

BIG AND SMALL

WEEK 4

BIG IDEA

No problem is too small for God.

BIBLE

Job 42:1-6; 10-17

FREE TIME

PLAY | Free Time

INSTRUCTIONS: *Tables will be set with games and activities for kids to play until the lesson begins. This is a great opportunity to get to know some kids and work on building relationships.*

POLL | Big and Small Trivia

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *This poll will be written on the board as a discussion starter while kids arrive. Have kids put a check mark under any they believe to be TRUE and an X under any they believe to be FALSE.*
- **The biggest pizza ever made weighed about 26,000 pounds [True.]**
- **The tallest dog ever recorded was five feet tall. [False. The tallest dog was more than seven feet tall.]**
- **The largest ukulele ever made is more than thirteen feet long. [True.]**
- **The world's smallest paper airplane is 1mm long. [True]-**
- These are just fun examples to talk about, but when it comes to us and the things in our lives, big or small, it all matters to God.

MUSIC | Worship

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play a selection of worship music videos during free time. Some may choose to dance along while it may be background music for others.*
- *Alternatively, learn a few of the motions yourself, introduce them to the class and dance along together to kick things off!*

LARGE GROUP TIME

WHAT?

ACTIVITY | Giant Tic-Tac-Toss

- **Who can tell me how to play Tic-tac-toe?** Right! We try to beat our opponent by getting three of our letters in a row before they do. We have to problem-solve to try and beat them!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Using painter's tape, create a giant Tic-tac-toe board on the floor. Use pillows to serve as the "X" and "O" pieces by "writing" an "X" or "O" on the pillows using tape. Have the kids play Tic-tac-toe by tossing the pillows to add an extra element or "problem" to solve as a part of the game.*
 - **PRETEEN HACK:** *Encourage the older preteens to create the tic-tac-toe game board for the younger students. Modify the playing rules for preteens by having them toss the bean bag under their leg or over their shoulder.*
- Winning Tic-tac-toe isn't always easy by itself, but when we add more problems to solve – like having to throw pillows – it becomes even more tricky to win!

SO WHAT?

BIBLE STORY | Job's Blessings

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Encourage the kids to join you in reading today's passage in Job 42:1-6; 10-17. Gather props used to tell today's story.*
- During the last few weeks, we have seen Job face some really tough stuff! Last week, we saw Job remember how powerful God is and that God sees the big picture.
- **What do you think will happen to Job in our story today?** Let's find out!
- *[Read Job 42:1-6.]*
 - Job realized that God can do anything. The things Job was questioning God about were far too complicated for Job to understand. But he now saw with his own eyes how amazing God is.
 - Let's keep reading to find out how the story ends!
- *[Read Job 42:10.]*
 - **How much did God give Job?**
 - Yes, twice as much as he had before.
 - As we continue reading the story, let's open these surprise boxes to see all the things God gave to Job.
- *[Open box one and read Job 42:11.]*
 - **What do we have in this box?** It looks like we have money and a gold ring!
- *[Open box two and read Job 42:12.]*
 - **What does this box reveal?** Now, we have some sheep, camels, oxen, and donkeys!
- *[Open box three and read Job 42:13-15.]*
 - **What do we have here?** It's a brother and sister. Job had more children!
- *[Open box four and read Job 42:16-17.]*
 - **What's this?** A happy older man! Job lived a long and happy life because God blessed him after all the bad stuff that happened.
- All of these things seem really nice, right? **But was Job's faith in God based simply on what God would give him?**
- No! Job had a new understanding of God. When Job was hurting and sad, God took care of him and made his faith stronger. When Job's friends and family abandoned him, God was always with him, so Job

was never alone.

- Even though Job lost a lot of stuff, God was there to take care of Job's needs.
- It's great to receive nice gifts from God, but **what are some other ways that God takes care of us?**

BIG IDEA | No problem is too small for God.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Write the Big Idea in a really small font on a huge piece of paper. Choose a kid to come up to the front and choose a really big magnifying glass to read the Big Idea with. Have the rest of the kids repeat the Big Idea after you.*
- By now, we know that this really small writing is going to reveal a really big truth!
- **Who can come up here and read what this says?**
- Let's say this week's Big Idea together: **No problem is too small for God!**
- We can trust in God for everything because nothing is too small for God!

(OPTIONAL) VIDEO | Big and Small, Episode 4

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

NOW WHAT?

STORY | My Blessing

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Share a story about a time in your life when you lost something that was very special or important to you. Explain how it affected your relationship with God. Did it make you angry? Did it bring you closer to God?*
 - **PRETEEN HACK:** *You could choose to take this deeper by sharing a story of how you lost someone instead of something. Many preteens have experienced loss whether it's a pet or a loved one or through divorce. Create a safe space for kids who are willing to*

share their experience and how they have coped. How has or how can God help them navigate what they're going through?

- **Have any of you ever lost something that was important or special to you?** Me, too!
- But even though sometimes we lose things that are really important to us, God can help us through those times.
- We may not fully understand what and why bad things happen, but we can trust that God cares about every piece of our lives.
- We can trust that **no problem is too small for God.**

REFLECTION | Big Problems, Small Problems

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Give each kid a big card and a small card and tell them to think of a big problem and a small problem. A big problem could be something like world hunger, whereas a small problem could be fighting with a friend. Once the kids have finished their cards, have them put the cards in the middle of the table and then take turns reading the problems.*
 - **SPECIAL NEEDS HACK:** *Provide pictures to represent both big and small problems and have kids sort out the pictures on a board.*
- Now, we're going to write some of our own problems that we can trust God to help us with!
- On the big cards, we're going to write some big problems we can think of (e.g., kids with no food to eat, war, not having a place to live, etc.).
- On the small cards, we're going to write smaller, but still important, problems (e.g., loss of a pet, fight with a friend, trouble at home, etc.).
- Now that we are done writing, let's put all of the problems in the middle of the table. We're going to listen to each other read aloud the different problems.
- **How do we treat each other when we hear about our problems?** We listen respectfully. We don't laugh or joke. We show kindness and love to one another.
- **How often does God listen to our problems?** God always listens!
- **No problem is too small for God!**

MEMORY VERSE | Mystery Box

- Let's practice our memory verse together! All month we're memorizing these words from the Bible that reminds us of how BIG God is.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Have kids choose between the small box or the big box. In each box, will be a different way the kids can recite the memory verse.*
 - **"God's voice is glorious in the thunder. We can't even imagine the greatness of his power."**

PRAYER

- Dear God, thank you for taking care of us. We know that we can count on you because no problem is too big or too small for you. Help us to learn to trust you more and to talk to you about everything. Amen.

SMALL GROUP TIME

DISCUSSION

- **How did God bless Job after everything that happened?**
- **Why do you think God did that?**
- **Read Job 42:2. How does it feel knowing that God can do anything?**
- **How would you feel if you were in Job's shoes?**
- **What does it mean to you to have faith in something?**
- **Name one blessing in your own life.**

MEMORY VERSE | Job 37:5 (NIV)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Practice this month's memory verse together.*
- *Award a token to any kid that can say the verse from memory.*
- Let's practice this month's memory verse together!



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