

# BIG AND SMALL

WEEK 3

## BIG IDEA

God sees the big picture.

## BIBLE

Job 38:1-7; 34-41

## 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.*

### QUESTION

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *This question will be written on the board as a discussion starter while kids arrive.*
  - **Have you wondered why something happened to you?**

### 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 | The Small Picture

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Show a series of zoomed-in photos of items. Have the kids shout out what they think the image is on the picture and then reveal it slowly.*
- I have some pictures here and I want you to guess what they are.
- It's zoomed in too close and we can't see the whole image. **Can you guess what it might be even though we cannot see the whole thing?**
- Let's slowly start to "zoom out" and reveal more of the picture. *[Click through to each phase of the photo]*-**Now, what do you think it is?**
- It's hard to guess what is going on when we can't see the whole picture!

#### ACTIVITY | Mini Pic Challenge

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

### SO WHAT?

## BIBLE STORY | God Answers Job

- At this point in the story, our friend, Job, has been through a lot!  
**Can you remember some of the things he's been through?**
- I bet he's wondering why all of this has happened to him. **Have you ever wondered why something was happening to you?** Me, too!
- Job asked God this question, and we're about to see how God answered Job.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Encourage the kids to join you in reading the Bible passage, Job 38:1-7; 34-41, with their Bibles, if they have them.*
- It seems like God is asking Job to answer a bunch of questions . . .  
Let's try answering some of these questions. **Are you ready?**
  - **Who determined the dimensions of the Earth?** God! That's right!
  - **Can you shout to the clouds and make it rain?** No . . . I can't either. But God can!
- Do you know what I noticed? God doesn't actually answer Job's question! **Why do you think that is?**
  - I think by asking Job these questions, God is allowing Job to realize that he may not have the same view as God. Job only sees a small part of the picture. God is big and powerful and makes all the pieces of our lives come together, just like a puzzle.
- **Are we allowed to ask God questions?** Yes! God listens to us no matter how small the question. 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 Job.
- The most important thing? God has been and will continue to be with Job in every part of Job's story, the hard parts and the easy parts. And God will do the same for you.

## BIG IDEA | God sees the big picture.

- **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.*

- Last week, we had a similar piece of paper and it told us something big about God. What will it say today?
- **Let's say the Big Idea together: God sees the big picture!**

### (OPTIONAL) VIDEO | Big and Small, Episode 3

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

## NOW WHAT?

### REFLECTION | Because I Said So

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Encourage the kids to think of a time when they were told, "Because I said so. . ." when they asked, "Why?" Ask prompting questions to help them feel comfortable sharing about how they felt in that moment, what they did as a result, or what they learned because of it.*
- **How many of you have ever asked your parents the question, "Why?" and heard them say, "Because I said so . . .?"**
- **Did you like that response?**
- **How did it make you feel?**
- Sometimes, our parents, teachers, and caregivers can see a bigger picture than we can. **Can we trust them even though we may not understand the reason why?**
- It might seem strange when grownups don't supply a good enough reason — in our opinion, anyway — but the people who care about us give us instructions meant to help us and protect us.
- God doesn't tell us, "Because I said so," but sometimes the things that God wants us to do are pretty mysterious. But even when we don't fully understand, we can trust and obey because **God sees the big picture**, when we only see a tiny part!

## 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, please help us to stay encouraged and continue to believe in you when trouble comes. Thank you for having a plan even when we can't see the big picture like you can. Help us learn to trust you more. Amen.

## SMALL GROUP TIME

## DISCUSSION

- **What were some of the questions God asked Job?**
- **What do those questions show us about God?**
- **Why do you think God only shows us a small part of the big picture?**
- **How is Jesus a part of God's big picture?**
- **How are you a part of God's big picture?**
- **We may not know what the big picture will be, but we can trust that God will keep us safe and that God's plan for us is the best.**

## MEMORY VERSE | Job 37:5 (NLT)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Practice this month's memory verse together.*
- *Award tokens to any kid that can say the verse from memory.*

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