

## WEEK 4 LESSON GUIDE



### BIG IDEA

We can trust God will make everything right.

### BIBLE

**Job Is Restored:**  
Job 42:1-17

## ABOUT THIS WEEK

Traveling can feel so stressful, but once you arrive at your destination and unpack, everything feels ... better. This week, we'll see what happened when God helped Job rebuild his life after he went through his uncomfortable experience. Even though he lost so much, in the end God gave him so much more, which helps us know **we can trust God will make everything right.**

## WELCOME TIME

### ACTIVITY | Balloon Bounce

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For this activity, have kids form a circle. If you have a large group, form several circles. Give each circle a balloon. The idea is to keep the balloon bouncing and moving by passing it across and around the circle without letting it drop to the ground.
  - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Avoid balloons with toddlers as they pose a choking hazard. Instead, have kids play freely with [inflatable bouncy balls](#). Talk with kids about how God was going to make Job's life happy again!
- We're in for a boat trip today! While we wait, let's get the wiggles out and get our bodies moving. Look what I have—a balloon! Let's see how many times we can bounce the balloon before our boat arrives.
- Great job, friends! You did a fantastic job keeping the balloon afloat. Even when it fell to the ground, you made it right by picking it up and starting again.

### ACTIVITY | Boat Race

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Fill a plastic kiddie pool or large plastic tub with one inch of water. Add lightweight toy boats or make your own using [paper covered with duct tape](#). Give each kid a straw. Instruct them to blow through their straws to race their boats. Have towels on hand to wipe up any splashed water. Do not leave kids unattended around water. Empty the pool or tub at the end of the activity.
  - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Remember, keep little ones safe by providing two or three leaders in each classroom. Having more adults will help you watch closely—especially when you use water, smaller craft items, or anything you don't want toddlers to get into their mouths.
- **What did you do to make your boat go the right way if it went off course or if it flipped over?**
- Today, we'll hear how God made things right after so many things went wrong.

## STORY TIME

### SCRIPTURE | Job 42:1–17 (Job Is Restored)

- **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 boat captain's hat and some sunglasses.
- **Do you remember where we have been visiting every week?** It's a place called Uz, where Job from the Bible lives.
  - Today, let's pretend to travel there by boat!
  - **Let's sway back and forth like we're floating on a boat.**
- Job had everything he ever wanted, and loved God very much.
  - Then one day, Job lost everything he had, including the family he loved so much.
  - **Did Job ever stop loving God?** No!
  - Job's friends tried to comfort him because he was sad. But even they couldn't make things right.
  - **Who is the only person who could make everything right for Job?** God!
- That's what God did. God knew Job was going through a lot of pain and sadness. God made things right by having him get back everything he had lost ... and more!
  - God gave Job even more land, animals, and children. He was very happy and even lived to be 140 years old!
  - **Everyone say, "Wow!"**
- Things don't always go our way. But God sees everything and God knows what to do. God will make things right, even if it takes a long time.

### BIG IDEA | We can trust God will make everything right.

- **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 trust God."
- Look, you discovered the Big Idea along the way! **We can trust God will make everything right.**
- Let's learn our Big Idea together:
  - **We** (hold out a pointer finger and do a circular motion)
  - **can trust** (clasp hands together)
  - **God will make** (point up)
  - **everything right.** (give two thumbs up)

### VIDEO | Along the Way, Episode 4

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

### ACTIVITY | What's Missing?

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For this activity, have kids sit in a circle on the floor. Gather eight to ten classroom items (markers, books, stuffed animals, glue stick, Bible, hole punch) and display them in clear view. Call on one kid to be the guesser and instruct them to stand with their back facing the group. Call on another kid to remove one of the displayed items. Have the guesser try and guess which item was removed. Continue play until all items have been removed.

✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Lay out a few toddler-safe toys on a tray. Point to each item to help toddlers identify it and have them say the word with you. Then, remove the item as they are looking. Ask toddlers what you need to put back. God gave Job everything back!

- Today, we heard how God gave Job back some of the things that he lost.
- It can be hard when things make us sad, but **we can trust God will make everything right.**

## PRAYER

- God, thank you for loving us. We trust that you will make everything right. Amen.

## SHARING TIME

### SNACK | Boat Snacks

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Pass out bags or cups of goldfish crackers.
- When you ride on a boat, you may see whales, dolphins, seals, and other animals playing in the water.
- **Have you ever been on a boat?**
- **What's your favorite water animal?**

### ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Sit in a circle together. Pass around a toy boat so kids can take turns answering questions. The person holding the boat gets to speak!
- **What man have we been learning about?** Job.
- **Can you name some things Job lost?** His family, animals, and his health.
- **How did God make things right for Job?** God gave him more than he ever had before.
- **When things seem bad, who can make things right?** God!
- **We can trust God will make everything right.**

### ACTIVITY | Pool Noodle Boats

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Help kids assemble their own boats made out of pieces of pool noodles, straws, and paper sails. Check out [these instructions](#) for more details. You can also purchase kits [like these](#). Feel free to write the Big Idea on their sails. If you have time and space, have kids try floating their boats in a tub!
- ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Help toddlers use crayons to scribble on a boat-shaped piece of paper. You could even fashion a simple boat from a cardboard box for all of the toddlers to scribble on.
- In our Bible story today, God gave back to Job what he lost. It's like how a boat captain knows how to bring the boat back to shore!
- Our boats will help us remember that **we can trust God will make everything right.**

### 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 key words.
- **"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. You can review today's Bible story, Big Idea, and memory verse as the kids color.

**ACTIVITY | Water Beads Sensory Bin**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Prepare the water beads according to the package directions. Then, place the beads in a medium-size plastic bin. Allow kids to play with the beads, stay close, and monitor them to ensure they don't put them in their mouths. You can also add ocean animals and toy boats.
  - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Water beads are hazardous to toddlers. Consider adding hair gel inside a zip-top bag and add plastic counting tokens or coins. Seal the top with duct tape and have toddlers move the gel around through the bag.

**ACTIVITY | Make It Right Blocks**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Provide a bin with building blocks, people figures, and animal toys. Help preschoolers "rebuild" Job's life using the pieces provided.