

UP IN THE AIR: Preteen

WEEK 2

BIG IDEA

I can have faith in God.

Bible

Elisha and the Widow's Oil: II Kings 4:1-7; Colossians 1:3-14

LARGE GROUP TIME

WHAT?

MUSIC | Worship

- **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!](#)*
 - "Trust In You" (Lauren Daigle)
 - "Promises" (Maverick City Music)
 - "For All My Days" (Gateway Kids Worship)
 - "All of Me" (Gateway Kids Worship)
 - "We Shine" (Vineyard Kids)

ACTIVITY | Airplane Aerobics

- 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 try a few in-flight exercises to get ready for take-off!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Lead kids in a series of in-chair exercises and stretches (e.g., neck rolls, shoulder rolls, forward bend to touch their toes, leg lifts, etc.).*

ACTIVITY | Speed Planes

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *In this activity, kids will have an airplane-making and throwing competition [Make a few in advance](#) as examples. When the timer starts, everyone has two minutes to make the very best paper airplane they can using the materials provided. After the timer stops, have everyone stand at the starting line with their planes and throw them to see which airplane sails the farthest distance.*
- When we watch our paper airplanes soar, we can imagine how far God can carry us!

QUESTION | Distance Traveler

- **Have you ever traveled on an airplane? If so, where did you go?**
- **If you could fly anywhere in the world, where would you like to go? Why?**
- **Why do you think people prefer to travel by airplane versus other ways of travel, when they are going far distances?**

SO WHAT?

BIBLE STORY | Elisha and the Widow's Oil

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Bookmark II Kings 4:1-7 in your Bible and read the passage in small chunks as you tell the Bible story.*
- Last week we heard about two guys, Elijah and Elisha. Elijah was Elisha's mentor — someone who taught and guided him — until he was taken up into heaven.
- This week, we'll hear a story from Elisha's life after his friend was gone.
- **Have you ever had to do something that you thought was impossible?**
- Today's story is about having faith in what God can do . . . and God can do a LOT!
- *[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! Let's see what the widow's faith did for her!
- *[Read II Kings 4:5-7.]*
 - Isn't it amazing what happened because she had faith and did what Elisha told her to do?
 - The woman was worried about the really big problem that she was facing, but God used Elisha to show the woman that she could have faith in God!
- What God did through Elisha and the woman is what we call a miracle, something that happens that we can't really explain. All we know is that 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!
- **When can you have faith in God?**

VIDEO | Up in the Air, Episode 2

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

BIBLE | Colossians 1:3-14

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Read Colossians 1:3-14 or recruit a few readers to help you.*
- In this letter to the followers of God in Colossae, the apostle Paul is telling them he is thankful for their faith in Jesus.
- **How did he know they had faith?**
 - For one thing, they believed in what Jesus had done even though they had not seen it with their own eyes.
 - Because of this, their actions followed suit. They told others the same good news they had heard and they showed God's love to everyone.
- Paul told his friends that he was always praying for them that they would have the strength to keep living out their faith in God.
- A part of having faith in God is to help others have faith, too. And the best way to do that is if we live in the way Paul told his friends to in verse 10: please God in every way, do good work, and grow in the knowledge of God!

NOW WHAT?

MEMORY VERSE | Catching Air

PRETEEN HACKS: *If possible, have preteens try to recite as much of the verse with each jump on a pogo stick*

PRAYER

- God, thank you for reminding us that we can have faith in you. Even though we cannot see you, we know you are always there for us and we can trust you to take care of us. Help us to grow our faith and share it with others, too. Amen.

SMALL GROUP TIME

DISCUSSION

- **Why was the woman in the Bible story sad?**
- **What did Elisha tell her to do?**
- **How did God provide for her?**
- **Read Colossians 1:13-14. What has God done for us that shows we can have faith?**
- **What does having faith mean to you?**
- **Think of someone else in the Bible who had faith in God. How did their faith help them?**
- **What is one thing you can do this week to show you have faith in God?**

MEMORY VERSE | Colossians 3:2 (NIV)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Practice this month's memory verse with the signs (a combination of SEE and ASL) we've provided in your Programming folder or at growcurriculum.org/Colossians3-2.*
- Let's practice this month's memory verse together!
- **"Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."**