

# November 29 Family Activities

**The Sun Stands Still**—Joshua 10

**Big Idea**—God Listens to Us

**Bible Verse**—“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6

- **Find the Differences**—Supplies: Find the Difference pages
  - In today’s part of The Big God Story, kids will learn that God notices all the details in our lives. He is listening and cares about us!
  - Pass out the pages and prompt kids to find the differences. As kids finish, ask:
    - **What kind of differences did you find?**
    - **How did you find the differences?**
    - **Did you have to look closely at the picture?**
    - **What times during the day do you have to pay attention?**
    - **Who pays attention to you and listens to you?**
  
- **Check out the teaching time on FaceBook at GCC Kids Online.**
  
- **Retell the Story**—Supplies: none needed
  - Immediately after the story, go around and have each person in your family help to retell the story.
    - What was the first thing that happened in the Big God Story today?
    - What happened next?
    - Continue until everyone has helped to retell the story.
  
- **Pictures**—Supplies: Paper, watercolors or washable paint, cups for water, and brushes, instrumental music
  
- **During the Big God Story with Miss Hannah, we spent some time being quiet and talking and listening to God. Right now we’re going to spend some time praying listening to God as we paint.**
  - You may choose to paint a picture of what you prayed to God or what you heard from God. Or, you may want to paint a picture of praise for God, thanking Him for always listening to you; it’s your choice.

- **Before we start, I'll pray and ask God to be with us. He'll see our paintings and be with us, right where we are!** Pray over your family, and then turn on the instrumental music to play while children paint.

## **- Discussion Questions**

- What does this story make you wonder about?
- What does this story tell you about God?
- What do you think God wants you to do now that you know this part of the Big God Story?
- What does this story tell us about the people in it?
- What other Bible story do you think this one is like?
- Why do you think God put this story in the Bible?
- What was happening before and after this part of the Big God Story?
- Who can you tell this story to?
- What was your favorite part of this story? Why?

## **- I Spy a Special Person—**Supplies: Ball, stuffed animal, or a beanbag

- **In The Big God Story we saw how God pays special attention to us by listening to us. Now it's our turn! We'll be getting clues to help us find a special person, but we'll need to listen to those clues very carefully!**
- **Our game is a bit like the game of I Spy. To play our game, we're going to spy a person in our family. The speaker will say, "I spy a special person ..." but they won't say the special person's name. They might say, "I spy a special person with curly blond hair," or "I spy a special person with a red T-shirt." You'll need to listen carefully in order to find the special person! After the speaker gives us a clue about who the special person is, we can take turns guessing who we think the person is. Once we've guessed correctly, the speaker will pick a new speaker and we'll start over again.**

## **- Blessing—**Read this passage from Numbers 6:24–26 over each child:

- **The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.**
- **(Child's name,) may you know that God always hears you when you pray. He is always near, because He cares for you.**