

October Week 5

Backyard Hole in One

October 30

CRAFT

God Has Plans for Me Visor

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

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 (2 full sets, one for each group), 2 baskets
- SET-UP:** Tape two start and finish lines in the activity area, at least five feet away from each other with about 10 feet between the start and finish lines. Place a basket on each finish line. The baskets will be “Arks.”

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Divide children into 2 separate teams. (OPTION: In smaller classes you can all work together as a team.) Ask each team to make a single file line behind their 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 relay race game to help fill the ark! Let’s divide into two teams. Now I want you to stand in line at your team’s 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 these are our arks. (Point to baskets.)*
 - *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. Let’s see how fast we can get our animals into the arks! Ready, GO!*
- ⇒ **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

Colorful Scarf Look and Find

SUPPLIES: multicolored scarves

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. And do you remember what the special coat he got from his father was? Yes! A beautiful colorful coat.*
- *I have a lot of beautiful, colorful scarves here that remind me of that coat. Let’s play a look and find game with them!*

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

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

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

- *“Joseph’s father gave him the colorful coat, but his brothers were jealous. Do you remember what happened next? That’s right, they threw him in a hole. How terrible! But remember – 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 his brothers threw him in the hole, they sent him far, far away. He worked for a man named Potiphar. But then someone said he did something bad that he didn’t do and he got thrown in jail! Oh no! But even then, God still 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.**

- *“Even when things were hard, Joseph continued to trust God and follow God’s plans for him. Remember that just like Joseph, even when it’s hard, God loves you and has plans for you!*
- ***Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!”***

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ACTIVITY Option #4

Joseph in the Jail Cell

SUPPLIES: Floor tape, CD Player, worship music CD

SET-UP: Make a large rectangle on the floor with tape. Add “bars” to look like a jail cell.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children around the outside of the jail cell.**

- *“Friends come join me over here around the outside of the jail cell. Today in our true Bible story we learned about Joseph. He sure had a lot of hard things happen to him, didn’t he?”*
- *“First, he got thrown in a hole by his brothers because they were jealous of his beautiful coat. Poor Joseph!”*
- *“Then his brothers sent him far, far away to Egypt. In Egypt he worked in Potiphar’s house, but then someone said he did something he didn’t really do. He got thrown in jail! Oh no!”*
- *“Well, we are going to play a silly game using this jail cell. It’s going to help us remember that even when things are hard, we can trust God.”*

⇒ **Play a game of freeze dance. If children are still moving when the music stops, they go in the jail cell.**

- *“We are going to play a fun game of freeze dance! When I push play on the music, I want you to show me your best dance moves. Then when the music stops you need to freeze! If you forget to freeze or are still moving when the music stops then you are going in the jail!”*
- *“Are you ready? Let’s play!”*

⇒ **Each time you pause the music, send the kids to “jail” and**

- *“FREEZE! If you are moving you need to go to jail! Oh man! Even when Joseph was in jail, he knew that he could trust God’s plans for his life. God has plans for your life, too!”*
- ***“Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!”***

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

- *“Joseph was put in jail, even when he didn’t do anything wrong. That was really hard! But Joseph knew he could trust God’s plans, even when things were hard! And we can trust God’s plans when it’s hard, too.”*
- ***“Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!”***

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ACTIVITY Option #5

Grain Assembly Line

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

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children sit in one straight line. Put 1 laundry basket 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 bucket.**

- *“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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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY

OCTOBER WEEK 5

SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- ⇒ 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*

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 I am going to give you a special heart sticker to remind you that God loves you and has plans for your life the plans I have for you,’ says the Lord.**” Jeremiah 29:11

CONNECT IT

- ⇒ Today I am going to write all of your names down on a list. At the top it says, Who does God have plans for? And the answer is each and every one of you. When I say your name,.
- *Write each child's name and give them a heart sticker.*

PRAY

- ⇒ “God loves you so very much and he has great big, amazing plans for your life! Let's pray.
- “Dear God, You know everything about (name each child). You love (name each child). You have plans for (name each child). I pray that we will always trust Your plans and do what You say because Your plans are always best. In Jesus' name, amen.”