# ALONG THE WAY (Imaginarium)

WEEK 3 (OCT 19 2025)

#### **BIG IDEA**

God is bigger than we could ever understand.

#### **BIBLE**

God Speaks To Job: Job 38:1–7, 34–41; Matthew 6:25–34

### **ABOUT THIS WEEK**

When we spend time traveling, we come to realize the world is actually so much bigger than we ever dreamed. This week, we'll explore God's response as Job tried to understand what was happening in his life and why. God didn't just give Job an answer, though, but asked him a bunch of questions that help us all recognize that God is bigger than we could ever understand.

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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! It's week three of our journey to the land of Uz, Job's hometown.

His journey has been a particularly difficult one but today we'll see what God has to say.

We braved a busy airport then we took to the skies to fly after some delay and turbulence.

Now, we're traveling on the ground by train and heading for our destination. It's still a long way from here, but there will be plenty of things 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)

- - 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)
  - 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 | Rock Paper Scissors Train (10 MIN)

• INSTRUCTIONS: For this activity, you'll need to pair kids up. To play, have each pair play "Rock, Paper, Scissors." The winner shouts, "All aboard!" and the other player has to stand behind and place their hands on the winner's shoulders. The pair marches around the room, chanting, "Chug-a-chug-a-chug-a-choo-choo!" Once they meet another "train," the players in front play "Rock, Paper, Scissors," and the entire losing train has to join the

winning train! Keep playing until the final two trains face off and form one long train!

- It's time to board a train—the *Along the Way Express!* The train started small, with just one person being the engine, but it eventually grew really big and included everyone in the room!
- Today we'll talk about something—or someone—being bigger than we could ever know or understand! *All aboard!*

QUESTION | What would be the most amazing place to visit? (5 MIN)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Ask the following question. Encourage them to dream big! 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!
- What would be the most amazing place to visit?
- Those all sound like amazing places. There's a whole world of adventure to discover, all around us! God created this entire world but still makes time to talk to us and care about us! That's the most amazing of all, right?

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

VIDEO | Along the Way, Episode 3 (8 MIN)

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

BIG IDEA | God is bigger than we could ever understand. (5 MIN)

**PRE SUNDAY PREP:** Have a train set in the room and put the big idea with masking tape on it with the instructions below

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For this activity, you will need an eight-piece <u>train set</u>, masking tape, and a marker. Take the train set, and with masking tape and a marker, write one word of the Big Idea on each train. Make sure you write "God" on the "engine" piece. Invite kids to come up and try to put the train cars in the correct order, then recite the Big Idea together.
- Sometimes, trains get delayed because they need to switch tracks or add cars. Let's get these cars back on track! And the first thing we need is this—the engine with "God," because without God, this train won't go anywhere! **God is bigger than we could ever understand.**

**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 (like a small snack you could bring on a train). Then have the kids watch this clip from Christopher Robin, or something like it, as their on-board entertainment. If possible, have kids all sit in small groups around a leader who can play the clip on their device.
- Passengers, I hope you enjoyed today's on-board entertainment!
- Pooh was calling out the things he could see as they passed by the countryside on the train. What are some of the things you see now?
- There are so many things we can see, but that's not everything. There is an entire universe that we cannot see with our eyes alone. There are billions of stars and billions of galaxies.
- But it's not just the things in the vastness of outer space that we cannot see. There are things right in front of us that we can't fully see, like when Pooh saw clouds: he might have seen big, white, fluffy shapes, but he probably couldn't see the water molecules that make up the clouds, at least not without a microscope.
- There is so much in God's creation that we cannot see because **God is bigger than we could ever understand.** And that great big God is watching over you!

#### ACTIVITY | What You Don't See (5 MIN)

**PRE SUNDAY PREP:** Prepare a peice of paper that is two different colors; you should only be able to see on color from each side

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For this activity, you'll need to glue two pieces of different colored paper back to back. Trim the edges if necessary so that the other color is not visible from any one side. To conduct this activity, split the kids in half, creating a clear space in between the groups. Stand in the middle and present the prepared paper so that each group can only see one side of the paper. You can also do this as an upfront activity with two volunteers standing on either side of the paper.
- On the count of three, the first team to correctly answer this question is the winner. One, two, three.
  - What color is this paper?
  - Why are you each giving me a different answer?
- It must be because ... each side of this paper is a different color! You were both correct and also incorrect because you could only see that one color depending on which side of the room you were on. Only I knew that this paper was two different colors.
- That's the thing about being human. What we know is limited to what we can see and experience for ourselves, which can feel big to us, but it's definitely not as big as everything that's going on in the world. And that's what God sees—everything.
- The world is filled with all sorts of tragedies, disasters, and unrest. And it's natural to wonder and ask God questions. But sometimes when God answers our questions, it may be to show us that we are not seeing things the same way God sees them. And that's what God did with Joh
- God is bigger than we could ever understand. And even though we might never understand, we can trust God's view of the big picture.

## 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 in Week 1. 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!
- Please confirm that you have the correct passport, then turn to the third blank page.
  - Write today's Big Idea at the top of the page: God is bigger than we could ever understand.
  - Then write or draw about something God created that reminds you of how big God is!
- We are almost done filling out our passports with important truths we're learning about God through Job's story along the way!

# Small Group Time

REFLECTION | What If (if needed)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Dim the lights in your space and invite kids to close their eyes. Ask the following questions.
- What if God spoke to you right now?
- What do you think God's voice sounds like?
- What are some questions you might have for God?
- Job went through a terrible situation—many terrible situations, in fact. Even though he still loved and trusted God, he couldn't figure out the "why." Why was this happening? After listening to all his friends give their own (not-so-great) explanations, he knew he could only wait for God.
- But when God shows up, God doesn't say why. Maybe you've experienced something like this before.
  - o Have you ever asked a grown-up, "Why?" and had them answer, "Because I said so?"
  - Did you enjoy that response?
  - Yeah, I didn't like it when people said that to me when I was younger, too. (I still don't like it.)
- But if we think about it, the grown-ups who love and care for us probably see a bigger picture than we can.
  - o Can we trust them even though we may not fully understand the reason why?
  - It might seem strange when grown-ups don't supply a good enough reason—in our opinion, anyway—but we can trust that they give us instructions meant to help us and protect us.
- God doesn't tell us, "Because I said so," but sometimes the things God does can be pretty
  mysterious. But because we love and trust God, we don't need to wait for an explanation. God is
  bigger than we could ever understand, and that's awesome!