

WEEK of October 3 & 6  
PRESCHOOL LESSON GUIDE

**BIG**  
AND SMALL

## THE BIG IDEA

We are small, but God is big.

## THE BIBLE

Job's Sufferings:  
Job 1:1, 2:1-10

## WELCOME TIME

**ARRIVAL ACTIVITY** | Miniature Bowling, supplies needed: water, small ball.

- How many of you have ever gone bowling?
- Bowling can sometimes be a hard game, but so much fun!
- Today, we're going to play a mini version of bowling. Let's see which one we like more!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Gather ten water bottles to use as bowling pins and a small ball to be the bowling ball. Have the kids play miniature bowling at their leisure or make it into a competition.*

## TEACHING TIME

**BIBLE STORY** | Job's Sufferings, supplies needed: bible

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Open your Bible to Job 1:1; 2:1-10 as you tell the story.*
- As you listen to today's Bible story, whenever you hear me say, "God," stand up really tall. Whenever you hear me say, "Job," crouch down and make yourself as small as possible.
- Long ago, there was a man named Job. Job had everything he needed, made wise choices and loved God very much. God was very proud of Job.
- But not everyone thought that Job was that special, and believed Job was only a good person because he had everything he could ever want.
- Well, as it turns out, Job lost all his belongings and even his family.
- What do you think Job did?

- Even though he now had nothing, Job still loved God and sang praises to God.
- Then Job got really, really sick. He had sores all over his body and he was in a lot of pain.
- **What do you think Job did?**
- That's right! Job still praised God. Job knew that he was just one, small person that was created by a great, big God.
- Job didn't blame God but knew that if anyone could make things right again, it would be God. So, Job continued to trust God!
- **Does knowing that we are small, but God is big help us face scary things? How?**
- We can trust God all the time. And God will make us brave. Let's say it together: **We are small, but God is big!**

**BIG IDEA** | We are small, but God is big. Supplies needed, magnifying glass, marker, paper.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Write the Big Idea in a really small font on a huge piece of paper. Use an oversized magnifying glass to read it.*
- Look at this tiny message on this great, big paper! It's so tiny, I need to use a magnifying glass to read it. Magnifying glasses make small things look bigger.
- **We are small, but God is big!** That's our Big Idea. Those small words gave us our Big Idea!
- Let's say it together: **We are small, but God is big!**
- No matter what comes our way, God is always bigger!

**VIDEO** | Big and Small, Episode 1 Supplies, needed TV

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's episode of [Cali's World](#).*

## DISCUSSION TIME

**ACTIVITY** | "A Fish Out of Water by Helen Palmer"

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Read the book, "Big Fish Out of Water" by Helen Palmer. Make the book available for the kids to read during playtime as well.*
- **Do you remember what happened to the fish?**
- That happens with our problems, too. They start out small and then get bigger and bigger!
- **Do you remember what happened to Job?**
- I bet Job's problems seemed really, really big. **But who was bigger than Job's problems?**
- That's right! God! **We are small, but God is big.** God is bigger than us, and bigger than all of our problems.

**MEMORY VERSE** | Job 37:5 (NIV) Supplies needed, Memory Verse coloring sheet, crayons or markers.

- We are small, but God is big. Let's write the memory verse really big for God. Say it with me as we write it.
- "God's voice thunders in marvelous ways; he does great things beyond our understanding." (Job 37:5)

## PLAY TIME CENTERS

**ACTIVITY** | Coloring Page, supplies needed: Job coloring page, crayons, markers

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print and distribute the coloring page along with crayons or markers. Since this month's coloring pages are not literal Bible characters, talk with kids about how today's illustration is related to today's Bible story, Big Idea, and memory verse!*

**ACTIVITY** | Big and Small Stations,

- **How Big is It?: Supplies Needed:** stacking blocks, rulers, yardstick
  - *Provide rulers, yardsticks, and measuring tapes for the kids to measure items around the room.*
- **Big Bowl, Small Bowl: Supplied Needed:** Two bowls, large and small items to sort.
  - *Place a small bowl (marked "small") and a large bowl (marked "big") on the table. Provide the smallest and largest items of sorting toys and invite the kids to sort them by size.*
- **Pom-Pom Sort: Supplies Needed:** pom-poms of various sizes, tongs, small cups.
  - *Mix jumbo pom-poms and mini pom-poms in a bin. Provide tweezers and kitchen tongs. Ask the kids to use the tweezers and tongs to pick up the pom-poms and put them into cups.*

### PRAYER and BLESSING

Dear God, thank you for loving us even though we are so small. Help us to keep loving and believing in you because you are so big, and you always take care of us. Amen.

Trace the sign of the cross on the forehead of each child as the parents pick up and say, "God is big and will take care of you!"

Encourage your preschoolers to help clean up the room while they wait for their parents.