

October Week 5

Garden

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CRAFT

God Has Plans for Me Visor

SUPPLIES: Visor cut out, sentence strip, crayons, glue sticks, dot markers, assorted stickers, tape or stapler

NOTE: You may consider pre-gluing the visor in place on the strip.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out the visor cut out and direct them how to glue the visor to the sentence strip.**

- *"We've had a great time learning about God's plans for Noah and Joseph and along the way we learned that God also has plans for us!"*
- *I have a fun hat for you to make today. It's called a visor. A visor is like a hat, but it's open at the top. The first thing you need to do is put glue on this part of the visor. (Point to the folded part.) Great!*
- *Now we are going to put the sentence strip (lines down) on the glued part. Let's try to get it right in the center. Nice job!"*

⇒ **Pass out crayons, dot markers, and stickers.**

- *"Now it's time to decorate with crayons, dot markers, and stickers. Nice job!"*
- *These words on the page say God has plans for me. Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!*

⇒ **Measure each child's head and attach the strap with a piece of tape or stapler to fit it to their head.**

- *"Let me measure it on your head and staple/tape it to be the right size. Now put your visor on tell me, **Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!**"*

⇒ **Review the Bible stories and Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *"God planned for Noah to build a really big boat to save his family and the animals. And God put a rainbow in the sky to remember that He always keeps His promises. Noah trusted God's plans. Way to go Noah! And God had plans for Joseph, too. Joseph had to do a lot of hard things. God used Joseph to save a lot of people, even his own family. Joseph trusted God's plans. Way to go Joseph! And God knows the plans for you! God loves you and has amazing, incredible, wonderful plans for you. You can talk to God, read the Bible, and go to church to keep learning what God's plans are for you. It's so exciting to know that God has plans for each of us! Tell me..."*

Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!"

Hey, Amazing Volunteers!

This week's Ollie video is a review and recap of Noah and Joseph's stories. Instead of doing new activities for only one week, I thought it would be fun for you to have a few options from each of the weeks in October to choose from. You can pick your favorites and repeat them one more time today!

As you do, continue to weave that bottom line in. Noah and Joseph were real people and God had plans for them. And he has plans for you, too! He loved Noah and Joseph and had good things planned for them. He loves you and has good things planned for you, too!

I hope you enjoyed this month as much as I did. I thought it was really sweet and it seems like the little ones really had fun with the activities. Thank you for everything that you do!

So very grateful for you!

Tina

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ACTIVITY Option #1

Ark Relay

SUPPLIES: Floor Tape, Animal cards (1 full set), 1 basket
SET-UP: Tape one start line and one finish lines in the activity area with about 10 feet between them. Place a basket on the finish line. The basket will be an “Ark.”

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children make a line behind the starting line. Spread the animals out on the floor next to or behind the starting line.**
 - *“We heard an amazing true Bible story today about how God had a plan for Noah. God told Noah to build a great big boat called an ark for the animals.*
 - *We are going to play a fun game to help fill the ark! Let’s all work together as a team. Let’s get over here behind the starting line..”*
- ⇒ **Demonstrate how to have the first child in each line pick up one single animal and walk it quickly over to the basket and drop it in. Then when they return, the next child does the same thing. Repeat until all of the animals have made it into the “ark”.**
 - *“Let’s pretend this is our ark. (Point to basket.)*
 - *When I say, ‘GO,’ the first person in each line will choose an animal, run to their ark, and put it inside. Then you can come back to the end of the line. Then the next person will do the same thing. We will keep going until all of our animals are in the ark!”*
- ⇒ **Repeat the activity if children are still interested.**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Great job getting all the animals in! “God had plans for Noah. Noah trusted and followed God’s plans because God’s plans are always best. God has plans for us, too!*
 - ***“Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!”***

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ACTIVITY Option #2

Rainbow Mini Golf

SUPPLIES: 3 Rainbow pages, 3 golf clubs, golf balls, wall tape, floor tape, chairs

SET-UP: Tape the rainbows to the chair legs to create a mini golf station. Do this at 3 different places around the room. Tape a line on the floor to create a spot for children to putt their ball from.

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join us at the first rainbow. Show them how to stand at the tape line and putt the ball into the rainbow.**
 - *“Let’s play a game of golf! There are several rainbows around the room. We are going to play rainbow golf! Let’s start here. We are going to go one at a time. Put your ball at the tape line and putt it under the rainbow. You can hit the ball until it goes in.*
 - *A few reminders! We only need to give our putter a very gentle swing to hit it in! And let’s all step back and stay clear of the golfer!*

- ⇒ **Have children work their way through each station and hit each ball in.**

- ⇒ **NOTE: If you have a large class, consider just breaking up into 2 to 3 groups and having each volunteer take a group and play. Each child can go a few times.**

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Rainbows are special! God says that every time there is a rainbow in the sky, He remembers His promise to us.*
 - *God had plans for Noah, and God has plans for you, too! God loves us so we can trust God’s plans for us.*
 - ***Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!”***

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ACTIVITY Option #3

Parachute Bottom Line

SUPPLIES: Colorful scarves

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 colorful scarves remind me of Joseph’s colorful coat! Let’s use them to play parachute!”*

- ⇒ **Toss the scarves on the parachute and have children slowly raise and lower the parachute while trying to keep them on.**
 - *“Let’s see if we can keep all of these scarves on while I retell Joseph’s story to you. Can we do it? Here we go – nice and slow. Up and down.*
 - *Joseph’s brothers were working in the field. Joseph came out to see them and they noticed the beautiful colored coat his Dad had given him. They were so angry and jealous that they took him and threw him into a huge hole! Oh no! Then they decided to send him far, far away. When he got to Egypt he worked for a man named Potiphar. But then someone said that he did something he didn’t really do! How terrible! And he got thrown in jail. Oh no!*
 - *Now let’s shake the parachute really fast and pop the scarves out!*
 - *Now freeze! Even though things were hard, God had big plans for Joseph and he has plans for you, too!*
 - ***Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!***

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

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Even when things were hard, Joseph trusted God and the plans he had for Joseph’s life. We can do the same. Friends, tell me…”*
 - ***Who has plans for you?***
 - ***God has plans for me!”***

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ACTIVITY Option #4

Grain Look and Find

SUPPLIES: Yellow 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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READ-ASK-PRACTICE-PRAY

Here are some ideas to try in a group or one-on-one.

2-year-olds are all at different stages of development! Some are ready to answer big questions and say the memory verse, while others aren't ready to talk yet. Even if they aren't ready to answer, they are listening!

READ A BIBLE STORY or STORY BOOK

⇒ Choose to read any or all of the stories from this month in the Bible

- *The Beginner's Bible: Noah's Ark, p. 26*
- *The Beginner's Bible: Joseph's Colorful Robe, p. 71*
- *The Beginner's Bible: Pharaoh's Dreams, p. 78*
- *The Beginner's Bible: Joseph Saves His Family, p. 86*

ASK A QUESTION

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

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord."
Jeremiah 29:11

SAY A PRAYER

Dear God,
Thank you for making me.
Thank you for loving me.
Thank you for sending Jesus to be my friend forever.
Amen.