

WEEK 2 PRESCHOOL LESSON GUIDE

BIG AND SMALL

THE BIG IDEA

God listens when we have big feelings.

THE BIBLE

Job Cries Out to God:
Job 23:1-7

WELCOME TIME

MUSIC | Big Praise

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** You can lead kids in worship with any songs you like best, but here are a few songs that go along with this month's theme. Make sure you have purchased any licenses required to play or perform these songs. For more information, [read this!](#)
 - "Super Big" (Yancy & Little Praise Party)
 - "Lord, I Need You" (Kids Version)
 - "It's Been a Lovely Day" (Vineyard Kids)
 - "Tiny Little Voice" (Hillsong Kids Jr.)

ACTIVITY | Giant Emoji

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Print the emoji printable. Fold the label on the bottom backwards so the kids can't see the answer, only the emoji. Have the kids guess which emotion the emoji is showing. After a few emojis, you can switch it up and have a kid act out the emotion and have the kids guess what that emotion is.
- Okay, friends! **Who can tell me what an emoji is?** That's right! They are little faces that show different emotions.
- I need you to try and guess which emotion the emoji is showing.
- Now, let's have a couple of volunteers come up and act out some different emotions for us.
- We have so many different kinds of emotions! **Do you think God cares about our feelings?**

ACTIVITY | Giant Candy Land

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Place different color pieces of paper on the floor to make a path. Print and spread out the printables throughout your life-sized "game board." Have the kids roll dice to see how many spaces they move. Encourage the kids to celebrate the winner when someone makes it to the finish line.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Give toddlers color matching toys to play with.
- **Who has ever played the game called Candy Land?** Today, we're going to play a game of Giant Candy Land. Let's see if we can reach the end.
- **It was hard when we drew cards that made us wait or go backwards, wasn't it? But how did you feel when you got to go forward?**
- Even playing games can cause us to have big emotions!

TEACHING TIME

BIBLE STORY | Job Cries Out to God

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Open your Bible to today's passage, Job 23:1-7, and read each verse as prompted below. You might want to use an easy-to-understand translation such as CEV or NIRV.
- **Have you ever been so sad that you cried?** Show me what your face looks like when you cry.
- **How about when you were mad?** Show me what your face looks like when you're mad.
- These are two feelings Job had in today's Bible story.
- Job's been through a lot of really hard stuff. He decided to tell God how he felt.
- **Do you remember some of the tough things that happened to Job?**
- Let's see how you might feel if this happened to you. Show me your sad or mad face!
 - Job lost everything he owned.
 - Job lost his family.
 - Job got sick and had sores all over his body.
- Job had been really good about not complaining. He knew that God knew things he didn't know. But in today's story, Job couldn't take it anymore!
 - [Read Job 23:1-2.] Job tells God that he has a reason to complain.
 - [Read 23:3-5.] Job is so upset that he wants to know where to go to find God.
 - [Read 23:6-7.] **Did God listen to Job's feelings?** That's right! God listened to how Job was feeling even though Job was sad and angry.
- **Did you know can talk to God about anything?** Whatever we are feeling, whether it's happy, sad, or angry, God will always listen to us, no matter what.
- **Who knows what talking to God is called?** Yes, it's called prayer. We can pray when we are happy, sad, mad. God listens when we have big feelings.

BIG IDEA | God listens when we have big feelings.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Write the Big Idea in a really small font on a huge piece of paper. Use an oversized magnifying glass to read it.

- Look at this tiny message on this great, big paper! It's so tiny, I need to use a magnifying glass to read it.
- **God listens when we have big feelings.** Those little words told us our Big Idea for today. **God listens when we have big feelings.**

VIDEO | Big and Small, Episode 2

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's episode of Cali's World.*

ACTIVITY | Big Feelings Hopscotch

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Use the same emoji pictures from the first game. Tape them securely to the floor in hopscotch or another pattern.*
- Remember, friends, **God listens when we have big feelings.** Let's play a hopscotch game to help us remember that God listens to us no matter what we are feeling.
- Toss a beanbag onto one of the spaces and hop to that space. When you get there, say, "God listens when I feel____." If you want, you can tell us about a time you felt that way.

PRAYER

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Sit together and sing this version of the song, "If You're Happy and You Know It." Ask the kids to suggest a different feeling to replace "happy" each time you sing it.*
 If you're happy and you know it, say a prayer.
 If you're happy and you know it, say a prayer.
 If you're happy and you know it, God will listen when you show it.
 If you're happy and you know it, say a prayer.
- Dear God, thank you for listening to us when we have big feelings. We know we can always come to you with our feelings no matter what. Amen.

DISCUSSION TIME

SNACK | Emoji Cookies

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Give each kid a cookie with yellow icing. Provide small candies (chocolate chips, licorice strips, etc.) and invite the kids to decorate the cookies with emoji faces.*
- We've been talking about a lot of ways we can feel. Decorate your cookie to look like one of the feelings.
- **What are you feeling today?**
- **When was a time you had big feelings?**
- God cares how you feel, no matter what that feeling is. Do you remember why? Because **God listens when we have big feelings.**

ACTIVITY | Can You Hear It Now?

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Divide the kids into groups and have them stand in different areas of the room. Tell the kids to raise their hands or dance once they hear the music. Play the music at different volume levels each time.
- We're going to do an activity where we let the music represent our feelings. Some songs are big and loud, and others are small and low.
- I wonder if Job's feelings were big and loud or small and low?
- I wonder if your feelings are big and loud or small and low?
- **Does that matter to God?**
- No! Because **God listens when we have big feelings!**

ACTIVITY | Giant Listening Ears

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give the kids a printout of giant ears. Have the kids cut them out and decorate them as they want. Give them a strip of paper with the Big Idea. Staple this strip of paper in a circle to make a headband and attach the ears to the strip. Make an example ahead of time to show your group.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Cut the ears out ahead of time for toddlers. You might also want to use tape or glue instead of staples just in case they tear their headband and the staples come loose.
- It's important to remember that **God listens when we have big feelings.**
- As a reminder, we are going to make giant ears to remind us that God is always listening to us!

MEMORY VERSE | Job 37:5 (NIV)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Use the printables from the Giant Emoji activity, but cut out the bottom flap. Set the cards upside down on a table. One by one, let the kids pick a card. Recite the memory verse dramatically with that feeling, then encourage the kids to repeat it with you using the same emotions.
- **God listens when we have big feelings.** We can say the memory verse using some big feelings. Let's try it!
- **"God's voice thunders in marvelous ways; he does great things beyond our understanding." (Job 37:5)**

PLAY TIME

While you're waiting for parents to pick up their kids . . .

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Print and distribute the coloring page along with crayons or markers. Since this month's coloring pages are not literal Bible characters, talk with kids about how today's illustration is related to today's Bible story, Big Idea, and memory verse!

ACTIVITY | That Feeling Dough

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Put out paper plates for faces and encourage the kids to use Play-Doh to make faces showing different emotions. (Optional: If you are celebrating Halloween, use orange plates and black Play-Doh to make Jack-o'-lantern faces.)
- Let's make faces with big feelings to remind ourselves that **God listens when we have big feelings.**

ACTIVITY | Can You Hear Me Now?

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Make at least one set of paper cup telephones for the kids to use. Encourage the kids to talk to each other through the cups. The listener can imagine they are God listening.
✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Provide toy phones for toddlers to play with.

Encourage your preschoolers to help clean up the room while they wait for their parents.