

## WEEK 4 PRESCHOOL LESSON GUIDE

## BIG AND SMALL

### THE BIG IDEA

No problem is too small for God.

### THE BIBLE

**Job's Blessings:**  
Job 42:1-6, 10-17

## 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 | "Ten Apples Up On Top" Challenge

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Read "[Ten Apples Up On Top!](#)" by Dr. Seuss and then challenge the kids to try to stack ten apples. Have Play-Doh available, but do not point out the way to use it unless they get too frustrated. (Small layers of Play-Doh can be placed between the apples to help keep them from falling.)
- In this story, they stacked ten apples! **Do you think you can make a stack of apples that tall? Let's give it a try.**
- See how we can use Play-Doh to solve the problem of falling apples? Sometimes, it helps to think about things in a different way when you are trying to solve a problem.

### ACTIVITY | “Cat in the Hat” Challenge

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Make a “[Cat in the Hat](#)” hat and place it upside down on the floor. Mark a spot for the kids to stand on. Challenge the kids to toss beanbags into the hat. If they miss the first time, have them take a step forward and try again. Repeat until they successfully toss one beanbag into the hat.
  - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Toddlers may have more success standing at the hat and dropping the beanbags into it.
- Let’s try another challenge! **Can you toss the beanbags into the hat?**
- The problem with this game was that when you are standing far away, it’s harder to get your beanbag into the hat. Once we started walking closer, it got easier, right?
- Whenever we have problems, we should ask God for help, no matter what the problem is! That’s always the best place to start.

## TEACHING TIME

### BIBLE STORY | Job’s Blessings

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Open your Bible to Job 42:1-6; 10-17 as you tell the story to the kids. See your Shop & Prep List for instructions on how to set up visual aids to go along with today’s story.
- **Do you remember Job?** He was a good person who loved God. But lots of bad things happened to him. Job wasn’t sure why, but he learned that God was still more powerful and he needed to trust God even if he didn’t understand why all the bad things were happening to him.
- Let’s see how this story ends.
- [Read Job 42:1-6.]
  - Job saw with his own eyes how amazing God is. God could do anything, and far more than Job could ever understand.
  - Let’s keep reading to find out what happens next!
- [Read Job 42:10.]
  - **How much did God give Job?**
  - God gave Job twice as much as he had before! So, if Job used to have two cows, he now had four. If he used to have five sheep, he now had ten! That’s amazing!
  - Let’s see what the Bible says Job got from God.
- [Open Box 1 and read Job 42:11.]
  - **What do we have in this box?** It looks like we have money and a gold ring!
- [Open Box 2 and read Job 42:12.]
  - **What does this box reveal?** Now, we have some sheep, camels, oxen, and donkeys!
- [Open Box 3 and read Job 42:13-15.]
  - **What do we have here?** It’s a brother and sister. Job had more children!
- [Open Box 4 and read Job 42:16-17.]
  - **What’s this?** A happy older man! Job lived a long and happy life because God blessed him after all the bad stuff that happened to him.

- It may have seemed unfair that Job had to go through all that, but God never left him! Even though Job lost a lot of stuff, God was always there to take care of him.
- In the end, Job didn't love God just because God gave him lots of things. Job trusted God with all his problems, big and small, and he knew that God was always listening.

### BIG IDEA | No problem is too small for God.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Write the Big Idea in a really small font on a large piece of paper. Use an oversized magnifying glass to read it.
- Here's another tiny message on this huge piece of paper! It's so tiny, I need to use a magnifying glass to make it bigger so I can read it.
- **No problem is too small for God.** These words may be too small for us to read, but they are not too small for God to share the Big Idea. Let's say it together! **No problem is too small for God.**
- We can trust in God for everything because nothing is too small for God!

### VIDEO | Big and Small, Episode 4

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

### ACTIVITY | Problem Bricks

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each kid a small LEGO piece.  
✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Use LEGO Duplo blocks instead of tiny LEGO pieces.
- **What do we have here?** A bunch of LEGO pieces! **We can make a lot of things with LEGOs, can't we? What are some things we can make?**
- Hold onto your LEGO and think of a problem you have. Now, let's work together to build a huge problem. Come add your small LEGO problem to make one big LEGO problem.
- All of our "small" problems create one big piece. **Could we solve all of these problems alone?** No!
- Our God is so big that even this big LEGO creation is actually quite small!
- This reminds us that **no problem is too small for God.** And no problem is too big for God either!

### PRAYER

- Dear God, thank you for taking care of us. We know that we can count on you because no problem is too big or too small for you. Help us to talk to you about all of our problems and trust you will help us no matter what. Amen.

## DISCUSSION TIME

### SNACK | Snack Problems

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each kid a finger snack inside a [problem-solving bowl](#).
- How are you going to eat this snack? Use your problem-solving skills to get to this snack so you can eat it!

- **What problems did God solve for Job?**
- **How did Job respond to God when Job had problems?**
- Job had some pretty tough problems, and yet God solved them all. **No problem is too small for God.**

#### ACTIVITY | Solution Store

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Have a box filled with various materials (e.g., game pieces, construction paper, glue, markers, toys, candy, etc.). Choose a scenario listed below and instruct the kids to try to solve it by using the materials in the box. Encourage the kids to be creative!*
  - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** *Instead of random materials, prepare boxes with things toddlers can easily assemble or stack. Modify each of the scenarios to fit whatever is in the box.*
- Option 1: All the toy stores have closed and we need to make toys.
- Option 2: A superhero forgot their special suit and we have to make one.
- Option 3: We forgot our friend's birthday and now we have to make them a gift.
- **Do you think we did a good job finding a way to solve the problem?**
- We did okay solving a problem with what we have, but do you know what else we've got? God! We can turn to God with any of our problems, big or small, because **no problem is too small for God!**

#### ACTIVITY | Solve It

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Using LEGOs, colored blocks, or simply just drawing on a board, create a simple pattern (e.g., red brick, blue brick, red brick, blue brick). Ask the kids to predict which item will come next. Try making the patterns more and more complex.*
- **What did you do when the patterns got harder to solve?**
- When we can't solve problems on our own, it's a good idea to ask for help from someone we can trust.
- **And who can we trust more than anyone?** God! God is always there for us. We can ask God for help with anything. **No problem is too small for God.**

#### MEMORY VERSE | Job 37:5 (NIV)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Using the memory verse printable from last week, lay out each sheet of paper on the ground, leaving a little bit of space in between each paper. Have one kid hop from square to square one at a time while you help them say the word they just hopped on. If you took photos last week, turn those into a slideshow and have the kids say each word with you as each photo pops up in order.*
- Let's get moving! As you hop on each square, say the word until you have said the memory verse. We will help! We will all say it with you!
- **"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 | Story Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Provide a variety of Dr. Seuss books and Bible storybooks for the kids to read.*
- A lot of Dr. Seuss's books have big problems and small problems. Even problems in books are not too small for God. **No problem is too small for God.**

### ACTIVITY | Oobleck

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *In a sand table or in individual containers, provide the cornstarch and water mixture of [Oobleck](#) for a sensory/problem-solving experience. This is a messy activity, but cleanup is easy. If Oobleck gets on the floor, let it dry and vacuum it up. Do not dump it down the sink when finished.*
  - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** *Give toddlers individual containers of Oobleck and supervise them closely. It will not hurt them if they try to taste it, but it will not taste good.*
- In the book, "Bartholomew and the Oobleck," Oobleck falls down from the sky like rain, but gets sticky when it lands.
- We can make and play with our own Oobleck. It is a liquid, like thick rain, but when you push on it or squeeze it, the Oobleck gets hard.
- Our problems can be that way sometimes, too. Sometimes, they are hard, but if we relax and trust God, our problems seem to melt. **No problem is too small for God!**

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