

## Animated

Week 4

### **BIG IDEA**

Because of God, I have purpose.

### **BIBLE**

God wants to use Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1:4-10)

## WELCOME TIME

### PLAY | Free Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Tables will be set with toys and activities for kids to play until the lesson begins. This is a great opportunity to get to know kids and build relationships.*
  - *Get on the floor and be silly*
  - *Play along with what they're playing*
  - *Ask get-to-know-you questions*
  - *Learn names and use them as you interact*

### MUSIC | Worship Playlist

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *During free time, use one of our spotify playlists to play some background music.*

### Poll

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** This question will be written on the board as a discussion starter while the kids arrive.
- Would you rather . . .
  - 1: Get invited somewhere by a friend.
  - 2: Get an award, certificate, trophy, or medal from a teacher or coach.
  - 3: Have someone listen to the things you have to say.
  - 4: Have someone remember and celebrate a special occasion like your birthday.

## INTRO

## ACTIVITY | Don't Worry, I'll Help You

- Welcome to church, friends! I'm so glad to be here with you. Today we're going to learn that God knows us all and loves us and that we can do big things no matter how old we are! First, I need help from one of our leaders.
  - **INSTRUCTIONS:** Use the stacking buckets, chairs, and other classroom items to create an obstacle course with a clear start and finish. Have a leader attempt to cross the room wearing a blindfold. Start by spinning them around, then move them around a few steps so that they aren't in the same exact position as they were before. When you say go, the leader will struggle through, purposely getting mixed up and lost.
- Wow! That was tricky. **How was that for you?** [Volunteer responds, "That's too hard for me. I can't do it!"]
- Well, what if you had a little help?
  - Have another leader come over and act as a guide. The guide must get the blindfolded leader to the finish area by leading him and explaining what to do with verbal cues.
- That was much better! We all need a little help sometimes. Now, let's work together to get everyone through this obstacle course. Pair kids up to help each other through the course. Blindfolds on one of the pair is optional.
- Great job being helpers to each other!
- **Has anyone here ever felt like something was just too hard?**
- Maybe you've felt like you're too small or too young to do something. **How does that feel?**
- Today's Bible story is going to tell us how God is a helper. He knows us all and loves us, and calls us to follow Him at any age. You don't even have to be grown up to serve God! Nothing is too hard with Him!

## STORY TIME

### SCRIPTURE | Jeremiah 1:4-10

- All month we've been talking about BIG feelings and emotions. We've learned that even when we feel scared or worried or sad, God is there for us.
- Who here is 3 yrs old? 4? 5? 6? Sometimes, when we're 3, 4, 5, 6 we feel like we have to wait til we're older to do so many things. But God wants to use us at any age.
- In the Bible, God came to someone named Jeremiah, and told him that he was going to be a prophet. That means God was giving Him a special job to tell people the words that God was saying.
- Let's see what our Bibles say about that. [Turn to Jeremiah in Bible]
- [Read Jeremiah 1:4-5] Wow! God had an important job planned for Jeremiah even before he was born!
- **Did you know God had a job picked out for you before you were born?**
- That's right! God knows what your life is like before anyone else knows. He knows everything about you and he created you for something incredible!
- Let's keep reading... [Read v. 6]
- Jeremiah was nervous hearing these words from God. He didn't think he'd be able to do anything special or important for God because he was just a kid.
- But listen to what God tells him. [Read v. 7-8]
- God reminds Jeremiah that he is his helper! He doesn't need to be afraid.
- **Have you ever been nervous or afraid to do something?** (Share a time that you might have needed help or extra instruction in order to do something.)
- God promised to be with Jeremiah. He will help him to be brave and also tell him what to say.

That sounds pretty neat! God promises to be with us, too!

- We might not hear a big booming voice from God like Jeremiah did, but God still wants to use us to love the people around us and serve Him.
- No matter what we are doing, if we are doing it for God, He is with us.
- We know that God loves us, made us, and has a purpose for us. He will guide us every day in every way, just like he did for Jeremiah!

BIG IDEA | Because of God, I have purpose.

- That's our Big Idea today!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Introduce the Big Idea using the speech bubbles that say "Because of God" on one and "I have purpose." on the other. Invite volunteers to hold up each speech balloon and freeze in a funny, cartoon pose. Have the volunteers unfreeze when kids say the Big Idea.*
- Let's all say the Big Idea together: **Because of God, I have purpose.**
- God has incredible things planned for your life and you don't have to wait to grow up to start serving Him. He is with you no matter what!

PRAYER

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Before prayer time each week, play this emoji music video, "[Jesus Loves Me](#)," and have kids sing along.*
- God, thank you for making me with purpose. I know I am valued because you made me and you love me. Help me to do the good things you have planned for me to do. Amen.

## SHARING TIME

DISCUSSION | What We've Learned

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Review the Bible story together by asking and discussing the following questions.*
- **What did God tell Jeremiah?**
- **How did Jeremiah feel about the big job God gave him?**
- **Have you ever felt like you were too young to do something?**
- **You're never too young to serve God!**
- Remind kids that God is always with them. He loves them and made them for a purpose.

MEMORY VERSE | Romans 15:13a (NIV)

- Each week we've been working together to memorize a verse from our Bible. The words from

this verse remind us that when we trust God, we can have hope and joy and peace!

- Here's what our verse says
  - **"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him." Romans 15:13a**
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Kids will practice reciting the memory verse from Romans 15:13a in different animated voices that you call out (angry, excited, scared, sad, shy, surprised, etc.). Make sure you demonstrate for them and have them repeat the verse after you one chunk at a time.*
- We're going to say our memory verse three times. Every time we do it, I will call out a different animated voice that I want you to use to say your memory verse

## PLAY TIME

EXTRA TIME ACTIVITY | Free Play

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Choose a bin of toys from the cabinet to play with your small group until parents pick-up.*