



# TOPHER'S BIG IDEA

## STORY SIGNS

### Directions:

Print the following story signs. If possible, consider laminating the signs to make them last longer. If you want to bind the signs together, you can use a 3-hole punch to punch holes in the top of the signs, then use loose leaf binder rings to connect them. During the "Topher's Big Idea" portion of the lesson, you can follow this script:

### Show sign #1:

Teacher: "Uh-oh. It looks like Topher is asleep. I think we should wake him up. When he wakes up, we can all tell him that [insert Big Idea]. On the count of 3, let's all yell, 'Topher the Gopher, wake up, wake up!'" (Count to 3 and yell with children.)

### Show sign #2:

Teacher: "Topher says, 'Hey! What's the Big Idea?' Let's tell him what our Big Idea is." (Repeat the Big Idea several times with children.)

### Show sign #3:

Teacher: "Topher says, 'Wow! That is a Big Idea.'"

### Show sign #4:

Teacher: "Then he says, 'Thanks for telling me. Goodbye!' Let's all wave goodbye to Topher." (Wave goodbye to Topher along with the children then set story cards down.)



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**Hey!  
What's the  
Big Idea?**



**Wow!  
That is a  
Big Idea!**



**Thanks for  
telling me.  
Goodbye!**

