WEEK 3
LESSON GUIDE



BIG IDEA

God is bigger than we could ever understand.

BIBLE

God Speaks to Job: Job 38:1–7, 34–41

ABOUT THIS WEEK

When we spend time traveling, we come to realize the world is actually so much bigger than we ever dreamed. This week, we'll explore God's response as Job tried to understand what was happening in his life and why. God didn't just give Job an answer, though, but asked him a bunch of questions that help us all recognize that **God is bigger than we could ever understand.**

WHAT? What are we talking about today?

WELCOME TIME

ACTIVITY | Would You Rather?

- INSTRUCTIONS: *For this activity, lay down a strip of tape to divide your activity area. Line the children up on the tape line. Explain that you'll call out two choices and that they should step to one side or the other to answer your question. Be sure to always say, "Would you rather..." before each set of choices and indicate where to go for each answer choice. Here are some things you could ask...*
    - *Eat pizza or a hot dog?*
    - *Play at the park or in your backyard?*
    - *Ride in a car or on a boat?*
    - *Drink chocolate milk or apple juice?*
    - *Wear sneakers or boots?*
    - *Slide down a slide or swing on a swing?*
- You did a great job answering all of those questions, friends!
- Job, in the Bible, had a lot of questions, too. There was a lot that he didn't understand, and he wanted to hear from God.

ACTIVITY | What Am I?

- INSTRUCTIONS: *For this activity, gather the kids in the middle of your activity area. Describe a visible classroom item the kids should guess and then find using the questions below.*
- **What is something red, has four wheels, and goes fast?** Toy car.
- **What is something that can be real, may cry, likes to be held, and needs their diaper changed?** Baby doll.
- **What is something you play with that has lots of pieces that you take apart and put back together?** Puzzle.

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- What is something you can hold or listen to that has lots of pages and maybe some pictures? Book.
- It's nice when you know the answer to a question, right? When I don't know something, I like to ask "why." What about you?
- Job wanted to know why, too. He was not doing so well and had questions for God. But we'll find out that God had questions for Job, too!

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

STORY TIME

SCRIPTURE | Job 38:1–7, 34–41 (God Speaks To Job)

- INSTRUCTIONS: *Teach this Scripture passage by reading from a preschool-friendly Bible translation, Bible storybook, or using the talking points provided below!*
- Today, we're in for a train adventure! Choo choo! I'm so glad to have you aboard. I love traveling by train because there is so much to see out the window.
    - Pretend you are on a train. What are some things you see?
    - Along the way, you might see mountains, lakes, trees, and hills. God has created some beautiful things for us to enjoy!
- We're going back to the land of Uz. We've been learning about Job in the Bible. He loved God very much but one day, everything in his life went wrong.
    - He lost his children and everything he owned. He even got very sick. It was so sad!
    - Show me the saddest face you can make. That's very sad!
- Then Job's friends came to visit. At first, they sat with him and cried with him. Just being by his side was a big help. But after a while, his friends started to say things that were *not* helpful.
    - What do you think they said?
    - They said that maybe Job did something wrong so God was doing all of this to teach him something. That did not make Job feel better.
- Job had so many questions about why all of this was happening. He wanted answers from God. So one day, God spoke to Job.
    - What do you think God said?
- God didn't explain to Job why all these bad things happened to him. But God asked Job a lot of questions.
    - God asked Job if he was there when the world was made. Was he? No.
    - God asked Job if he could make the clouds send down rain. Could he? No.
    - God asked Job if he could provide food for all the lions and ravens. Could he? No.
- God made everything in the whole world. It wasn't up to Job or his friends to tell God how to do things. Even if they didn't understand why, they could trust God. God is so big!
- God knows everything that will happen before it even happens. No one else could know that but God.

BIG IDEA | God is bigger than we could ever understand.

- INSTRUCTIONS: *Introduce the kids to today's Big Idea using the following hand motions.*
- Let's learn our Big Idea together:
    - God *(point up)*
      is bigger *(bring hands together and then separate side to side)*
      than we *(hold out a pointer finger and do a circular motion)*
      could ever understand. *(bring fingertips to either side of the temple)*

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VIDEO | Teaching Video (Week 3)

- INSTRUCTIONS: *Play this week's episode of Cali's World.* (https://vimeo.com/935660147/979201fdea) *If you're short on time, show the illustrated Bible story video.* (*https://vimeo.com/996231954/79c705e8b2*)

ACTIVITY | Big World, Bigger God

- INSTRUCTIONS: *For this activity, have kids spread out in the room, arms-length from each other. Explain that you'll call out a different action for them to pose in. Continue calling the poses randomly for as long as time and interest allow. Here are some suggested poses:*
  - *Mountains: hands up and overhead, bringing fingers together into a point*
  - *Lakes: hands together out in front and wiggle like a snake*
  - *Trees: arms out to either side and sway*
  - *Hills: one hand going up and down like a snake*
  - *Stars: open and close fingers*
- In our Bible story today, we heard how God made the whole world. In our world, there are beautiful things, such as mountains, lakes, trees, stars, and hills.
  - What are some other things in God's big world?
  - Can you or I make any of these things? No! Only God can!
- God is a big God. God is bigger than the whole world. God's love for you is even bigger. Can you imagine that?
- God is bigger than we could ever understand.

PRAYER

- God, you are bigger than we could ever understand and you love us so much. Thank you for taking care of us every day. 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 created the world? God.
- Who did God ask a lot of questions to? Job.
- Could Job do the things God asked him about? No, only God could.
- What is the biggest thing you can think of? God is bigger than that!
- Who is bigger than we could ever understand? God.
- God is bigger than we could ever understand.

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.*

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- "The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore."

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