



## OPENING

### Welcome

[5 min]

### Supplies

- Bible

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#### Introduce the Lesson

Say: **Today our Bible story isn't very happy. We'll learn that God doesn't always take away sad times. The Bible tells about a man named Job (JOBE) who had a lot of sad things happen to him. But God was *with* Job the whole time. Sometimes it's a little easier to be sad when a friend is with you. That's a good thing! Let's start off talking about the opposite of sad: happy!**

### Share

Share about something that makes *you* happy. You might share about friends or family, a pet, or a place you like to go.

In small groups, have kids share about something that makes *them* happy. For example, they might share about going to the park, hearing a bedtime story, or playing in a swimming pool.

After small groups have discussed, have a few kids share with the whole group what they talked about in their small groups.

### Summarize

Open a Bible, and say: **You have happy things in your lives! Job also had happy things in his life. But then he had some sad times. The Bible says that God didn't take away Job's sad times, and God doesn't always take away our sad times, either. But God *is* with us in sad times. The Bible helps us be sure of that. The Bible is one way God talks to us. Let's listen to God as we hear from the Bible today.**

Pray, thanking God for being with us even though he doesn't take away sad times.



## MUSIC VIDEO

### No Matter How I Feel

[10 min]

### Supplies

- "No Matter How I Feel" (watch or download [here](#))
- "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" (watch or download [here](#))
- "The Lord Is Merciful" (Psalm 145:8) (watch or download [here](#))

### Sing Songs to God

Sing the three songs in any order.



## Supplies

- "Kyle's Story" teaching video (watch or download [here](#))

## Tip

- Don't have internet in your classroom? That's okay! You can download the videos before class using the "download" button at the link provided, or just purchase this quarter's DVD [here](#).

## Discuss and Watch "Kyle's Story"

Ask: • **Tell about a time you or someone you love were sick.** Share your own story first.

Say: **A lot of times, when we get sick, God helps us get healthy again. If you have a cold, you'll get better. But there are some kinds of sick that don't go away. Let's meet Kyle and see what happened when he got sick.**

Watch "Kyle's Story."

Ask: • **What sounds like the hardest part of having diabetes?**

• **Kyle's mom said, "God is going to use you for something great and for something bigger."**

**What do you think God could use Kyle to do because he has diabetes?**

Say: **God doesn't always take away sad times. Kyle will probably always have diabetes. But God helped him find a way to manage his insulin, and he's seen God at work in his life. Sometimes, sad times can help us grow closer to God. And no matter what happens, we can be sure that God will never stop loving us.**



## Supplies

- facial tissues (about 6 per child)
- chenille wires (about 6 per child)
- rubber bands (1 per child)

## Easy Prep

- Make a sample craft to show kids.



## Make Flowers

Say: **Today we're learning that God doesn't always take away sad times. Sometimes sad things happen that make us want to cry. But even when we feel sad, we can remember that God is still with us and he loves us so very much!** Show the sample craft. **For our craft today we're going to make tissue flowers. When you see someone who's sad and crying, you can give that person a tissue flower to wipe away tears. And you can remind that person that even though sad things happen, God still loves all of us so much!**

Give each child about six chenille wires, and show kids how to bend the wires in half. Then show kids how to fold the tissue in half to create a triangle and fold the tissue in half again to create a smaller triangle.



Next, help kids place the top of the triangle (the center of the tissue) through the bent part of a chenille wire and twist the two halves of the wire together so the tissue stays in place. The tissue will be the flower, and the chenille wire becomes the stem.



Have kids each make multiple flowers. When kids have each made at least six flowers, help them rubber-band the chenille wire stems together to create flower bouquets.

Say: **God doesn't always take away sad times, but we can help people know that God still loves them no matter what! When you give someone one of the tissue flowers you made, you'll be sharing God's love with that person.**



## Supplies

- blankets (1 for every 6 kids)\*
- pillows (at least 1 for every 4 kids)\*
- *Friends With God Story Bible* (optional) (order [here](#))

## Easy Prep

- Use the blankets and pillows to create a comfy space where kids can gather.

## Pray in the Comfy Space

Have the children gather in the comfy space. Say: **Today we learned that God doesn't take away sad times. We heard about a man named Job who had a lot to be thankful for. He had lots of family, a nice place to live, and good friends. We have good things we can be thankful for, too.**

Share about something *you* want to thank God for.

Ask: • **What's something *you* want to thank God for?**

Say: **Let's thank God for good things as we sit in the comfy spot.** Lead children in a short prayer, thanking God for all the good things kids mentioned.

## Pray for Comfort in Sad Times

Say: **We have lots of good things to be thankful for, but sometimes sad things happen, too.**

Take away the pillows and blankets. Say: **Job had some really sad times. He lost his family and his nice home. He even became sick. God didn't take away all his sad times. Sometimes we have sad times, too. And God doesn't always take away sad times.**

Share about something sad *you* want to talk to God about.

Ask: • **What's something sad *you* want to talk to God about?**

Lead children in a prayer about the sad things they shared.

Say: **Sometimes sad things happen. But God is with us. He can help us be strong, and he can bring us people who will hug us when we're sad. God doesn't always take away our sad times, but he is with us during them.**

If you have extra time, spend some time reading today's Bible story, "As Bad as It Gets—by Job," from the *Friends With God Story Bible*.

Say: **I hope you'll come back next week to learn more about our loving God and spend time with all your friends.**