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## ACTIVITY

### MINIATURE BOWLING

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Gather at least twenty tiny soda or water bottles to use as bowling pins, and a small ball — such as a tennis ball — to be the bowling ball. Have the kids play miniature bowling at their leisure or make it into a competition.

**PRETEEN HACK:** Find even smaller bottles to use as bowling pins (e.g., eye drops, nail polish, correction fluid, travel-size bottles, etc.) and a golf ball as the mini bowling ball.

### How many of you have ever gone bowling?

Bowling can sometimes be challenging, but so much fun!  
Today, we're going to play a mini version of bowling.  
Let's see which one we like more!

## QUESTION

### SMALL AS AN ANT OR BIG AS A GIRAFFE?

Would you rather be as small as an ant for a day or as big as a giraffe for a day?  
Why did you choose the way you did?

What's interesting is how big or small something is really depends on who's looking at it. You might have a tall uncle who is more than six feet tall, but compared to a professional basketball player, he might seem small. A tangerine might feel small in your hands, but it's big from the point of view of a bee.



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Today, we are going to get a glimpse of the way our great, big God looks at things, regardless of how big or small they are.

**PRETEEN HACK:** Ask a few more "Would You Rather" type of questions to help kids think deeper about contrasting ideas! Some of those questions might be: Would you rather be known by a lot of people or a few? Would you rather eat one giant meal per day or ten tiny meals per day? Would you rather have a puppy the size of a house or a horse the size of a hamster?

**SPECIAL NEEDS HACK:** Provide a visual of a big giraffe and a small ant to help kids picture the difference.

## BIBLE STORY

### JOB'S SUFFERINGS

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Encourage the kids to open their Bibles to Job 1:1; 2:1-10 and have them follow along with each verse.

For the next several weeks, we are going to hear stories about a man named Job.

**Who can tell me what it means to be blameless and to have integrity?**

To be blameless means that a person hasn't done anything wrong.

To have integrity means to consistently do the right thing, even when no one is watching.

The Bible uses these two words to describe Job.



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[Read Job 2:1-3.]

### **What do you think was the reason for this heavenly meeting?**

The Bible doesn't really say, but in this meeting, God can't stop talking about Job! God was so happy Job didn't give up on God even when things got challenging for him. And let me tell you. . . things got very challenging.

[Read Job 2:4-6.]

### **What do you think? Do you think Job was only a good guy because God had given him everything he needed?**

It didn't matter what anyone else thought because God just knew Job's heart. Job really loved God and not just the things God blessed Job with.

[Read Job 2:7-8.]

### **Do you think Job stopped loving God when he got sick?**

[Job 2:9-10.]

Remember that word we talked about? Blameless? Well, Job stayed blameless and kept his integrity, no matter what anyone said. He didn't say anything bad about God, even while he was suffering.

Job knew that he was just one, small person who was created by a great, big God. Job knew that if there was a solution, only God would know and be able to make things right.



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## BIG IDEA

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Write the Big Idea in a really small font on a huge piece of paper. Choose a kid to come up to the front and choose a really big magnifying glass or a small one to read the Big Idea with. Have the rest of the kids to repeat after you.

**SPECIAL NEEDS HACK:** For the Big Idea reveal every week this month, try providing a paper with the tiny font and a magnifying glass for each kid so they can each try it for themselves.

Who can come up here and read what this says?

We are small, but God is big! Let's say it together this time!

No matter what comes our way, God is always bigger than any problem we may face!

## REFLECTION

### THIS IS SMALL BUT GOD IS BIG

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Invite the kids to think of their own scenarios that might make them nervous or anxious (e.g., being the new kid at school, being sick, doing something new for the first time, etc.) Help them reflect on the Big Idea.



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**PRETEEN HACK:** Give each preteen an index card and have them write about a time when something felt overwhelmingly big to them and they felt helpless. Encourage them to write as tiny as possible. Once they are done, encourage them to flip the card over and write "GOD" in large letters.

### Are there things in your life that make you feel worried or scared?

Let's think through this together. Help me complete this sentence:  
" [ . . . ] is small, but God is big!" (e.g., "Going to a new school is small, but God is big," etc.)

### How does knowing that we are small but God is big help us face tough times?

We can trust God with every part of our lives. God isn't too big to face any hard thing we may face.

## MEMORY VERSE

### JOB 37:5 (NIV)

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Practice this month's memory verse with the signs (a combination of SEE and ASL) available in your Programming folder or at [growcurriculum.org/Job37-5](http://growcurriculum.org/Job37-5).

Let's practice this month's memory verse together!

**"God's voice thunders in marvelous ways; he does great things beyond our understanding."**