



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE



TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

God's plan is always best.
JOSEPH FORGIVES
GENESIS 42-45

MEMORY VERSE

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD."
JEREMIAH 29:11, NLT

KEY QUESTION

Who has a plan for you?

BOTTOM LINE

God has a plan for me.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction
Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive.
Sundae Sundae

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways
"Really Awesome Plan" & "Good, Good Father"
Bible Story
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect
Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow.
The Best Plan
Matching Scoops
Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Parent Cue App



This symbol indicates an activity with potential allergens. Be sure to post allergy alert sign and inform parents at drop-off.



WEEK
FOUR
SEPTEMBER 2020

SMALL GROUP
PRE-K
STARTER

PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts



SUNDAE SUNDAY

WHAT YOU NEED: "Allergy Alert Poster," cardstock, Play-Doh®, bowls, ice cream scoops, and spoons

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Hang "Allergy Alert Poster" on the door. Set all of the supplies on the table.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to create ice cream sundaes using Play-Doh. Consider giving children their own set of Play-Doh to use and then send home or discard after use.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how we'll hear how Joseph followed God's plan in our Bible story. Sanitize dishes used in the activity.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Come sit at the table with me. (Pause.) Let's pretend we work in an ice cream shop and make ice cream sundaes."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "We have all these different colors of Play-Doh for our ice cream flavors. What goes in a sundae? Some sundaes have a banana. Can you roll some of the yellow into a log for a banana and put it in your bowl? (Pause.) Great! What comes next? (Pause.) Ice cream! Use the scoops to scoop it into your bowl. (Pause.) What flavors are in your ice cream sundae? (Ask each of the children.) Yum! Those flavors sound great together. What about adding a cherry on top? You can roll some red into a ball for your cherry. (Pause.) Look at these awesome sundaes!" (Repeat as long as there is interest.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Just like you followed the plan to build your ice cream sundae, today in our Bible story, we'll hear how Joseph followed God's plan."

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by playing "Follow the Leader."

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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY **GROUPS** HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn



THE BEST PLAN

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed.

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Sit together on the floor with the children.

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the children to act out each of the sequences from all four weeks as you review the Bible Story.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how Joseph listened to and followed God's plan, even when things were hard.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come sit with me on the floor. Today, as we review our Bible story, I want us to act it out."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "We've learned about God's plan for Joseph. Joseph always trusted in God's plan, even when it was hard. Joseph's dad gave him a special coat. Everybody put on your coat. (Pause.) Great! Remember, Joseph had 11 brothers. They got super-mad and jealous when their dad gave Joseph the coat but didn't give them one! So, they stole the coat and threw Joseph in a hole! Take off your coat and jump in the hole. (Pause.) Later, they pulled him out of the hole. Climb out of the hole. (Pause.) They sent Joseph with people who took him far away from home, all the way to Egypt. Walk around the room and come back to the circle. (Pause.)"

"When Joseph was in Egypt, he was put in jail. Then, Pharaoh had a dream, and he asked Joseph to help him understand what it meant. Joseph told him that the dreams were from God and he needed to grow and save all the grain. Can you plant your grain and water it? (Pause.) Look, it's growing! Time to collect it. Pick all the grain. (Pause.) Great job! Joseph took all the grain and stored it away. Years later, Pharaoh's dream came true, and everyone came to Joseph for food! Even Joseph's brothers. Joseph followed God's plan, forgave his brothers, and gave them food. He even gave them a hug because he was happy to see them. Wrap your arms around yourself and give yourself a great big hug. (Pause.) I love how Joseph followed God's plan."

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KEY QUESTION

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AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "I want to be like Joseph and follow God's plan, and you can, too. God's plan is the best plan! **Who has a plan for you? God has a plan for me.**"

BOTTOM LINE

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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE
an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



MATCHING SCOOPS
[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]
WHAT YOU NEED: "Cones" and "Scoops" Activity Pages, cardstock, scissors, and glue sticks

WHAT YOU DO:
DURING THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Cones" onto cardstock, one per child. Copy "Scoops" onto cardstock and cut out,

one set per child.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to match the scoops' stories to the cones' stories as you review.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about God's plan for Joseph.

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WHAT YOU SAY:
BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come join me at the table, and let's build some ice cream cones."

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Look, there are four ice cream cones on your paper. (Pause.) Each of the cones has a picture on them. What do you see on the first cone? (Pause.) It's Joseph and his colorful coat! That's the first thing we learned about Joseph. What do you see on the second cone? (Pause.) This cone has Joseph in Jail. Even though he didn't do anything wrong, he followed God's plan and helped everyone while he was there.

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"What about the third cone? (Pause.) It shows Joseph saving up the grain. And the last cone? (Pause.) It has Joseph happy with his eleven brothers. This is when Joseph forgave his brothers and shared food with them. But these ice cream cones are missing something. What's missing? (Pause.) The ice cream! Look at the ice cream scoops! They have pictures on them, too. Their pictures are the same as the pictures on the cones. Glue the ice cream scoop on top of the cone that matches. (Pause.) Awesome job, friends!"

BOTTOM LINE
God has a plan for me.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Joseph always trusted in God's plan. No matter how hard it was, Joseph knew that God loved him, that God was always with him, and that he could trust God's plan. We know that God loves us, He is always with us, and He has a plan for us, too. God's plan is the best plan. **Who has a plan for you? God has a plan for me.**"

BASIC TRUTH
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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" paperclipped in your Bible at Jeremiah 29:11, journal, fun-shaped pen, stickers

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): "It's Small Group time!

Today, let's pretend we're Joseph's brothers, and we are soooo hungry. Rub your tummy like this because you are soooo hungry. (*Demonstrate.*) We're on our way to Egypt to find food. Follow me! (*Rub your tummy and moan that you are 'so hungry' as you lead the children to your small group spot.*)

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"That was fun! You make great hungry brothers. Let's sit down and talk about today's Bible story. One, two, three, sit down with me! (*Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.*)

MEMORY VERSE

"'For I know the plans I have for you,' says the LORD."
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"My favorite part of today's story is when Joseph's brothers go to Egypt to find food, and they found something even better—their brother, Joseph! God used Joseph to save A LOT of people from being hungry, including his own family. God's plan really is ALWAYS best!

"The Bible verse we have learned will help us remember that God has a plan for us, and it's always best. It says . . . (*Turn the pages of your Bible to the Memory Verse Card.*)

KEY QUESTION

Who has a plan for you?

"'For I know the plans I have for you,' says the Lord, Jeremiah 29:11. (*Close Bible and lay it down.*)

"Let's stand up and say it together with the motions one more time, then anyone who wants to try to say it can give it a try!"

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CHILDREN AND SGL: "'For I know (*point to head*) the plans I have for you,' (*march*) says (*hands to mouth like yelling*) the Lord (*point up*), Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)." (*Open your hands like a book.*)

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SGL: "Awesome! Let's sit down. When it's your turn to say the Bible verse, you can stand up and try it. I have my stickers ready!"

(*Say each child's name. Make sure to give each child the opportunity to say the verse on his own. Have your stickers ready to reward when they say it.*)

SGL: "Way to go, [child's name]! Here is your sticker! (*Say this with each child as they try to say the Bible verse.*)



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PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

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25 MINUTES

(JOURNAL AND PRAYER, CONTINUED)

"I want everyone to show me their sticker. I see them! Now tell me, **who has a plan for you?**"

CHILDREN AND SGL: "God has a plan for me!"

SGL: "He sure does! And I hope you never forget it! Okay, it's time to write in our journal and pray. (*Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.*)

"It had to be hard for Joseph to forgive his brothers after all the mean things they did to him. But Joseph did it! Joseph forgave his brothers, gave them a big hug, and gave them plenty of food. Joseph trusted that God's plan is always best.

"Today, we'll make a list of things we know God wants us to do. Sometimes, they will be hard to do, but we do them anyway because we know God's plan is always best. When I say your name, tell me one thing God wants us to do, and I'll write down what you say in our prayer journal."

(*Say each child's name and write down what they say. Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

SGL: "This is awesome! We can use this list when we talk to God. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?" (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*)

PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, thank You for (*name each child*). We know it won't always be easy to (*read the list the children made*), but we want to (*read the list again*). Please help us, because we know Your plan is always best. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."