

# PUZZLED

Believe there's  
a bigger picture

WEEK  
**FOUR**  
APRIL 2022

SMALL GROUP

**K-3**

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

## MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen  
in the brain and taps into the energy  
in the body



## OPENING ACTIVITY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Call out a variety of things that are either big or small.
- If it's small, the kids crouch down and curl up to make themselves as small as possible.
- If it's big, they stand tall with their arms stretched high.
- Some possible items:
  - Mouse
  - Elephant
  - Ant
  - School bus
  - Jelly bean
  - Whale
  - Tyrannosaurus Rex
  - Peanut
  - Gumball
  - Gorilla
  - Ladybug
- Vary your pace, rhythm, and voice to keep interest high.

## TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

### All I Ask

Jesus Appears to Thomas  
John 20:19-29

## TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

**Whatever happens, remember  
God is bigger than your questions.**

## MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

In this world you will have  
trouble. But be encouraged!  
I have won the battle over  
the world.  
John 16:33b, NIV

### WHAT YOU SAY:

"Good listening! *[Transition]* In Large Group, we'll hear about **SOMEONE who's bigger than anything! Let's go learn more.**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

## MONTHLY LIFE APP

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## MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment



## HE'S BIGGER

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "He's Bigger" Activity Pages, markers or crayons

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a "He's Bigger" page.
- Ask kids to identify the person (Jesus).
- Invite kids to draw pictures of themselves with Jesus. They can even write or draw a question they have for Jesus.
- Use the conversation below as a guide to help kids understand both the depth of God's love for them and the truth that God is bigger than their questions!

### WHAT YOU SAY:

"Was Jesus angry with Thomas because he had questions about Him? (*Pause.*) No, He wasn't! Jesus loved Thomas, and He wanted Thomas to know that it's okay to have questions.

"It's okay if you have questions about God or Jesus, too! Jesus loves you SO MUCH, and He wants to help you know Him. So if you have any questions about God or Jesus, you can pray about those questions. You can also talk to me, another leader, your parents, your step-parents, your grandparents, or anyone else who loves God and follows Jesus. We'll be happy to help you understand as much as you can! **Whatever happens, remember God is bigger than your questions!**"

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## MADE TO CREATE

an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving



## GREATER THAN

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Rocks, permanent markers, Bibles

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Make sure every kid has a Bible.
- Look up John 16:33 following the navigation tips below

and read it out loud together.

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*Finding verses with 2nd and 3rd graders: Guide them to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like. When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find John in the list under "New Testament." When the kids find John, lead them to look at the page number beside the word. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find John. Help the kids find the page. When they find John, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find chapter 16. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find verse 33 in chapter 16.*

## TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

**Whatever happens, remember God is bigger than your questions.**

- Remind kids that God is greater than any troubles we will face and God is also bigger than any question that we have.
- Give every kid a rock and permanent marker.
- Review what a mathematical "greater than" symbol looks like (>) and what it means.
  - A "greater than" symbol is used in math to show that a number is bigger than the number next to it.
- Instruct the kids to draw a > on their rock.
- Encourage the kids to use the rock as a reminder that God is bigger than any question they have.
- Let kids decorate the extra space on the rock.

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### WHAT YOU SAY:

"Just like our memory verse tells us how to be encouraged, the stories in the Bible can help us learn who God is and what Jesus did for us. And when we don't understand what we're reading, we can talk about it with a grown-up we trust. This week, I want you to pick up this rock every time you find yourself puzzled and tell yourself that **whatever happens, remember God is bigger than your questions.**"

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## MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space  
for personal processing  
and application



## PRAY AND DISMISS

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Use the conversation below as a guide to lead kids into prayer.

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Is any question too big for Jesus? *(Pause.)* No! Thomas even wondered if it was really possible for Jesus to come back to life. Jesus was okay with Thomas' question, and Jesus is okay with your questions, too! He LOVES you, and He wants to help you know Him. Let's pray.

## TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

**Whatever happens, remember  
God is bigger than your questions.**

"Dear God, You are amazing! You know how many stars are in the sky. You know how many hairs are on our heads. And You know the questions that we have about You. Thank You, God, that You are bigger than our questions. Thank You that You love us more than we could ever imagine! We love You, too, Lord. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."

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As adults arrive to pick up, invite kids to show them their Thomas "thaumatrope." Encourage kids tell the adults one thing they learned about Thomas.

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