

April Week 1



April 2nd/3rd

OVERVIEW CARD

DARE TO BELIEVE

WEEK 1

Key Question:

Who has a plan for you?

Bottom Line:

God has a plan for me.

Memory Verse:

"Be on your guard. Remain strong in the faith. Be brave."
1 Corinthians 16:13 NIRV

Bible Story Focus:

God made me special
Joseph's Special Coat
Genesis 37:1-4; Genesis 1:26-27

Coloring Page:

Joseph as a Boy.

Music:

Praise the Lord Everyday
Live Differently
I Can Do All Things
Whatever, Wherever

Bible Lesson:

The Beginner's Bible
Joseph's Colorful Robe
Pages 71 to 77

Story:

Rainbow of Friends
by P.K. Hallinan

Service Time:

69 minutes (week 1)

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ACTIVITY 1

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Colorful Dance

Big Idea:

“Colorful Dance” is an activity that introduces this week’s Bible lesson while children use gross motor skills and balance to dance around with colorful scarves.

What You Need: Scarves in an assortment of colors, a music player, and fun music

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Spread out in an open area in the room. Give each child a scarf.

During the Activity: Cue music and dance with the scarves.

After the Activity: Sit down in a circle and put all the scarves in the middle as you review the Bible lesson.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Hello, boys and girls! Come get a scarf and spread out in a circle. *(Pause.)*”

During the Activity: “Super duper! When the music starts I want you to wave your scarves up and down and all around and dance to the music. *(Start the music.)* Wave your scarves all around. *(Pause.)* Great job, friends! Look how pretty all the colors are! Keep going.” *(Keep dancing as long as there is interest.)*

After the Activity: “That was super! Sit down in a circle with me. *(Pause.)* Now toss your scarves into the middle. *(Pause.)* Fantastic! Today we heard about a man who was given a very special coat that was made out of lots of different pretty colors just like the scarves we danced with. Do you remember his name? *(Pause)* Yes, his name was Joseph and he was very special! God made him special and He made you special too! And you are special! *(Point to the children.)* And you are special! *(Point to the children.)* And you are special! *(Point to the children.)* God made everyone special and He wants us to use those things that make us special to help others! And **who has a plan for you? God has a plan for me.** *(Point up with both index fingers)* **I can BELIEVE!** *(Clasp hands together.)*”

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ACTIVITY 2

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Color Relay

Big Idea:

"Color Relay" is an activity that encourages kids to use their gross motor skills, fine motor skills, and hand-eye coordination.

What You Need: Joseph's coat from the activity pages, a variety of bright colored paper cut into squares, painter's tape and double sided tape

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Joseph's Coat" and Use painter's tape to attach it to the wall at child height.

During the Activity: Scatter the colored squares on the floor in an open area of the room and have children collect the squares one color at a time. Once the selected color has been picked and gathered have the children help you add the squares to Joseph's coat. Repeat until Joseph's coat is filled with all of the colored squares.

After the Activity: Sit down in front of the coat and talk about all the different colors you see as you talk about Joseph and his special coat.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Hey, friends! Come over here. Look at the coat over there on the wall. It's like the coat in our lesson, but it's missing all the fun colors. We are going to help Joseph by putting all the colors back on his coat." *(Tell the children which color to start with.)*

During the Activity: "Let's start with red first! Can you gather up all the red squares? *(Pause)* Go! Now can you help me stick the red colors on the coat? And when we are done we will go back and gather up another color. *(Help kids go and come back and get in line to add the colors.)* Great job! Keep going! *(Repeat as many times as desired.)* You did a great job! Come sit down with me."

After the Activity: "Look at how pretty the coat is now with all the colors. Tell me what colors you see. *(Pause.)* This coat looks like Joseph's special coat we learned about in our Bible lesson today. God had a plan for Joseph and He has a plan for you and me too. **Who has a plan for you? God has a plan for me.** *(Point up with both index fingers)* **I can BELIEVE!** *(Clasp hands together.)*"

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ACTIVITY 3

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Parachute Fun

Big Idea:

"Parachute Fun" is an activity that encourages kids to use their gross motor skills by using the parachute to review this week's lesson and memory verse.

What You Need: Parachute and colored scarves (*from activity 1*)

What You Do:

During the activity: Have the children play with the parachute while saying the Memory verse several times together.

What You Say:

Before the activity: "We have a new Bible verse and I can't wait to teach it to you. Our verse tells us how we need to have a DARING FAITH – Let's practice our memory verse while playing with the parachute. Everyone come sit in a circle with me and grab a corner of the parachute. (Keep the parachute close together to slowly reveal the scarves inside.) Now stand up and slowly take two steps back. (Pause.) Super! Now freeze."

During the activity: "Okay when I count to three we have to, lift the parachute up really slowly and back down again making sure to keep all the scarves on the parachute while we say our memory verse really slowly. One, two, three! (*Pause.*) Yay! Let's do it again! One, two, three! (*Pause.*) Now, our plan is to shake off all the scarves! This time let's shake the parachute fast but don't forget to say our memory verse really fast as we shake the parachute. One, two, three. (*Pause.*) Whoa!" (*Repeat as many times as desired.*)

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ACTIVITY 4 – 4's/5's

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If God Made You Special Hot Potato

Big Idea:

"If God Made You Special Hot Potato" is an activity that reinforces the concept of the Bible lesson and meaning of the word special.

What You Need: Large Brown Bean Bag, Questions listed below, CD Player and fun music

What You Do:

Have the children sit in a circle and pass the bean bag around the circle. When the music stops, ask the children the questions listed below. The children should stand up and act out all of the questions that apply to them. Tell them that this game is played like "Hot Potato." Show them the brown bean bag and tell them that they will pass the bean bag around the circle until the music stops. When the music stops, you will ask all the children a question below and if the question describes them they will stand and act out the motions. Keep playing until every child has stood up at least one time. (*You can make up additional questions if needed just make sure they are all positive things.*)

Questions:

If God made you special by giving you black (*blonde, red, brown*) hair...I want you to stand up and spin in a circle.

If God made you special by making you fast...I want you to stand up and run in place.

If God made you a great artist...I want you to give yourself a big hug!

If God made you a good listener...I want you to hop on one foot.

If God made you a helper...I want you to high five someone next to you.

If God made you special by making you a good dancer...I want you to stand up and dance.

If God made you special by giving a brother (*sister*)...I want you to do 5 jumping jacks.

If God made you special by making you smart...I want you to stand up and sing your ABCs really fast.

If God made you special by making you really strong...I want you to do two push ups.

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! God wants us to use those things that make us special to help others. We have to be Daring in our Faith and help the people around us. Can you tell me some ways you can help at home? (*Pause.*) Those are great ideas!"

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CRAFT – WK 1

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Joseph's Coat

Big Idea:

"Joseph's Coat" is an activity that uses fine motor skills and concentration to create a visual from the Bible lesson.

What You Need: "Coat Template" from the Activity Pages on the Website, white card stock, water colored paints, paint brushes, Dixie cups, paint smocks, wipes and labels stating, "BELIEVE – God made me special"

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy the Activity page onto cardstock.

During the Activity: Give each child a picture and paints. Encourage the child to use all of the colors to fill in Joseph's coat.

After the Activity: Add a label to the picture once it has dried.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Today in our lesson we heard about how Joseph's father gave him a special coat and that it was all a part of God's plan. We are going to make a special coat like Joseph's so that we can always be reminded that God has a plan for us!"

During the Activity: "Here is your special coat. (*Point.*) I have given you six colors of paint. You can use them (*show example*) to make your own very colorful coat. Make sure you use all of the colors and cover your entire coat."

After the Activity: "Nice work! Your coats are so colorful! When you take them home you can hang them in your room and always be reminded that God has a plan for you just like He did for Joseph!"

Who has a plan for you? God has a plan for me. (*Point up with both index fingers*) **I can BELIEVE!** (*Clasp hands together.*)"

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SMALL GROUP

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Small Group Time

What you Need: Parent Take Home Card, Playdoh, Rolling Pins, Puzzle Cookie Cutters, Sticker Roll and "BELIEVE" bracelets

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): "Raise your hand if you like playdoh. (*Pause and raise your own hand.*) I do too! Today, I have some really special cookie cutters we can play with. Can you tell me what shape they are? (*Pause*) You are right! They are shaped like puzzle pieces. When you put a puzzle together it helps to look at the picture on the box so you know what the picture is supposed to look like and how to make all the pieces fit together.

"I think Joseph would have liked a picture he could look at so he would know how all the pieces of his story were going to fit together. Joseph had to BELIEVE that God had a plan for him and all the pieces—the good ones and bad ones—would fit together just right. Joseph believed that God's plan for him was best.

"God has a plan for you too. And God's plan for you will always be best. That's why when I ask you: **Who has a plan for you?** I want to hear you say, '**God has a plan for me.** (Point up with both index fingers) **I can BELIEVE!** (Clasp hands together).' So tell me: **Who has a plan for you? God has a plan for me.** (Point up with both index fingers) **I can BELIEVE!** (Clasp hands together)."

"Ok, it's time to review our lesson. I am going to ask you some questions and you will get a sticker for answering them. I have some really cool stickers today. Are you ready? (*Pause*) Great! (*Ask the children the questions from the "Parent Take Home Cards". You can also make up additional questions from our video lesson. Don't forget to ask them to say their memory verse for another sticker. You can repeat the same questions over and over as repetition is good for preschoolers.*) You are such great listeners! I have one more question... Today we learned that God loves us and made us all so very special. Can you tell me something that you really like about yourself or something you are good at? (*Pause and listen.*) I agree!

This week, I DARE you to use those things that make you special to help others. I am going to give you this special bracelet to help you remember to complete your DARE. It says 'BELIEVE' so you can remember to have Daring Faith and help others!"

"Now I'll pray before our it's time to say goodbye until next week. (*Read the prayer on the back of the "Parent Take Home Card."*)"

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