

## WEEK 2 LESSON GUIDE



### BIG IDEA

We can show God's love in small ways.

### BIBLE

**Job and His Friends:**  
Job 2:11–13; 16:1–5

## ABOUT THIS WEEK

Trips are always better with friends or loved ones because they help us pass the time or give us advice when we need it. This week, we'll hear about Job, his friends, and the way they showed love and care for Job as he was experiencing some turbulence in his journey. Their presence in this difficult moment helps us discover how **we can show God's love in small ways.**

## WELCOME TIME

### ACTIVITY | 10,000 Foot View

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For this activity, spread a length of white butcher paper across a floor or table. Set out supplies, such as cotton balls, crayons or markers, mini craft sticks, wooden blocks, and Little People animals and people figures. Have kids create what they think they'd see if they were looking down from an airplane that was high in the sky.
  - ✦ **TODDLER HACK:** Set up a scene for the younger toddlers and allow them to explore what you have set out for them. Toddlers will enjoy knocking over the block buildings and moving the animals around. Keep it fun by making animal sounds with them.
- Airplanes go really high up in the sky, and when you look out of the window, things below look really small.
- **What do you think you'd see?** Let's create together!
- A building from an airplane might look really small, but if you come down to the ground, you'll see the building is so big! Today's Bible story is about how Job's friends did a small thing to help Job in a *big way*!

### ACTIVITY | Plane Race

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For this activity, create a runway with two or more lanes (depending on how many kids and space you have) by using painter's tape on the floor. Give each child at the beginning of the tape line a toy airplane. Then, have them roll their planes as far as they can. Play as long as time and interest allow.
  - ✦ **TODDLER HACK:** Make a simple ramp from a large piece of cardboard for the toddlers to drop their planes down. You could even roll toy cars down the ramp.
- That was amazing! But did you notice that sometimes, your planes would go onto another runway or cross paths with another plane? That wouldn't be safe at a real airport. With real airplanes, everyone has to take turns and use the runway one at a time.
- Helping each other stay safe is one way to show God's love. In today's Bible story, Job's friends showed God's love in a small way, but it meant a big deal.

## STORY TIME

### SCRIPTURE | Job 2:11-13 (Job and His Friends)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Teach this Scripture passage by reading from a preschool-friendly Bible translation, Bible storybook, or using the talking points provided below! For some theme-related fun, put on a pilot's hat before you tell today's story. You'll also need a clipboard with a blank piece of paper and a pen.
- Hello friends! We are about to take off on another exciting journey! I'm so glad you could join us today!
- We're going to fly back [put your arms out to the side like wings] to the land of Uz. We'll be taking off shortly.
- Let's go through our safety checklist: door closed, luggage stowed, life jackets ready, and emergency exits marked—check, check, check!
  - Last time, we talked about a man named Job. Job had a very good life—lots of kids, land, animals ... but sadly, all that was taken away from him. Even though Job didn't understand, Job never blamed God. God was always with him.
  - **Give yourselves a big hug to remember God is with you, too!**
- Guess who else was with Job? His friends! God sent Job his friends to comfort him.
  - **How many of you have a friend? Say their name out loud.**
  - Thank you God for our friends!
- When his friends saw how sick and sad he looked, they were sad, too.
  - That's not all. They sat with him for seven days and nights.
  - **Can you help me count to seven?** Great job!
- Job's friends didn't know what to do for Job. They couldn't make everything better. But they sat with him and cried with him. They helped Job know he wasn't alone.
  - **Pat the shoulder of a friend next to you.**
  - You can be a good friend, too!
- Job's friends showed God's love to him when he felt sad. It was a small act that made Job feel so much better. Thanks for being the best passengers and best listeners today!

### BIG IDEA | We can show God's love in small ways.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Write each word of the Big Idea on pieces of painter's tape. Use a duffel bag, travel suitcase, or backpack (you can reuse the one from Week 1). Pack the bag with travel items and tape the words on some of them, preferably different items than last time. 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, "We can show God's love."
- Look, you discovered the Big Idea along the way! **We can show God's love in small ways!**
- Let's learn our Big Idea together:
  - **We** (hold out a pointer finger and do a circular motion)
  - **can show** (hold hands out with palms up)
  - **God's love** (place both hands over your heart)
  - **in small ways.** (almost pinch your index finger and thumb together and peek through the gap)

### VIDEO | Along the Way, Episode 2

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

### ACTIVITY | Gentle Bubbles

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Blow bubbles for the kids (or use a bubble machine), encouraging them to try and catch the

*bubbles gently. Point out that some of the bubbles are big and some are small.*

- Sometimes, when someone is sad, it is helpful to be gentle, just like you were gentle when catching the bubbles.
- Job's friends were gentle when they came to visit Job. They were so sad to see how bad things were. They couldn't fix it so they sat with him and cried with him. Before they said anything, they chose to just be there for Job.
- Being gentle is one small way that we can show God's love. **We can show God's love in small ways.**

## PRAYER

- Dear God, thank you for loving us. Teach us how to show your love to everyone in small ways. Amen.

## SHARING TIME

### SNACK | Cloud Parfait

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Provide cups of blue Jell-O with whipped cream on top.*
- When you fly on an airplane, you'll see clouds that look soft and fluffy.
- **Have you ever stopped to look up at the clouds?**
- **What do clouds look like to you?**

### ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Sit in a circle together. Pass around a toy airplane so kids can take turns answering questions. The person holding the plane gets to speak.*
- **Who visited Job?** *His friends.*
- **Why did they visit him?** *To help comfort him and help him feel better.*
- **What did they do for Job?** *They sat beside him and cried with him for seven days.*
- **Have you ever been sad? How did someone help you feel better?**
- **What can we show in small ways?** *God's love.*
- **We can show God's love in small ways.**

### ACTIVITY | Popsicle Stick Airplane

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Build an airplane like [this](#) out of mini and jumbo popsicle sticks, wavy paddle fan sticks, liquid glue, markers, and star stickers.*
  - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** *Offer toddlers foam heart stickers to stick onto a piece of paper cut into the shape of a heart. Talk with them about how Job's friends tried to show him love and comfort when he was so sad. Be sure to supervise carefully so that the stickers aren't swallowed.*
- **We can show God's love in small ways, like ...**
  - We can give them a hug.
  - We can draw them a picture.
  - We can sing them a song.
  - We can laugh with them.
  - We can cry with them.
  - We can pray for them.
- Take your airplane home and place it somewhere that helps you think about all the small ways you can cheer someone way up and show them God's love.

### MEMORY VERSE | Psalm 121:8 (NIV)

- **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."**

## PLAY TIME

### ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Print and distribute [the coloring page](#) along with crayons or markers. As the kids color, you can review today's Bible story, Big Idea, and memory verse.

### ACTIVITY | Up In The Clouds

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Set out a sensory bin filled with blue paper shreds (for sky), cotton balls (for clouds), and toy airplanes.

✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Remember that toddlers have not developed the skills and patience to take turns. Be sure to offer plenty of space in the room and at each activity so toddlers can have access and not have to wait their turn when possible.

### ACTIVITY | Big Hearts, Small Hearts

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Set out a bin of foam hearts of various sizes. Have the kids work together to sort them into 'big' and 'small.'