

September Week 1



OVERVIEW CARD

Joseph's Family

Key Question:

Who has a plan for you?

Bottom Line:

God has a plan for me.

Memory Verse:

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

Bible Story:

God made me special.

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Genesis 37:1-4 and Genesis 1:26-27

Coloring Page:

Joseph's brothers are angry.

Music:

Great Big God

Hosanna Rock

Jesus Can Do Anything

Story:

God's Story for Me Bible

God is with Joseph

Pages 84 to 88

Service Time:

66 minutes

God has a plan for me!

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ACTIVITY PAGE

Joseph's Family

Story: A Rainbow of Friends by P.K. Hallinan

What You Need:

Book: A Rainbow of Friends by P.K. Hallinan

What You Do: Gather the children together on the carpet and read the book together.

What You Say:

“That was a great story! It talked about how we are all special! In our Bible lesson today, we heard about a boy whose father gave him a colorful coat because he thought he was special? Do you remember his name? (Joseph) God cared about Joseph. And God cares about each one of us. He wants us to feel special just as Joseph did. Joseph sounds like he was pretty special to God, so much so that God had an amazing plan for Joseph and his family. I can’t wait to find out more about Joseph and his family!”

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ACTIVITY PAGE

Joseph's Family

The Coat of Missing Colors

What You Need:

Picture of Joseph and his coat of many colors, 2" x 2" piece of eight different colors of construction paper, splat balls, and tape.

What You Do:

Print out the picture of Joseph and his coat of many colors. Cut out a 2" x 2" square of each color construction paper. Before the children arrive roll a piece of tape to place on the back of each square. Place each construction paper square on the coat.

What You Say:

"Do you remember the name of the boy whose father gave him a colorful coat? (Joseph) God had a plan for Joseph. And God has a plan for each one of us. He cares about us and wants us to feel special just as Joseph did. Joseph's dad gave him a beautiful coat to make him feel special. (Show the children the coat.) Can we name the different colors on the coat? We are going to play a game. Everybody is going to have a turn throwing a splat ball at the picture of Joseph. Each time you hit a color we will remove a colorful square. How many tries do you think it will take until all of the squares are gone? Let's see?" (Keep playing until all of the colors are removed or as time permits.) (You could ask the children a question about how they are special each time a color is removed.)

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ACTIVITY PAGE

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Running Bases to God's Word

What You Need: Baseball Bases

What You Do:

Before the activity: Tape the four bases down on the floor of your activity area an equal distance from each other in a diamond shape to resemble a baseball field. (Note: Make sure you tape the bases to the floor with the tape on all sides so that a child does not trip over a loose side.)

During the activity: Have the children line up behind home plate and lead the children in running around the bases as they say one word of the bottom line every time they touch a base. Bottom Line: "God made me special!"

What You Say:

During the activity: "God made me special!"

At the end of the activity: "God made you special. He made (child's name) special and (child's name) special and ... (continue naming each child). Our Bible story today is about another guy God made. His name is Joseph, and God made him pretty special, too!"

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ACTIVITY

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God Knows Me Matching Game

What You Need: Pictures

What You Do:

Place the pictures upside down on the table so the children can not see the images. Have the children take turns trying to match the pictures of the “children” to the pictures of the “places they would go” to use their special gifts.

What You Say:

“We learned today that God made us and that He has a special plan for all of us. He made all of us special! Some of us have green eyes and brown hair and some of us have blond hair and blue eyes. We are all different. I am going to show you pictures of children who are special in different ways and we are going to match them to the picture of the place they would go to use their special gifts. Are you ready to play?”

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ACTIVITY

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If God Made You Special

What You Need: Questions listed below

What You Do:

Have the children stand in a circle and ask the children the questions listed below. The children should stand up and act out all of the questions that apply to them.

Questions:

1. If God made you special by giving you black hair...I want you to stand up and spin in a circle.
2. If God made you special by making you fast...I want you to stand up and run in place.
3. If God made you a great artist...I want you to give yourself a big hug!
4. If God made you a good listener...I want you to hop on one foot.
5. If God made you a helper...I want you to high five someone next to you.
6. If God made you special by making you a good dancer...I want you to stand up and dance.
7. If God made you special by giving you brown hair...I want you to do 5 jumping jacks.
8. If God made you special by giving you blond hair...I want you to wiggle around.
9. If God made you special by making you really strong...I want you to do two push ups.
10. If God made you special by giving you red hair...I want you to march in place.

What You Say:

"We learned today that God made us and that He has a special plan for all of us. He made all of us special! We are all different and we know that God has a plan for all of us!"

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ACTIVITY

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I am Special

What You Need: "I am Special" activity page and stamp set or finger paint.

What You Do:

Have the children use stamp pads to place their fingerprints on the paper inside of the magnifying glass. Once the pictures have dried and everyone is cleaned up, allow the children to walk around and look at how all the fingerprints are different. Talk about how God made each one of us special! No two prints are alike.

What You Say:

During the activity: "God made us super special! God made our hands, our toes, our fingers, and our nose! My hands and my fingers don't look like yours, do they? *(Pause.)* Each of our fingerprints are different, too! Let's make your fingerprint and see if they look the same. *(Assist children in stamping their fingerprints.) (Guide the children in looking at and comparing their fingerprints.)* They don't look the same! God made each of us different even down to our fingertips! Isn't that amazing?"

At the end of the activity: "God made us special and He has a special plan for each of us! God has a plan for you, and you, and you, and me! I'm a *(point to self with right thumb)* big fan *(punch right arm up in air)* of God's plan! *(Point fingers and raise arms above head.)* **Who has a plan for you?** *(Pause.)* **[Bottom Line] God has a plan for me."**

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CRAFT

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Memory Verse Picture Frame

What You Need:

Picture Frame, markers and/or stickers, magnets and memory verse

What You Do:

Have the children decorate the picture frame with markers and/or stickers.

What You Say:

During the activity: ““For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord,’ Jeremiah 29:11.”

At the end of the activity: “Our Memory Verse today tells us that God has a plan for each one of us, just like He had a plan for Joseph. All we have to do is follow God’s plan!

Who has a plan for you? (Pause.) You got it! [Bottom Line] God has a plan for me!”

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