



# Thursday

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

Jesus replied: “**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**’ This is the first and greatest commandment. - Matthew 22: 36, 37

## [Opening Worship Video](#)

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Consider:

- Do you struggle with worry? What is something that has made you or does make you anxious?
- What makes a person trustworthy? Who do you trust?

## **Do Not Worry - Matthew 6: 25, 26**

“I tell you, do not worry. Don’t worry about your life and what you will eat or drink. And don’t worry about your body and what you will wear. Isn’t there more to life than eating? Aren’t there more important things for the body than clothes? Look at the birds of the air. They don’t plant or gather crops. They don’t put away crops in storerooms. But your Father who is in heaven feeds them. Aren’t you worth much more than they are?”

## **King Jehoshaphat Battles the Moab and Ammon - 2 Chronicles 20: 1-15**

<sup>1</sup>After that, the Moabites, Ammonites and some Meunites went to war against Jehoshaphat. <sup>2</sup>Some people came and told him, “A huge army is coming from Edom to fight against you. They have come across the Dead Sea. They are already in Hazezon Tamar.” (also called En Gedi). <sup>3</sup>Jehoshaphat was alarmed. So, he decided to ask the Lord for advice. He told all the people of Judah to go without eating. <sup>4</sup>The people came together to ask the Lord for help. In fact, they came from every town in Judah to pray to him.

<sup>5</sup>Then Jehoshaphat stood up among the people of Judah and Jerusalem. He was in front of the new courtyard at the Lord’s temple. <sup>6</sup>He said’

“Lord, you are the God of our people who lived long ago. You are the God who is in heaven. You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. You are strong and powerful. No one can fight against you and win. <sup>7</sup>Our God, you drove out the people who lived in this land. You drove them out to make room for your people Israel. You gave this land forever to those who belong to the family line of your friend Abraham. <sup>8</sup>They have lived in this land. They’ve built a temple here for your Name. They have said, <sup>9</sup>‘Suppose trouble comes on us. It doesn’t matter whether it’s a punishing sword, or plague or hunger. We’ll serve you. We’ll stand in front of this temple where your Name is. We’ll cry out to you when we’re in trouble. Then you will hear us. You will save us.’

<sup>10</sup>“But here are men from Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir. You wouldn’t allow Israel to march in and attack their territory when the Israelites came from Egypt. So, Israel turned away from them. They didn’t destroy them. <sup>11</sup>See how they are paying us back. They are coming to drive us out. They want to take over the land you gave us as our share. <sup>12</sup>Our God, won’t you please judge them? We don’t have the power to face this huge army that’s attacking us. We don’t know what to do. But we’re looking to you to help us.”

<sup>13</sup>All the men of Judah stood there in front of the Lord. Their wives, children and little ones were with them. <sup>14</sup>Then the Spirit of the Lord came on Jahaziel. He was standing among the people of Israel. He was the son of Zechariah. Zechariah was the son of Benaiah. Benaiah was the son of Jeiel. Jeiel was the son of Mattaniah. Jahaziel was a Levite. He was from the family line of Asaph. <sup>15</sup>Jahaziel said, “King Jehoshaphat, listen! All you who live in Judah and Jerusalem, listen! The Lord says to you, ‘Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope because of this huge army. The battle is not yours. It is God’s.’

Discuss:

- The story says King Jehoshaphat was alarmed. What do you think he was really feeling?
- How did the king and the people handle their worry, their fear?
- Can Jahaziel’s words calm your worries, too?
- Even as disciples we’ll still face things that scare us, worry us, sadden us, and overwhelm us. So, what does change when we become disciples of Jesus?

[Pre-K Bible Lesson Video](#)

## Craft Video – Birds of the Air

For each person:

- A cardboard egg carton
- Feathers (If you don't have craft feathers, you can cut feather shapes from colored paper and fringe the edges.)

## Game – Lead the Way

As a disciple we can trust God to take care of us. Jesus guides us and helps us whenever we are worried or unsure. This game not only teaches trust, it also reminds us how hard it can be to trust.

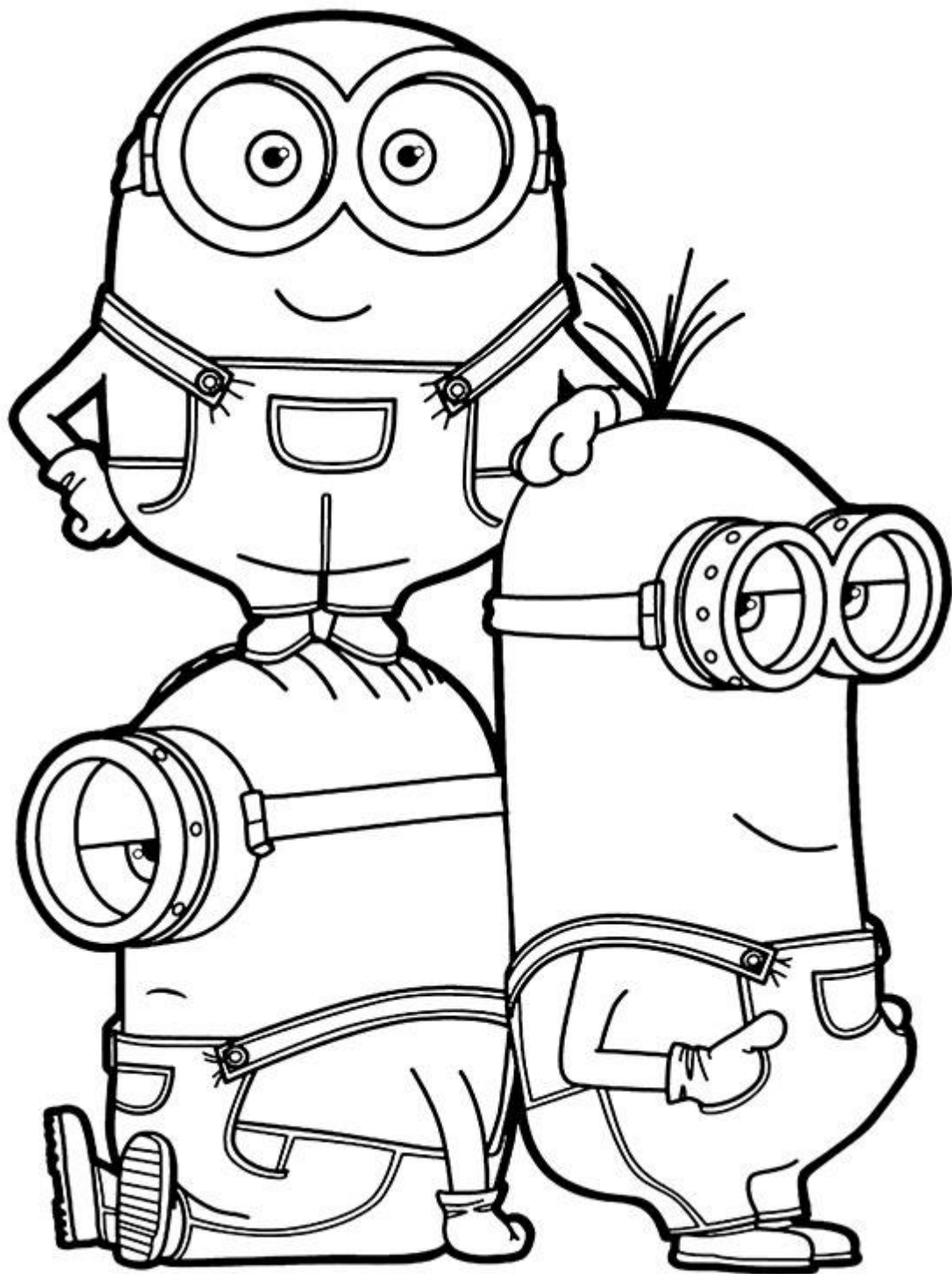
Either inside or outside set up a simple obstacle course. You can use chairs to walk around. A table may be a tunnel. After your course is ready select one person to be the leader and one to be the follower.

The leader will guide the follower through the course, just holding their hand. If you would like to make this more challenging, have the follower go through the course using only the leader's directions, no touch. After everyone has had a turn discuss what the experiences were like as leaders and followers.

## Skit Video – Now Who's The Minion?

### Prayer:

Dear God, it is so good to know that as your disciples you will always take care of us. Help us to remember that even when things are not going well, you are with us. We praise you for your great love, that is bigger than anything we face. Amen.



**We can always trust Jesus to take care of us.**