ALONG THE WAY (P/O)

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

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)

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 (5 MIN)

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

ACTIVITY | 10,000 Foot View (10 MIN)

PRE SUNDAY PREP: Have a length of white butcher paper ready for the teacher to roll out and various craft supplies (examples below) in Orange room; Have blocks, little people, animals and plants and trees in both rooms

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For this activity, spread a length of white butcher paper across a floor or table. Set out supplies, such as cotton balls, crayons or markers, mini craft sticks, wooden blocks, and Little People animals and people figures. Have kids create what they think they'd see if they were looking down from an airplane that was high in the sky.
 - **PURPLE:** Set up a scene for the younger toddlers and allow them to explore what you have set out for them. Toddlers will enjoy knocking over the block buildings and moving the animals around. Keep it fun by making animal sounds with them.

- Airplanes go really high up in the sky, and when you look out of the window, things below look really small.
- What do you think you'd see? Let's create together!
- A building from an airplane might look really small, but if you come down to the ground, you'll see the building is so big! Today's Bible story is about how Job's friends did a small thing to help Job in a big way!

ACTIVITY | Plane Race (5 MIN)

PRE SUNDAY PREP: ORANGE: create a runway with two or more lanes (depending on how many kids and space you have) by using painter's tape on the floor and have toy planes ready; PURPLE: Have a simple ramp ready to use and toy planes

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For this activity, create a runway with two or more lanes (depending on how many kids and space you have) by using painter's tape on the floor. Give each child at the beginning of the tape line a toy airplane. Then, have them roll their planes as far as they can. Play as long as time and interest allow.
 - **Purple:** Make a simple ramp from a large piece of cardboard for the toddlers to drop their planes down. You could even roll toy cars down the ramp.
- That was amazing! But did you notice that sometimes, your planes would go onto another runway or cross paths with another plane? That wouldn't be safe at a real airport. With real airplanes, everyone has to take turns and use the runway one at a time.
- Helping each other stay safe is one way to show God's love. In today's Bible story, Job's friends showed God's love in a small way, but it meant a big deal.

Story Time

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

- **TODDLER HACK:** Feel free to shorten the Big Idea for toddlers and younger preschoolers. For this week, you could teach kids to say, "We can show God's love."
- Look, you discovered the Big Idea along the way! We can show God's love in small ways!
- Let's learn our Big Idea together:
 - **We** (hold out a pointer finger and do a circular motion)
 - o can show (hold hands out with palms up)
 - God's love (place both hands over your heart)
 - **in small ways.** (almost pinch your index finger and thumb together and peek through the gap)

VIDEO | Along the Way, Episode 2 (8 MIN)

- INSTRUCTIONS: Play this week's episode of Cali's World.
- Other campuses: you can use the vidio linked above or download the videos for this month <u>here</u>

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 (5MIN)

- o 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 | Goldfish (10 min)

• Have kids sit at table and pass out Goldfish and water

ONLY ONE SERVING OF GOLDFISH PER CHILD

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

- PRE SUNDAY PREP: Print the Bible Story Images <u>here.</u> (they are labeled by episode EX. epslimagel)
 - **INSTRUCTIONS:** Use Bible Story Cards to have kids help you retell the Bible story and answer the following questions
- Who visited Job? His friends.
- Why did they visit him? To help comfort him and help him feel better.
- What did they do for Job? They sat beside him and cried with him for seven days.
- Have you ever been sad? How did someone help you feel better?
- What can we show in small ways? God's love.
- We can show God's love in small ways.

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| Gentle Bubbles (10 MIN)

PRE SUNDAY PREP: Have bubbles/bubble machine in each room

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Blow bubbles for the kids (or use a bubble machine), encouraging them to try and catch the bubbles gently. Point out that some of the bubbles are big and some are small.
- Sometimes, when someone is sad, it is helpful to be gentle, just like you were gentle when catching the bubbles.
- Job's friends were gentle when they came to visit Job. They were so sad to see how bad
 things were. They couldn't fix it so they sat with him and cried with him. Before they said
 anything, they chose to just be there for Job.
- Being gentle is one small way that we can show God's love. **We can show God's love in small ways.**

Play Time

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page (at home)

• INSTRUCTIONS: Print and distribute the coloring page along with crayons or markers. As the

kids color, you can review today's Bible story, Big Idea, and memory verse.