

WEEK of October 17 &  
November 3  
PRESCHOOL and Kindergarten  
LESSON GUIDE

**BIG**  
AND SMALL

## THE BIG IDEA

God sees the big picture.

## THE BIBLE

God Answers Job:  
Job 38:1-7; 34-41

### WELCOME TIME and TRANSITION TIME

#### ACTIVITY | Mini Pic Challenge, mini pic images, magnifying glass

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Divide the kids into groups and give them a copy of the printable containing ten tiny images. Encourage the kids to try to guess what the pictures are. It may even be fun for the kids to use a magnifying glass.*
- We just saw how hard it is to tell what a picture is when we only see part of an image.
- Now, we are going to have a different type of challenge!
- What will happen when the picture is super tiny?
- Can we see these super tiny images? What would help us to see them better?
- Sometimes, we need help to see the whole picture.

### TEACHING TIME

#### TRANSITION SONGS

**BIBLE STORY** | God Answers Job, Supplies needed: Bible, coloring page enlarged and cut into puzzle pieces.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Open your Bible to today's passage, Job 38:1-7; 34-41, as you tell the story. Today's coloring page will be enlarged and cut into "puzzle pieces" (or use a regular jigsaw puzzle with 12 or less large pieces). Put up one piece at a time as you tell the story to show God sees the big picture.*
- *[Start putting up your puzzle one piece at a time at various points throughout your teaching.]* We've been hearing the story of how a lot of not-so-great things have happened to Job.

- Can you remember some of the things that happened?
- Job was really upset and he asked God, "Why did this happen to me?"
- Have you ever wondered why something bad happened?
- I've wondered about that, too. Well, Job asked God, and God answered.
- *[Read Job 38: 1-7.]*
  - God answered Job with questions. God asked, "Where were you when I created all the world? Who made everything?"
  - **We all know who created all the world, don't we?** Yes! God is the creator of everything.
- *[Read Job 38: 34-41.]*
  - God asked Job, "Can you do all the things I can do?"
  - **What do you think? Can he?** Of course not! Only God can do all those things.
- Only God knows everything that is happening. Job only knows a little bit at this point in our story. It's like he's only looking at a little piece of the picture.
- *[Complete your picture puzzle.]* When I first started putting up these puzzle pieces, you probably didn't know what this picture would be. But now that it's finished, we can see a clear picture!
- When it comes to our lives, we sometimes only see a little bit but God can see everything and God is with us!

**BIG IDEA** | God sees the big picture, Supplies needed: Big idea on piece of paper, magnifying glass.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Write the Big Idea in a really small font on a large piece of paper. Use an oversized magnifying glass to read it.*
- Look at this tiny message on this great, big piece of paper! It's so tiny, I need to use a magnifying glass to make it bigger so I can read it.
- That's today's Big Idea! **God sees the big picture!** Let's say it together! **God sees the big picture!**
- We can trust God with whole picture.

**VIDEO** | Big and Small, Episode 3

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's video.*

### DISCUSSION TIME

- Why do you think God doesn't always show us the big picture?
- Even though we don't know everything, isn't it wonderful that our God does? **God sees the big picture!**

## PLAY TIME

**ACTIVITY** | COLORING PAGE, Supplies needed: coloring page and crayons/markers

**ACTIVITY** | Puzzle Station, Supplies needed: simple puzzles

- When we work on a puzzle, we put together a lot of small pieces to make a big picture. Try to imagine what the big picture is while you work on the puzzle.
- **God sees the big picture!**

**ACTIVITY** | DIY Binoculars, Supplies needed: toilet paper tubes, tape, stickers, hole punch, yarn.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Have the kids make their own cardboard binoculars using [these instructions](#) (or similar ones).*
- Today, we're going to create some binoculars together. **What do binoculars do?**
- Binoculars help us see things far away! They can help us see a more complete picture.
- We can use these binoculars to remind us that **God sees the big picture.**

**ACTIVITY** | God's Big Picture Frame, Supplies needed: large poster frame, markers, stickers, camera

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Encourage the kids to work together to decorate a large poster frame. While they are working, pull them aside one by one and take a picture of each kid. Place the kids' pictures on a poster that will go inside the frame they are decorating.*
- Today, we are going to make a big frame for God's Big Picture. **I wonder what will go inside the frame.**
- Look who's part of God's big picture! You are!
- **How are you a part of God's big picture?**
- **What can you do to help in God's picture?**
- Even if we can't see it, we know that **God sees the big picture!**

## PRAYER and BLESSING

Dear God, even though we know a lot of things, there is still so much that we don't know. It's like seeing only a small part of a big picture. Thank you for seeing the big picture and leading us to where we're supposed to go. Amen.

Trace the sign on the cross on each child's forehead and say, "God leads us and guides us. God loves you!"

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