

WEEK 5 PRESCHOOL LESSON GUIDE

BIG AND SMALL

THE BIG IDEA

We can be a big help
in small ways.

THE BIBLE

Job's Friends:
Job 2:11-13

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 | Big and Small Picture Match

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Print the images from the printable, which contains a large and small copy of the same image. Flip over the images and play a matching game where the kids will turn over two cards at a time to try to find the matching images.
- Okay, friends, we're going to play a matching game! I have five pictures, but each picture has a big image and a small image. Let's look at these pictures together.
- Now, it's time to turn them over and mix them around. Let's see if we can match the pictures.
- **Big or small, it's the same picture, right?**

ACTIVITY | Bigsmallow Shoot

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Make a few marshmallow shooters ([like this](#)). Have the kids test out the shooters by aiming jumbo marshmallows into a large bucket and mini marshmallows into a small bucket.
- **Which was easier, shooting the big marshmallows or the small marshmallows?**

TEACHING TIME

BIBLE STORY | Job's Friends

- We've been hearing quite a bit about Job during the last several weeks, but today, we are going to talk about Job's friends.
- **Who can tell me what a friend is?**
- Yes! A friend is someone who loves and cares for you and is there for you during good times and bad times.
- **Do your friends help you? Do you help your friends?**
- Yes! Me, too! Job had friends who saw he was having a tough time and they came to be with him.
- **What do you think Job's friends did when they heard about all the bad stuff that was happening to him?**
- Those are all good guesses! Let's read and find out what they did.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Open your Bible to today's passage, Job 2:11-13, as you read the story. After you wrap up the story, create an opportunity for kids to take pictures with each other*
- **What did Job's friends do to help?**
- Yep! They sat with him and comforted him. Not just for a minute. Not just for one hour. Not just for one day. They sat with Job for seven days and seven nights! And they were almost as sad as Job was about everything that had happened.
- Later, they tried to make him feel better by talking to him, but the greatest help they offered was right at the beginning – by simply being with him while he was hurting and sad.
- Sometimes, the biggest help we can offer comes in the littlest things we do!

BIG IDEA | We can be a big help in small ways.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Write the Big Idea in a really small font on a large piece of paper. Use an oversized magnifying glass to read it.*
- Do you see this tiny message on this large sheet of paper? Let me get my magnifying glass so I can read it.
- **We can be a big help in small ways!** That's our Big Idea! Let's say it all together now. **We can be a big help in small ways!**
- Even if we can't fix a problem, God wants us to be there for each other and to help each other however we can.

VIDEO | Big and Small, Episode 5

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

ACTIVITY | Friends Stick Together Race

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play a three-legged race to show how friends stick together. Mark a starting point and an ending point with tape on the floor. Divide the kids into pairs and loosely tie their legs together.*
- ✂ **TODDLER HACKS:** *Tie toddlers' hands together instead of their legs.*

- Job's friends sat with him when he was upset about all the bad things that had happened. Good friends stick together like that. Now, let's practice sticking together with your friend to finish this race.
- **How did you work together to finish the race?**
- **We can be a big help in small ways.**

PRAYER

- Dear God, we know you are big and we are small. And although we are small, I know we can still help in big ways. Please help us to help others. Thank you for all of the ways that you help us. Amen.

DISCUSSION TIME

SNACK | Tea Party

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Decorate your snack table like a tea party and serve snacks in plastic teacups. For the "Alice in Wonderland" flair, label your drink serving containers with labels that say, "Drink me to make you bigger" and "Drink me to make you smaller." Add other Alice in Wonderland decorations, if you'd like.*
- Let's have a tea party with our friends!
- **What did Job's friends do when he was upset?**
- **Have you ever sat with a friend when they were upset?**
- **Has anyone sat with you when you were upset? Did it help?**
- Just being there with a friend and spending time with them can be a big help.
- **We can be a big help in small ways.**

ACTIVITY | Just a Little Card

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Provide the printable cards for the kids to encourage a friend or family member. You can print them in color and have the kids write or draw on the inside, or print in black and white and have the kids color the cover as well.*
- Job's friends were a big help to him by sitting with him and encouraging him. They were a big help in a small way. **We can be a big help in small ways, too.**
- **Do you know someone who is upset like Job?** Color this card and give it to that person.
- **What can people say or do to make you feel better when you are sad?**
- **What are other small ways you can help someone else who might be feeling sad or lonely or hurting?**
- **We can be a big help in small ways.**

ACTIVITY | Helping Hands Poster

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Make a group "Helping Hands" poster with the kids' handprints. One by one, let the kids choose a bright-colored paint color and apply it using a foam roller onto each kid's hand. Then, instruct the kids to carefully press their hands onto the poster. Be sure to have soap and water handy for clean up.*

✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Gently hold a toddler's hand and guide it to the poster. Then, gently press the back of the hand to make the handprint to avoid smearing the handprint.

- There are a lot of ways we can help others. We can make a poster to remind us to be helping hands for our friends and family.
- **What are some of the ways we can help others?**
- **What are some big ways? What are some small ways?**
- **We can be a big help in small ways.**

MEMORY VERSE | Job 37:5 (NIV)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Prepare a croquet course following the instructions in your Shop & Prep List. As each kid rolls a ball through each wicket, they say the word on the wicket, including those before so that by the end, they are saying the entire verse. Encourage the kids to say the words together with their friends.
- We can learn a big verse in small ways. Let's say it one word at a time as we roll the ball through the croquet course.
- **"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 | Parachute Play

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Encourage the kids to help each other through parachute play. Place the kids around the outside of a small parachute or sheet. Toss a ball in the center and have the kids work together to bounce the ball high and catch it. You can also review the Big Idea by saying, "We can be a big help. . ." while lifting the parachute high, and have everyone run under the parachute while saying, ". . . in small ways!"

ACTIVITY | Friendship Bracelets

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Provide pipe cleaners and pony beads. Show the kids how to string the beads onto the pipe cleaners to make a friendship bracelet and give it to a friend. Allow the kids to make as many as you have time and supplies for.

✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Instead of beads, give toddlers Cheerios or Froot Loops cereals to string.

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