## ALONG THE WAY (P/O)

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

## **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!

Welcome (5 MIN)

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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 (7 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 | Would You Rather? (10 MIN)

- INSTRUCTIONS: For this activity have all the kids stand in the middle of the room in a line. Explain that you'll call out two choices and that they should step to one side or the other to answer your question. Be sure to always say, "Would you rather..." before each set of choices and indicate where to go for each answer choice. Here are some things you could ask ...
  - Eat pizza or a hot dog?
  - Play at the park or in your backyard?
  - Ride in a car or on a boat?
  - o Drink chocolate milk or apple juice?
  - Wear sneakers or boots?
  - Slide down a slide or swing on a swing?
  - You can make up some more if time allows

- You did a great job answering all of those questions, friends!
- Job, in the Bible, had a lot of questions, too. There was a lot that he didn't understand, and he wanted to hear from God.

#### ACTIVITY | What Am I? (5 MIN)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For this activity, gather the kids in the middle of your activity area. Describe a visible classroom item the kids should guess and then find using the questions below.
- What is something red, has four wheels, and goes fast? Toy car.
- What is something that can be real, may cry, likes to be held, and needs their diaper changed? Baby doll.
- What is something you play with that has lots of pieces that you take apart and put back together? Puzzle.
- What is something you can hold or listen to that has lots of pages and maybe some pictures? *Book.*
- It's nice when you know the answer to a question, right? When I don't know something, I like to ask "why." **What about you?**
- Job wanted to know why, too. He was not doing so well and had questions for God. But we'll find out that God had questions for Job, too!

## Story Time

BIG IDEA | God is bigger than we could ever understand. (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, "God is bigger than we are" or "God is so big."
- Look, you discovered the Big Idea along the way! **God is bigger than we could ever understand.**
- Let's learn our Big Idea together:
  - God (point up)
  - **is bigger** (bring hands together and then separate side to side)
  - than we (hold out a pointer finger and do a circular motion)
  - o could ever understand. (bring fingertips to either side of the temple)

VIDEO | Along the Way, Episode 3 (7 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 (5 MIN)

- 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

ACTIVITY | Circle Time (during snack)

• 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 created the world? God.
- Who did God ask a lot of questions to? Job.
- Could Job do the things God asked him about? No, only God could.
- What is the biggest thing you can think of? God is bigger than that!
- Who is bigger than we could ever understand? God.
- God is bigger than we could ever understand.

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 | Big World, Bigger God (10 MIN)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For this activity, have kids spread out in the room, arms-length from each other. Explain that you'll call out a different action for them to pose in. Continue calling the poses randomly for as long as time and interest allow. Here are some suggested poses:
  - o Mountains: hands up and overhead, bringing fingers together into a point
  - o Lakes: hands together out in front and wiggle like a snake
  - o **Trees:** arms out to either side and sway
  - o Hills: one hand going up and down like a snake
  - o Stars: open and close fingers
- In our Bible story today, we heard how God made the whole world. In our world, there are beautiful things, such as mountains, lakes, trees, stars, and hills.
  - What are some other things in God's big world?
  - o Can you or I make any of these things? No! Only God can!
- God is a big God. God is bigger than the whole world. God's love for you is even bigger. Can you imagine that?
- God is bigger than we could ever understand.

# Play Time

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page (at home)

• **INSTRUCTIONS:** Print and distribute <u>the coloring page</u> along with crayons or markers. As the kids color, you can review today's Bible story, Big Idea, and memory verse.