WEEK 1
LESSON GUIDE



BIG IDEA

God is with me no matter what I go through.

BIBLE

Job is Tested: Job 1–2:10

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Our travel adventures can get off to a bumpy start with flight delays, flat tires, or lost luggage, but doesn't that just add to the story? This week, we'll take a look at the life of Job, whose life hit quite a few unexpected bumps. Despite the pain and moments of despair, Job modeled this theme throughout his life— **God is with me no matter what I go through.**

WHAT? What are we talking about today?

ACTIVITY | Traffic Jam

- INSTRUCTIONS: *For this activity, have kids form four lines—two on opposite sides of the room facing each other. Assign one of four modes of transport to each line (plane, train, car, boat). Stand in the middle. Explain to kids that you are going to blow the whistle and call out a different vehicle each time. The kids in that line must advance one step at a time until you blow the whistle. They remain there until they are called again. Alternate among the different vehicles until all the "vehicles" have crossed completely to the other side of the room. Play again and ask if they want to try being a different vehicle. Have kids do the following motions and sounds as they move:*
    - *Plane: Spread out arms like wings and say, "Whoosh."*
    - *Train: Pump one arm and say "choo choo."*
    - *Car: Pretend to drive a steering wheel and say, "Honk!"*
    - *Boat: Pretend to row a boat and sing "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"*
- Wow, all the different vehicles were trying to cross at the same time. **What do you think would have happened if the traffic controller wasn't there to guide everyone?** It could have been a disaster!
- In today's Bible story, we'll meet a man named Job who did go through a whole lot of disasters. But he knew that God was with him the whole time!

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

STORY TIME

SCRIPTURE | Job 1–2:10 (Job Is Tested)

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- INSTRUCTIONS: *Teach this Scripture passage by reading from a preschool-friendly Bible translation, Bible storybook, or using the talking points provided below!*
- Hello friends! We are about to take off on an exciting journey!
- How many of you like to travel? We could travel in so many ways! We could drive a car, fly on a plane, take a train, or ride on a boat.
- Today, we are taking a trip to the land of Uz where we'll meet a man named Job. Let's pretend we are flying on a plane for our trip. Are you ready? Let's go!
- We learn about Job in the Bible. Job was honest and made good choices. He loved God and didn't like mean things.
    - He had a wife and ten children.
    - Can you help me count to ten?
    - He owned lots and lots of animals like sheep, camels, oxen, and donkeys. He also had lots of people working for him. He was a very important man.
- But one day, Job got some very bad news.
    - A messenger told Job that all of his animals were gone.
    - Another messenger told Job that there was a terrible windstorm that took all of his children away.
    - Not long after, Job got really sick, too.
- Job was very sad. Everything in his life went very wrong all of a sudden!
- Can you show me what you would have done if you got this news?
- But Job still loved God. He didn't say it was God's fault all these bad things happened. He knew God loved him.
- God is always with us, even if things don't go our way. We can trust God!

BIG IDEA | God is with me no matter what I go through.

- INSTRUCTIONS: *Introduce the kids to today's Big Idea using the following hand motions:*
- Let's learn our Big Idea together:
    - God *(put a pointer finger up to the sky)*
      is with me *(point both thumbs to your chest)*
      no matter what *(bring your hands up by your shoulders and shrug)*
      I go through. *(walk in place)*

VIDEO | Teaching Video (Week 1)

- INSTRUCTIONS: *Play this week's episode of Cali's World. (https://vimeo.com/935649495/5fdb8fa93e)If you're short on time, show the illustrated Bible story video. (https://vimeo.com/996231202/cb2bd2783d)*

ACTIVITY | Navigate the Weather

- INSTRUCTIONS: *For this activity, gather the group into a circle. If you have a large group, have multiple circles. Explain that all types of vehicles move through different types of weather. Demonstrate the motions for each weather scenario. Explain that you'll call out a different type of weather, and they should do the appropriate motion. Play as long as time and interest allow.*
    - *Sunny: pretend to put on sunglasses*
    - *Rainy: cover their heads*
    - *Windy: spin in a circle*
    - *Foggy: put hands over eyes as if looking through binoculars*
- Car and train drivers, airplane pilots, and boat captains have to be prepared for any type of weather. No matter what, they want to keep their passengers safe.

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- Job's life must have felt like he was in the middle of a really big storm. But God was with him through the sunny days and the stormy days... and every other day!
- When we are happy or sad, God is with us. When we are angry or confused, God is with us. **God is with me no matter what I go through.** God is with *you* no matter what *you* go through.

PRAYER

- Dear God, thank you for always being with us no matter what we go through. Even when things might seem sad or scary, we are not alone. Amen.

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

SHARING TIME

ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- INSTRUCTIONS: *Sit in a circle together. Have kids take turns answering the following questions.*
- **Who was the man in our story today?** Job
- **What did Job have a lot of?** Animals and kids
- **What happened to Job's animals and kids?** They died.
- **Who was with Job when he lost his animals and kids?** God
- **Who is always with us?** God
- **God is always with me no matter what I go through.**

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

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