

## Look on The Bright Side

Slides and Videos are in **bold**.

**Props:** Decorate your large group space with a banner or cutouts that say "Habakkuk". Also hang cutouts of words like "Trust", "Relax", and "God is in Control." Use streamers and other party decor to make the space more fun and inviting.

### **-SLIDE- Welcome**

**Start kid's countdown once all classes are present**

### **-SLIDE- Series Intro (2 min)**

Hey kids! Welcome to kid's church. I'm so glad you could be here today. We're gonna have fun, right? Let's get started.

We're wrapping up our series about that guy with a weird name: Habakkuk! Let's review what we've learned so far. What does Habakkuk mean? **(allow kid to answer)** Good, "to wrestle". What was Habakkuk's job? **(allow kid to answer)** Right, he was a prophet who would speak for God to the people. Was being a prophet an easy or hard job? **(allow kid to answer)** Right, it was hard! The people didn't always want to hear what God had to say. What did God tell Habakkuk to do when he thought things were unfair? **(Allow kid to answer)** R-E-L-A-X! God told Habakkuk to relax and trust him, and we should too! Who wins in the end, bullies or God? **(allow kid to answer)** Great job! God wins in the end. And one day we get to go to heaven where there is NO sin, bad guys, or bullies.

### **-SLIDE- Lesson Intro (2 min)**

Today we're going to finish talking about our prophet friend, Habakkuk. We've learned a lot from him already, but we've got one last lesson to learn from his life. We're going to talk about how we should look at our problems. Who here has problems? **(allow kids to answer)** Maybe your brother or sister got more ice cream than you last night or your friends all went to the movies without you. That stinks. Here's the truth. We all will face problems in our lives. The key is how we choose to look at them.

We'll talk about that more in a few minutes, but first, let's stand and sing a song to God.

### **-SONG- You Are God (3 min)**

That was great! Good job. I think God loves to hear all your voices praising Him. Now, let's sit down and say our big idea and key question together!

**-SLIDE- Big Idea: We can always look on the bright side when God is on our side.**  
(repeat with kids)

**-SLIDE- Key Question: How does God help us to be positive?**

That's a great question, let's listen to our video closely to see how God helps us.

**-VIDEO- Habakkuk 4 (4 min)**

**-SLIDE- Recap (3 min)**

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- There are \_\_\_ ways to look at every problem. (Two)
- What do you call a person who looks on the bright side? (Optimist)
- True or False: A pessimist is fun to be around. (False)

Great job, you guys listened and answered them all right! You see, Habakkuk had a lot of problems which we've been talking about this whole series. He was mad, frustrated and hurt because of his problems. He also complained a lot, whined, and told God that he was wrong. But, God stuck with him the whole time. He said to Habakkuk, "Hey buddy, I have your back. I love you and I have everything under control. So just RELAX." And you know what? Habakkuk listened to God! And guess what happened? Habakkuk felt better. He chose to be happy and positive. He stopped being negative and cranky. He chose to see things from God's perspective. We need to remember this, too. We don't need to be negative about life. We have God on our side so we can stay positive, even when hard things happen.

Now, let's stand and review our memory verse. This is our last week doing this verse, so let's all try to know it by heart!

**-SLIDE- Memory Verse:** "Look at the proud (**point out**)! They trust in themselves (**point at self**), and their lives are crooked (**arms in X**). But the righteous (**fists on hips**) will live by their faithfulness (**hands in prayer**) to God." Habakkuk 2:4 (**Repeat**)

You guys are awesome! We don't want to be like the proud, who are the bullies and bad guys we talked about last week. We want to be the righteous. The happy,

positive people who trust that God is in control. When life gets you down, look on the bright side!

Let's stand together and sing one last song to God to thank him for taking care of us.

**-SONG- Live It Out (3 min)**

Okay, we're ready to answer the Key Question.

**-SLIDE- Key question: How does God help us to be positive?**

**(allow a few kids to answer).**

**-SLIDE- The answer: He's given us a chance at a new life through Jesus.**

You'll talk more about this in your small groups today. But, before we go, let's say the Big Idea one last time.

**-SLIDE- Big Idea: We can always look on the bright side when God is on our side.**

**(Have kids repeat)**

**-SLIDE- Let's Pray (then dismiss)**

**-SLIDE- Let's go to small groups**