

October Week 4

Backyard
Hole in One

October 23

CRAFT

Memory Verse Puzzle

SUPPLIES:

Memory Verse Puzzle sheet, crayons, plastic baggies, adult size scissors for leaders

NOTE:

The puzzle will need to be cut out at the start of service for each child in the room before craft time.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out the 4 Puzzle Pieces and review the memory verse.**

- *“We have a special craft to do today! It is a craft AND a puzzle!*
- *You each have 4 puzzle pieces. Can you try to put them together with me?*
- *Those look great! Do you see the words on your puzzle? It’s our memory verse for this month. Let’s read it together. “For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord.” Awesome! Puzzles are so much fun!*

⇒ **Pass out crayons.**

- *“Now let’s color our puzzle pieces and make them beautiful!”*

⇒ **Pass out baggies for the puzzle pieces. Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“Let’s put our puzzle pieces back together one more time and say our memory verse now that they are all colored. “For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord.” Great job!*
- *Here is a bag so you can keep your puzzle pieces together. Make sure you show your family how you can put the puzzle together and say your memory verse! I am so glad God has plans for each of us! Tell me...*
- ***Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!”***

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ACTIVITY #1

Grain Assembly Line

SUPPLIES: Yellow Ball Bit Balls or Puff Balls, 2 baskets, phone or watch for timer

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children sit in one straight line. Put 1 filled with “grain” at one end. Put the empty one at the other end.**
 - *“Friends, let’s get in a straight line. Now sit down where you are.*
 - *Today in our true Bible story we learned about Joseph storing up the grain and saving the land from famine! So we are going to create an assembly line and store our own grain!”*
- ⇒ **Demonstrate how they will pick up one ball at a time from the basket and pass it to the person next to them and all the way down the line until the final person drops it in the basket.**
 - *“The first person in line will pick up a piece of grain. Then pass it to the person right next to you. I want you to pass it all the way down the line until it gets to the final person and then drop it in the basket! We are going to do that until all of the grain is stored up. Are you ready? Let’s go!”*
- ⇒ **When they finish filling the basket...**
 - *“While he was in jail, Pharaoh had a dream he couldn’t figure out, so Pharaoh asked Joseph to help him understand. Joseph told Pharaoh what the dream meant, and Pharaoh was so happy that he put Joseph in charge. Joseph collected food for seven years to feed all the people for the seven years that food didn’t grow. Joseph made sure that everyone who needed food had it, even his family. Joseph forgave his brothers and made sure they all had food.*
 - *God loves us and he has plans for us. God’s plans are always best! **Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!”***
- ⇒ **Variations: Use a timer and time the assembly line – try to beat their best time, Do the assembly line with eyes closed, etc.**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“God had plans for Joseph and he has plans for you, too! God loves us and his plans are always best!*
 - ***“Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!”***

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ACTIVITY #2

Grain Look and Find

SUPPLIES: Yellow puff balls or ball pit balls

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children join you in the center of the room.**

- *“Today in our true Bible story we heard about a man named Joseph. Joseph gathered and stored grain. These yellow balls remind me of the grain! Let’s play a look and find game with them!”*

⇒ **Have children close their eyes and hide the balls around the room.**

- *“Everybody, close your eyes! I am going to hide these balls around the room. Keep them closed!”*

⇒ **Have children open their eyes and collect all the balls. When they have returned with all of them, review the story and have them practice the memory verse.**

- *“Pharaoh had a dream and Joseph listened to God and told him what it meant! Joseph told Pharaoh to collect grain and store it up for SEVEN years! That’s a long time! God had plans for Joseph and he has plans for you, too!”*
- *Let’s practice our memory verse together: “For I know the plans I have for you,’ says the Lord.” Nice job!*

⇒ **Repeat and tell the next part of the story.**

- *“After they collected grain for seven years, the famine came. There was no food in the whole land. But Egypt had plenty of food because Joseph trusted God’s plan! God saved everyone through Joseph! God had a plan for Joseph and he has plans for you, too!”*
- *Let’s practice our memory verse again! “For I know the plans I have for you,’ says the Lord.” Nice job!*

⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“God had a plan for Joseph and his plan is always best. God loves you and has plans for you!”*
- ***Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!”***

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ACTIVITY #3

Parachute Bottom Line

SUPPLIES: Large Yellow Pom Poms or Ball Pit Balls

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Gather everyone in the center of the room and have each child grab a corner of the parachute.**
 - *“Friends, these yellow balls remind me of all of the grain that Joseph stored in Egypt! Let’s use them to play parachute!”*

- ⇒ **Toss the balls on the parachute and have children slowly raise and lower the parachute while trying to keep them on. Then shake, pop them off, and collect!**
 - *“Gently pick up the parachute with me. Now on the count of 3 we are going to shake. Ready? One, two, three – shake! Yay, God! Say that with me. Yay, God! Shake, shake, shake! Yay, God!”*
 - *Look! All the grain scattered. Let’s pick up the grain and put it back in the parachute with me.*
 - *Now before we shake it again, let’s think about our Bible story. We heard how Joseph helped Pharaoh understand his dream. Pharaoh was so happy that he put Joseph in charge. Joseph worked hard saving food for seven years! Wow!*
 - ***Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!***
 - *Let’s shake the parachute again. One, two, three – shake! Yay, God! There goes all the grain! Let’s scatter and pick it all up and put it back on the parachute!*
 - *Joseph saved up so much food – which was a good thing because the food stopped growing for seven years, just like God said. Then everyone needed food! Joseph made sure that EVERYONE had food!*
 - ***Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!***
 - *Let’s play one more time...one, two, three – shake!! Yay, God!*

- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“God loves us and has the best plans for us. Friends, tell me...”*
 - ***Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!”***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY
OCTOBER WEEK 4

SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

⇒ The Bible

- *The Beginner's Bible: Pharaoh's Dreams, p. 78*
- *The Beginner's Bible: Joseph Saves His Family, p. 86*

REVIEW *Pass out stickers as kids answer the questions!*

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

- **Who has plans for you?**
God has plans for me!

⇒ Memory Verse

- **“ ‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ says the Lord.”**
Jeremiah 29:11

CONNECT IT

⇒ Today we will make a list of our favorite foods. We can use our list when we pray. When I say your name, I want you to **tell me your favorite food.**

- *Have each child share and write the ideas down on the board/paper.*

PRAY

⇒ “These are some yummy foods! Let's pray!

⇒ “Dear God, Thank You for foods like (read the list the children made). Thank You for letting us hear about Joseph's story and how You used him to make sure A LOT of people had food. Please help (name each child) trust that Your plans are always best, even when they're hard. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen.”