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ACTIVITY

THE SMALL PICTURE

INSTRUCTIONS: *Print several large pictures (see your Shop & Prep List for suggestions). Cover up a large chunk of each image using sticky notes, only allowing a small part of the picture to be visible. Have the kids shout out what they think the image is on the picture and then reveal it slowly.*

I have some pictures here, and I want you to guess what they are. So much of the picture is covered, though. We are missing part of the picture! **Can you guess what it might be even though we cannot see the whole thing?**

Let's slowly uncover the rest of the picture. **Now, what do you think it is?** It's hard to guess what is going on when we can't see the whole picture!

BIBLE STORY

GOD ANSWERS JOB

INSTRUCTIONS: *Open your Bible to today's passage, Job 38:1-7; 34-41, as you tell the story. Consider enlarging today's coloring page into a poster size and cut it up into "puzzle pieces" (or use a regular jigsaw puzzle with 12 or less large pieces). Put up one piece at a time as you tell the story to show God sees the big picture.*

[Start putting up your puzzle one piece at a time at various points throughout your teaching.] We've been hearing the story of how a lot of not-so-great things have happened to Job.



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Can you remember some of the things that happened?

Job was really upset and he asked God, "Why did this happen to me?"

Have you ever wondered why something bad happened?

I've wondered about that, too. Well, Job asked God, and God answered.

[Read Job 38:1-7.]

God answered Job with questions. God asked, "Where were you when I created all the world? Who made everything?"

We all know who created all the world, don't we? Yes! God is the creator of everything.

[Read Job 38: 34-41.]

God asked Job, "Can you do all the things I can do?"

What do you think? Can he? Of course not! Only God can do all those things.

Only God knows everything that is happening. Job only knows a little bit at this point in our story. It's like he's only looking at a little piece of the picture.

[Complete your picture puzzle.] When I first started putting up these puzzle pieces, you probably didn't know what this picture would be. But now that it's finished, we can see a clear picture!

When it comes to our lives, we sometimes only see a little bit but God can see everything and God is with us!



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INSTRUCTIONS: Write the Big Idea in a really small font on a large piece of paper. Use an oversized magnifying glass to read it.

Look at this tiny message on this great, big piece of paper! It's so tiny, I need to use a magnifying glass to make it bigger so I can read it.

That's today's Big Idea! **God sees the big picture!** Let's say it together!

God sees the big picture!

We can trust God with whole picture.

CRAFT

GOD'S BIG PICTURE FRAME

INSTRUCTIONS: Encourage the kids to work together to decorate a large poster frame. While they are working, pull them aside one by one and take a picture of each kid. (If you have access to an instant camera, that would be ideal. Otherwise, make arrangements to print the pictures as soon as possible.) Place the kids' pictures on a poster that will go inside the frame they are decorating.

Today, we are going to make a big frame for God's Big Picture. **I wonder what will go inside the frame?**

Look who's part of God's big picture! You are!

How are you a part of God's big picture?

What can you do to help in God's picture?

Even if we can't see it, we know that **God sees the big picture!**



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MEMORY VERSE

JOB 37:5 (NIV)

INSTRUCTIONS: *Print the printable. Give one or more memory verse words to each kid and teach them to say their assigned word. Line them up in order and have them say their word when instructed. You can also take a picture of each kid holding their word(s) and create a slideshow to use next week.*

The Bible helps us see parts of God's big picture. Let's decorate this big picture of the memory verse as we practice saying it together.

"God's voice thunders in marvelous ways; he does great things beyond our understanding." (Job 37:5)