





# **Group Time Guide**

Supplies Needed: Plastic ant

#### 1. Getting Started

Encourage kids to discuss this question: If you could spend all day tomorrow doing just one thing, what would you choose?

#### 2. Discussion Questions

- Do you think God will help Bowie pass his class? Why or why not?
- What are things people sometimes want that might not be good for them? (Sweet food, doing nothing, watching endless hours of TV)

### 3. Hands-On Option

**Look Up and Read**: Isaiah 55:8-9. In these verses, God is talking about how he understands and knows much more than we do.

**Do This**: Show kids the plastic ant.

**Do This**: Imagine you're in charge of an ant colony. One ant comes up to you and asks you if they can have cupcakes to eat every day. Would you do that? No! Not if you wanted to keep them safe and healthy. Then, another ant asks you to give them a whole bunch of money. Another one asks you to make them the king ant, so all the others do what they say. Will you do those things? Probably not! You want them to do the right things, build a home, gather food, because those are the best things for them to do. The other things aren't as important.

**Discuss**: Why do you think God sometimes doesn't give us everything we want? (God understands more than we do.)

**The Point**: Just like we know more than those ants do, God knows more than we do. We wouldn't give the ants some of the things they want, because we want something better for them. God won't give us everything we want, sometimes because he wants what's even better for us.

## 4. Wrap-Up and Prayer

**Ask**: What was the best part of your week? What was something tough that happened this week? **Do This**: Pray with the kids.