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.**

WHAT? What are we talking about today?

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!*
- 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.**

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    - 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: *Introduce the kids to today's Big Idea using the following hand motions:*
- 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 | Teaching Video (Week 2)

- INSTRUCTIONS: *Play this week's episode of Cali's World.* (https://vimeo.com/935658935/5a4a48caa6) *If you're short on time, show the illustrated Bible story video. (https://vimeo.com/996231660/169c208163)*

PRAYER

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

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

SHARING TIME

ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- INSTRUCTIONS: *Have kids take turns answering the following questions:*
- 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.

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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