WEEK 4
LESSON GUIDE



BIG IDEA

We can trust God will make everything right.

BIBLE

Job is Restored: Job 42:1–17; Mark 10:46–52

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.**

WHAT? What are we talking about today?

ACTIVITY | Rest Stop Relay

- INSTRUCTIONS: *For this activity, you'll need balloons. To play, split kids into teams and have them line up across the room, two arm's length apart. Give an inflated balloon to the first person in line. They have to pass it down the line by tossing it into the air to the next person. They have to make it all the way down without letting it fall to the ground or grabbing the ball. If it falls, return it to the first person and start over. First team to have the balloon or ball make it all the way to the end. You could also have teams stand in a circle and count how many "bounces" they made on the ball before it falls to the ground.*
- I feel like I've been traveling with you for a month! I think we were long overdue for a break at this rest stop. Might as well, since I think we're almost at our destination!
- Makes me think about Job. Does he ever catch a break? Well, today's Bible Story is about what happened to Job after God spoke to him. This is gonna be good!

QUESTION | Have you ever had an argument with someone?

- INSTRUCTIONS: *Ask the following questions. You can have every kid shout their answer but then ask a few kids to share their answers with everyone. Comment briefly on their answers.*
- Have you ever had a disagreement or argument with a friend or family member?
- How did you feel during that time?
- Did you manage to make things right with them afterward?
- You've been on this earth long enough to notice that sometimes things go wrong. There are times, though, that we can help make it right, like apologizing to a friend or offering to replace something you broke.
- But there are also times when it seems like there's nothing we can do to make things right again. It's easy to get down on ourselves and feel sad in times like these, but that's when we can remember that there is someone who can make everything right in ways we never would have thought!

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- I'll give you a hint—it's God!

SO WHAT? Why does it matter to God and to us?

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

- INSTRUCTIONS: *Read the passage and retell the Bible story using the Scripture segments and talking points provided below.*
- Welcome to the *Along the Way* Resort, the finest resort in the land of Uz! I am the head concierge and I am here to help you find interesting things to do while you're here on vacation. I do hope you'll find that your time with us will be worth all the energy you spent and the delays you faced trying to get here.
- So is this your first time in the land of Uz? You know, not long ago, we had a hometown celebrity named Job.
    - Have you heard of him? Oh really?
    - Wanna share some things you know about him?
- Job's story began right here. He was always well-known as someone who loved God and lived a righteous life. He had everything anyone could ask for—a beautiful family, all this land and animals, and people to take care of the land and animals. The guy was *blessed*.
    - Then one day, he lost everything in one fell swoop. Even his own health started falling apart. Some friends of his dropped by and tried to comfort him, and they did okay, but in the end they weren't the comfort that Job really needed.
    - Job never blamed God, but after some time had passed, he did have questions. Who wouldn't have some questions? I definitely think that I would. That's when God spoke and helped Job.
    - God helped Job to see that from his perspective as a person, he just couldn't understand everything the way that God does. But because God is so big and powerful, Job should trust in God, even in the toughest moments.
- Let's read Job 42:1–6.
    - Job learned that just because he didn't know the answer, it didn't mean God didn't have the answer. Turns out, God was even bigger and more powerful than he knew before!
    - Job remained faithful to God, and began to see how *big* God was and how much God understood about the world we live in. Job began to grow closer to God when he started to trust God more.
- Let's read Job 42:7–9.
    - Even though Job's friends didn't give him the best advice, Job prayed for his friends. Despite all the hard things Job went through, he prayed. He knew that God was big enough to handle his sadness, frustration, and big emotions and that God cared deeply for him.
    - We see that as Job began to pray, God began to make everything right.
- Read Job 42:10–13
    - As God began to make things right, God blessed Job more than he could even imagine. God blessed him with more animals, kids, and—this really cool part that I think we can't miss— Job lived to be a very old man! Job lived a full life. I can't imagine all the cool things he experienced with God.
    - Job learned to see God in a new way and pushed into God when he faced some pretty tough situations.
- As we go through our lives, we know that God is with us, that God is bigger, wiser, kinder, and more loving than we can understand and that even when we have doubts we can trust God to take care of us.
- We are so excited you made it to *Along the Way* resort. As we continue to have some fun, let's keep thinking about how we can trust God to make things right at the right time!

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

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- INSTRUCTIONS: *Introduce the kids to today's Big Idea.*
- Sometimes, when we know that God is good, and yet we don't see our life as being very good at the moment, we can wonder what God is doing, wonder if God really is all that "good," and even wonder if God is really there. But just like we see that God never really left Job at all, **we can trust God will make everything right** in our own lives.

SCRIPTURE | Mark 10:46–52

- INSTRUCTIONS: *Read the passage out loud or invite a volunteer to read for the group.*
- This passage is about a time when Jesus made things right. Bartimaeus believed that Jesus could heal him because he knew that Jesus was God's son. Like Job, Bartimaeus trusted in God. That faith made him so sure that Jesus could turn things around for him.
- But notice that Jesus didn't just make things right for Bartimaeus by helping him see. He made things right by letting all the people know that it wasn't okay to treat Bartimaeus so badly. Everyone tried to tell him to be quiet and not bother Jesus, but Jesus stopped and made sure Bartimaeus was *seen* just as much as he wanted to *see.*
- This is the way Jesus lived his life on earth. He taught people about God and how much God loved them. Jesus forgave people of their sins and showed them how to live with the love of God. Jesus gave up his life on the cross so we could connect with God again.
- When we look to Jesus, there is no doubt about it—**we can trust God will make everything right.**

VIDEO | Teaching Video (Week 4)

- INSTRUCTIONS: *Play this week's episode of Grow TV.(https://vimeo.com/928572174/f981729b6b) If you're short on time, show the illustrated Bible story video. (https://vimeo.com/996232386/c8d77ebdfa)*

NOW WHAT? What does God want us to do about it?

REFLECTION | What If

- INSTRUCTIONS: *Dim the lights in your space and invite kids to close their eyes.*
- What if you were Job and God had basically reversed all your troubles and turned them into blessings?
- How would you show your thankfulness to God?
- How do you think he would have reacted if God hadn't blessed him like this?
- From what we know about Job, it's fair to say he continued to trust and love God. Don't get me wrong—what he went through was horrible. But somehow, even in tragedy, Job gained 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 or discouraged him, God was always with him, so Job was never alone.
    - So even if God hadn't made things right by restoring his health and fortunes, Job would have trusted God's big picture.
- Trusting God to make things right doesn't mean we simply sit around and wait for things to happen. Because sometimes, God makes things right through people... like you and me. There are plenty of things we can do in our own lives to make things right.
    - Let's name some things we know of that seem to be going wrong. Are you struggling to get along with someone, fit in somewhere, or communicate how you feel?
    - Is there anything you can do to help make it right?
    - Talk to one of the adults here if you think we can help you in anyway!

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- Whatever seems to be going wrong in your life, talk to God about it. Trust God to make it right, even if making it right might not mean that everything gets better in our eyes. It will take time, but we can learn to trust God with any outcome. **We can trust God will make everything right.**

MEMORY VERSE | Psalm 121:8 (NIV)

- INSTRUCTIONS: *Learn the memory verse together using any combination of the resources provided: memory verse coloring page, sign language motions, or choose from this list of our favorite memorization techniques!*
- "The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore."

PRAYER

- God, we thank you for loving us. We know that there is a lot of brokenness in this world, but we trust that you can and you will make everything right. When we don't have all the answers help us to trust in you and help us to grow in our faith in you. Amen.

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