't here previously, and collect the passports back at the end. Consider using <u>visa stamps</u> or <u>stickers</u> 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!
- Verify that all your information on the inside cover of your passport is correct, then turn to the second blank page.
 - Write today's Big Idea at the top of the page: We can show God's love in small ways.
 - o Then write or draw one small way you can show God's love to someone this week.
- These passports will not only remind us of Job's difficult journey but are great reminders to us of what God is teaching us along the way, too.

Small Group Time

REFLECTION | What If (if needed)

- INSTRUCTIONS: Dim the lights in your space and invite kids to close their eyes.
- What if you were one of Job's friends?
- How might you have felt seeing your friend go through a hard time?
- What words would you have wanted to give him?
- How else might you have comforted him?
- Unexpected things happen in life sometimes. They could happen to us, someone close to us, or even people we don't know on the other side of the world. We may not know how to help any of

these people but we can start small.

- When you're hurting, what are the things that bring you comfort?
- God made everything, including all the small things that comfort us when we are sad or hurting.
 Comfort can come from a pet, a stuffie, a favorite food, or a friend. You can be the one to bring comfort to others in simple and small ways—draw a picture or play a video game with them.
 Maybe the best small thing you could do is to pray to God to be with them.
- Think about someone who needs your help or comfort right now. It can be someone close to you or just things going on in our world. Take some time to pray for them right now. **We can show God's love in small ways.**