

## WEEK 2 PRESCHOOL LESSON GUIDE

## UP IN THE AIR

### THE BIG IDEA

I can have faith in God.

### THE BIBLE

**Elisha and the Widow's Oil:** II Kings 4:1-7

## WELCOME TIME

### MUSIC | Soarin' Songs

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *You can lead kids in worship with any songs you like best, but here are a few songs that go along with this month's theme. Make sure you have purchased any licenses required to play or perform these songs. For more information, [read this!](#)*
  - "When I Look" (Kidspring)
  - "Fly" (Lifetree Kids)
  - "Do Not Give Up" (Kidspring)
  - "When We Serve" (Yancy)
  - "Free as a Bee" (Hillsong Jr.)

### ACTIVITY | Musical Airplanes

- Welcome aboard *Up in the Air!* That's right, we're on an airplane today, and we are continuing to learn about our big God who allows us to do big things!
- Let's begin today with a fun game of musical airplanes! Ready, pilots? Let's fly!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *In this activity, you will need to make clouds out of paper or felt and place them in a circle, making sure there is one less than the number of kids you have. Kids will "fly" around the clouds in a circle while listening to music and land on a cloud when the music stops (much like the game musical chairs). You can play the songs you sang during worship or other upbeat favorites.*

### ACTIVITY | Flying through Hoops

- Alright pilots, now we're going to see just how well you can fly a plane!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Kids will throw paper airplanes or styrofoam airplanes (like [these](#)) through hoops of different sizes and distances.
  - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Toddlers might struggle with having their planes take flight through a hoop. Consider getting [plane toys on wheels](#) for littles to play on a surface.
- As you're watching your plane soar high and far, think about how high and far God can take us, if we have faith to trust God.

## TEACHING TIME

### BIBLE STORY | Elisha and the Widow's Oil

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Bookmark II Kings 4:1–7 in a preschool Bible or an easy-to-understand Bible translation. Make your space look [like an airplane](#) by cutting out the shape of an airplane from large, flat pieces of cardboard.
- Last week we heard about two guys, Elijah and Elisha. Elijah was Elisha's guide and friend until Elijah went to heaven.
- This week, we'll hear a story from Elisha's life after his friend was gone.
- [Read II Kings 4:1–4.]
  - The woman said that she had nothing except a small jar of olive oil. She thought that it wasn't enough, but Elisha knew that God could do something big for her!
  - She had to have faith to do what Elisha told her to do.
  - Faith is believing something is real, even though we can't see it.
- [Read II Kings 4:5–7.]
  - The woman was worried about the really big problem that she was facing,
  - But because she had faith, something amazing happened! The jar of oil kept flowing.
- God used something so small like oil to solve a really big problem for the woman and her family.
- When we need help and don't know what to do, we can have faith that God will take care of us, too!

### BIG IDEA | I can have faith in God.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Write each word of the Big Idea on six separate pieces of construction paper. Then make each paper into an airplane. To introduce the Big Idea, fly in one paper airplane at a time and have a kid catch the airplane, open it, then bring it to the front for the storyteller or another leader to read aloud.
- Let's say today's Big Idea together: **I can have faith in God.**

### VIDEO | Up in the Air, Episode 2

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's episode of [Cali's World](#).

### ACTIVITY | Never Ending Oil

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give kids a copy of this [craft worksheet](#) along with safety scissors or cut out all the parts beforehand. Help them attach the circle part behind the image on the second page using a brass fastener, by aligning the dots. Kids can spin the wheel to show the oil pouring out continuously.
  - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Cut out the craft for younger kids and assemble it with the brad ahead of time, so that all they have to do is spin the wheel. In addition to or instead of this activity, you can place empty plastic containers around the room and have toddlers collect them and bring them to you. If available, fill them at a sink to show how the oil never stopped flowing until the jars were all filled.
- The woman in our story didn't know what to do. She needed to make money and all she had was a tiny bit of oil.
- What Elisha told her to do didn't make sense. He told her to do collect as many jars as she can. Then he told her to fill all the jars with the little oil she had.
- She listened to these instructions, and the oil kept flowing! This showed that she had faith in Elisha's words, and in God, who made it all happen.
- Each time you spin the wheel in this craft we just made, remember, **I can have faith in God**, just like the woman in our story did.

### PRAYER

- God, I know that you see me when I am sad or worried, and you care about my problems, big or small. Remind me that I can have faith in you to take care of me. Amen.

## DISCUSSION TIME

### SNACK | Airplanes

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Pass out a pre-assembled [airplane snack](#) to each kid (see Shop & Prep List for materials needed).
  - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Use an [airplane-shaped cookie cutter](#) to make finger sandwiches for toddlers.
- **What is faith?**
- **How did the woman in our story have faith?**
- Today's Big Idea is **I can have faith in God.**
- God hears our prayers and wants us to tell God when we are sad, worried, or afraid. We can trust God.

### ACTIVITY | Airplane Pilot Obstacle Course

- Now, we're going to play a game where we will practice what it means to have faith.
- I'm going to pair you up with a friend. One of you will be an airplane and will wear a blindfold. The other one will be the pilot. Pilots will have to guide their airplanes around the room without crashing into other airplanes!

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** The kids will pair up. One will be blindfolded (airplane), the other will not (pilot). The pilots will lead their airplane partners around the room, making sure they don't run into other airplanes.
  - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Have toddlers "fly" around the room with their arms outstretched, making sure they don't bump into each other. You can set up cones or other obstacles they need to maneuver around, too.
- **Did you have to trust your partners? How?**
- Remember, **I can have faith in God** and trust that God will lead me and take care of me.

### ACTIVITY | Pilot Says

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** The kids will play a game that is a variation of the game Simon Says. One kid will be the head pilot and use the words, "Pilot says." The kids stand in front of the head pilot and obey the commands they are given by the head pilot. For example, "Pilot says, hop on one foot" and all of the kids will hop on one foot. The head pilot continues this with all kinds of different commands the kids need to follow. If the head pilot gives a command without "Pilot says" in the beginning of the command, and some kids follow anyway, they are out. Pick one kid that is "out" to be the next head pilot, and let all kids play the new round. Keep playing as long as time and interest allow.
- When we have faith in someone, we listen to what they say.
- This game was kind of tricky, but God doesn't trick us. Whenever God says to do something, we can follow because we know it will be good for us.
- **I can have faith in God!**

### MEMORY VERSE | Colossians 3:2 (NIV)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Print, cut, then glue the airplanes from the printable onto large craft sticks. Have kids each hold one and fly across the room as you say each word of the memory verse together.
- **"Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."**

## PLAY TIME

While you're waiting for parents to pick up their kids . . .

### ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Print and distribute this week's coloring page along with crayons or markers. Discuss today's Bible story and Big Idea as kids color. Once the kids have finished coloring, write their name on it. Collect and hold on to each week's coloring page until the end of the series. You will help kids put their coloring pages together to build a kite!

### ACTIVITY | Airplane Building

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Have blocks or LEGO blocks available for kids to build airplanes, airports, runways, etc. Provide toy airplanes and Little People to extend play. You can also write out the word "Faith" in block letters on a large piece of paper and have kids fill it in with LEGOs to help them remember the Big Idea.

### ACTIVITY | Pouring Station

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Kids will play and practice [pouring liquid in various jars](#), containers, and pitchers. Relate this to the story of the woman who had faith and obeyed Elisha's command and poured oil in pitchers and jars.

Encourage your preschoolers to help clean up the room while they wait for their parents.