

September Week 3



OVERVIEW CARD

Joseph in Jail

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:

I can trust God's plan even when it's hard.
Joseph in Jail
Genesis 39-40; Proverbs 4:11-12

Coloring Page:

Joseph helps Pharaoh.

Music:

Life with Jesus
Great Big God
This Little Light of Mine

Story:

The Beginner's Bible
The Dreamer
Pages 73 - 77

Service Time:

74 minutes

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ACTIVITY PAGE

Joseph in Jail

Story: It's Hard to Be Five

What You Need: It's Hard to be Five by Jamie Lee Curtis and Laura Cornell

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

What You Say:

“Learning not to hit? Having to wait your turn? Sitting still? It's definitely hard to be five or four or three. Right? Today, we heard another lesson from the Bible about Joseph. The plan God had for him was super duper hard to do. Do you think Joseph did the right thing? Yes, your absolutely right. Joseph was a hard worker and a good one. He did his job without complaining one little bit. Boy, that would be really hard to do! But Joseph did it!”

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Jail Time

What You Need: Masking or painter's tape and cd player and fun music.

What You Do:

Before the activity: Make a large square on the floor with tape. This will be your "jail."

During the activity: Choose one person to be "It". (*The leader should be It first to demonstrate how to play.*) All of the children will walk, hop, skip, tip-toe, or do whatever movement you choose around the room while the music is playing. The person who is It will try and tag people while doing the same movement until the music stops. Once tagged, It must go to jail. It must say, "I'm a big fan of God's plan," three times to get out. (*Note: Make sure you change up your movement throughout the game and allow the children to take turns being It.*)

What You Say:

Before the activity: "Have you ever heard of a jail? (*Pause.*) A jail is where people have to go when they break a law. Let's pretend this square is our jail. If I tag you, you have to go stand in our jail. But don't worry, all you have to do to get out is say, 'I'm a big fan of God's plan' three times. Let's start our game by tip-toeing around the room. Here I come! I'm going to put you in jail!"

At the end of the activity: "That was so much fun! It's good to be a fan of God's plan, isn't it? (*Pause.*) Our Bible lesson had a real jail in it, and Joseph had to go there. Uh-oh! That's not good! Do you remember why Joseph had to go to jail?"

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Obstacle Course

What You Need: Inflatable ball, laundry basket, hula-hoop, and masking tape.

What You Do:

Before the activity: Set up your obstacle course in a straight line. First, tape a small horizontal line on the floor about three feet away from the laundry basket and place the ball at the line. Next, about two feet behind the basket, tape a four foot vertical line on the floor. Finally place the hula-hoop two feet behind the vertical line.

During the activity: Have the children start at the line in front of the basket. Challenge them to toss the ball into the basket, giving them three tries if needed. When the ball makes it into the basket have the entire class recite the Memory Verse together: “For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord,” Jeremiah 29:11. Next, have the children walk on the tape line toe-to-heel as if they are on a balance beam. When the last child is at the end of the tape line, have the class again recite the verse. Finally, have the children jump into the hula-hoop. When the last child jumps into the hoop, have the class recite the verse together again. Repeat as many times as desired.

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Follow The Sign

What You Need: The classroom sign used during large group worship.

What You Do: Play a game of follow the leader with the children, giving the sign to the leader. Make sure every child gets a turn being the leader and holding the sign.

What You Say:

Before the activity: “Today we’re going to play a game called ‘Follow the Leader.’ Have you ever played that game before? *(Pause.)* It’s a fun game! The leader in our game today gets to hold this. *(Hold up sign.)* This is a sign. I’ll be the leader first and then we’ll take turns. Here we go! Follow me!” *(Lead the children through a series of actions. After 30 seconds or so, choose a new leader.)*

At the end of the activity: “You make great leaders! Good job! There was another great leader in our lesson today. His name was Joseph! Yes! Joseph helped lead the people in Egypt. Do you think it was hard for Joseph to go from being a powerful leader to being in jail? *(Pause.)* Sure, it was! But Joseph trusted God’s plan for him and did his best for God, even in jail. God wants us to trust His plan for us, just like Joseph did. **Who has a plan for you? *(Pause.)* God has a plan for me!”**

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Joseph's Story

What You Need: "Joseph," "Joseph and His Brothers," and "Joseph in Jail" story cards from the Activity Pages on the Website, crayons, markers, glue sticks and colored paper.

What You Do:

During the activity: Retell the Bible lesson while children color, sequence their story cards and glue them to the colored paper.

What You Say: "Who have we been learning about today? *(Pause.)* Joseph! That's right! God made Joseph and had a plan for him. Can you find the picture of Joseph? *(Guide them to the Joseph card if they're having trouble. Put the big picture on the wall if it's not already there.)* There he is. Can you color Joseph? *(Demonstrate.)* Great job! Joseph was a big fan of God's plan. God had a plan for Joseph and He has a plan for you, too! **Who has a plan for you? (Pause.) God has a plan for me.**

"We also learned that Joseph had a great big family with eleven brothers! God had a plan for Joseph *and* his eleven brothers and He has a plan for you. **Who has a plan for you? (Pause.) God has a plan for me.** Find the picture of Joseph with his family and color it in. *(Guide the children in finding the card if they're having trouble. Put the big picture on the wall if it's not already there.)* Joseph's brothers were upset that God talked to him in his dreams and made Joseph go far, far away. Joseph still trusted in God's plan, even though it was hard.

"We have one more picture to talk about. Today we learned that Joseph worked for an important man named Potiphar. God had a plan for Joseph and He has a plan for us, too. **Who has a plan for you? (Pause.) God has a plan for me.** Even though Joseph was a good, hard worker, someone told a lie that got Joseph in trouble and sent to jail! Can you find the picture of Joseph in jail? *(Guide them in finding the card if they're having trouble. Put the big picture on the wall if it's not already there.)* There it is! Color this picture. Did you know that Joseph didn't get mad when he was in jail? Instead, he prayed and trusted God. He did; it's true! Joseph remembered God had a plan for him and he could still say, '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.)* Wow. God had a plan for Joseph, and **God has a plan for me!**

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CRAFT

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Joseph's Coat of Many Colors

What You Need: Picture of Joseph, tissue squares and glue sticks.

What You Do:

During the Activity: Have the children use tissue squares and glue sticks to color Joseph's coat. Show the children how to crumble up the tissue squares into a ball so that multiple colors can be used.

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