

April Week 2



April 9th/10th

OVERVIEW CARD

DARE TO PRAY WEEK 2

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 has a plan for me.
Joseph Goes to Egypt
Genesis 37; Jeremiah 1:5

Coloring Page:

Joseph's brothers are angry.

Music:

Praise the Lord Everyday
Great Big God
Nobody Loves Me Like You
Live Differently

Bible Lesson:

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

Story:

Where's My Teddy
by Jez Alborough

Service Time:

66 minutes (week 2)

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ACTIVITY 1

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Everywhere We Go

Big Idea:

“Everywhere We Go” is an activity that uses imaginary play to review this week’s lesson.”

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

Walk around the room with the children pretending you’re on a bus. Stop the bus at imaginary places like the zoo, beach, and airport. Each time you stop at a new place, talk about how God is always there and you can talk to him. Continue playing as long as the children are having fun.

What You Say:

During the activity: “Climb aboard my bus! We’re going on an imaginary ride wherever you want to go. And guess what! God is with us wherever we go! It’s true! Okay, everyone! Are you buckled up and ready to ride? First stop ... the ZOO!” *(Each time you stop at an imaginary place, pretend to get off the bus. Describe what you see. Ask the children to describe what they see and talk about how God is with us there, then get back on the bus headed to your next stop.)*

At the end of the activity: “Our imaginations took us to all kinds of places today! We went to the ... *(name the places you pretended to visit)*. And the best part is God was with us every step of the way and we can talk to Him all along the way! Even when Joseph traveled to Egypt – God was with him! God always has a plan! **Who has a plan for you? God has a plan for me!** *(Point up with index fingers)* **I can BELIEVE!** *(Point to eye then clasp hands together)* **I can PRAY!** *(Point to eye then place hands together like you are praying).”*

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ACTIVITY 2

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Tissue Dance

Big Idea:

"Tissue Dance" is an activity that uses large motor movement, listening, and coordination skills while reviewing the Bible lesson concept of prayer.

What You Need: Kleenex Tissue, CD player and fun music.

What You Do: Give each child a piece of tissue paper to place on their head. Play fun music and lead the children in a time of dancing and being silly. The children should continue dancing as long as the tissue paper remains on their head and freeze once the tissue drops to the floor. Once several tissues have dropped, stop the music and ask the children with the dropped tissue to say one thing they can talk to God about. After everyone has had a chance to answer, ask the children to pick up the dropped tissue and start again.

What You Say:

Before the activity: "Let's play freeze dance! I have wonderful songs that we can all dance to. But instead of just singing and dancing, we are going to be really silly and add a piece of tissue paper to our heads while we sing and dance. You can dance as long as the tissue stays on your head but if it drops you must freeze. Are you ready?"

During the activity: (Start and stop the music once you notice several dropped tissues) Freeze! (Name of child) your tissue is missing, can you tell me one thing you can talk to God about? (Pause) Great! Let's try again! (Restart and stop the music) Freeze! (Name of child) can you tell me one thing you can talk to God about? (Pause) Awesome!

At the end of the activity: "You are all great dancers! It is so nice to know that even when we are having fun dancing like we just did, or sleeping, or eating, that God is always with us and we can talk to him about anything at anytime! Always!"

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ACTIVITY 3

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Map the Verse

Big Idea:

"Map the Verse" is an activity that uses repetition and movement to teach the memory verse.

What You Need: Beach-ball sized inflatable globe (3 per classroom as small groups will reduce the waiting time per child)

What You Do:

Before the activity: Have the children stand in a circle around you. Say the verse as a class.

During the activity: Toss the ball back and forth to a child as you say the verse together.

((Toss to child) "Be on your guard" (Toss back to leader) "Remain strong in the faith" (Toss to child) "Be Brave" (Toss back to leader))

Continue tossing the ball to all of the children and encouraging them to say the verse each time. (For younger children you may want to only toss the ball one time.)

At the end of the activity: Say the verse together one last time.

What You Say:

Before the activity: "Do you remember our Memory Verse for this month? (Pause.) Of course you do! Let's say it together! 'Be on your guard. Remain strong in the faith. Be brave.' Nice job! Now everyone stand in a circle." (Help the children form a circle.)

During the activity: (Hold up the ball.) "This is a ball that shows the ENTIRE world! I am going to toss the ball back and forth with you and when I do I want you to say our verse with me. Are you ready? (Pause.) Here we go! (Toss the globe back and forth to each child and help them say the verse.) Great job!"

At the end of the activity: "That was awesome! Do you know why I chose to play with a ball that has the whole world on it? (Pause.) Well, this is a globe and I wanted to show you where Egypt was (Point to Egypt). That is where Joseph was taken in our lesson today. In our lesson, Joseph's brothers were not very nice and he had to go far away to Egypt. I am sure he was a little scared, but God had a special plan for Joseph, just like He has special plans for all of us! God has a plan for you and you can BELIEVE in God's plan and talk to Him when you are scared. Daring Faith means trusting God's plan even when we are scared. **Who has a plan for you? God has a plan for me!** (Point up with index fingers) **I can BELIEVE!** (Point to eye then clasp hands together) **I can PRAY!** (Point to eye then place hands together like you are praying)."

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ACTIVITY 4

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Circle Travel

Big Idea:

"Circle Travel" is a large motor skill activity that also uses critical thinking and teamwork.

What You Need: Plastic Balls (42 per room) and 3 round laundry baskets

What You Do:

Before the activity: Place plastic balls on the floor all over the play area.

During the activity: Have the children travel around the room collecting all the colored balls. Call out several different ways to travel each time you collect them, such as airplane (*hold out arms and pretend to fly while making an engine noise*), car (*hold on to a pretend steering wheel and make engine noise*), boat (*pretend to paddle side to side*), train (*move slowly around the area while saying "chugga-chugga-choo-choo"*) and a horse or camel (*pretend to hold reins and gallop*). Children should act out each method of travel while they move around the room collecting the balls and placing them into the baskets. Once collected divide the children into 3 groups and have the children remove one ball at a time from the basket by naming a place they can talk to God.

What You Say:

Before the activity: "There are so many colored balls on the floor. Let's pretend they represent all the places we can talk to God. I will tell you how we are going to travel (*airplane, car, train*) and when I say 'Go' you will travel around the room collecting all the balls.

During the activity: "Are you ready? (*Pause*) Okay, Go! (*Continue playing until all of the colored balls have been collected and placed into baskets.*) Great job collecting all the balls! In order for us to play again, we need to scatter these balls all over the floor. But instead of throwing them all at once, we are going to name a place that we can talk to God for each ball we toss back on the floor. Let's try...(Name of child) where can you talk to God? Yes! You are right! (*Toss ball*) (Name of child) where can you talk to God? Absolutely! (*Toss Ball*) (Name of child) where can you talk to God? Definitely! (*Toss Ball*)

At the end of the activity: "That was so much fun! You all did a fantastic job! It is fun to pretend that we are traveling to different places but in our lesson Joseph wasn't so happy about traveling to Egypt. In our lesson, Joseph's brothers were not very nice and he had to go far away to Egypt. I am sure he was a little scared, but God had a special plan for Joseph, just like He has special plans for all of us! God always has a plan! **Who has a plan for you? God has a plan for me!** (*Point up with index fingers*) **I can BELIEVE!** (*Point to eye then clasp hands together*) **I can PRAY!** (*Point to eye then place hands together like you are praying.*)"

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CRAFT – WK 2

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I Can Pray Everyday

Big Idea:

“I Can Pray Everyday” is an activity that uses fine motor skills to make a take home craft that reviews today’s Bible concept of prayer.

What You Need:

“I Can Pray Everyday” activity page, cardstock, markers, glitter markers and scissors (*optional for older classrooms*).

What You Do:

Have the children decorate their page with markers and special glitter markers to remind them to talk to God everyday during the upcoming week. (*Older classrooms may want to cut them out as a book mark reminder.*)

What You Say:

Before the activity: “We learned today that we can talk to God anytime, anywhere about anything. Remember, our DARE from Worship Time? (*Pause*) Yes, our Large Group leader DARED us to talk to God everyday and make a list of all the places we talked to him on our placemat at home. We are going to make an awesome craft today that will remind to do just that - talk to God everyday this week.

After the activity: “In our lesson, Joseph’s brothers were not very nice and he had to go far away to Egypt. I am sure he was a little scared, but God had a special plan for Joseph, just like He has special plans for all of us! God always has a plan! **Who has a plan for you? God has a plan for me!** (*Point up with index fingers*) **I can BELIEVE!** (*Point to eye then clasp hands together*) **I can PRAY!** (*Point to eye then place hands together like you are praying*).”

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SMALL GROUP

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Small Group Time

What you Need: Parent Take Home Card, Playdoh, Rolling Pins, People Cookie Cutters, Sticker Roll and "PRAY" bracelets.

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): "): "Raise your hand if you like playdoh. *(Pause and raise your own hand.)* I do too! Do you remember what Joseph's brothers did to him in our Bible lesson today? *(Pause.)* What do you think about that? Being thrown into a pit by your brothers and then taken far, far away from home does not sound like a good plan, does it? But God knew how He was going to use it in His plan and Joseph had to trust that God's plan was best but I am sure that he was scared. Let's make the people in our family with our playdoh – ok? Don't forget to make everyone in your family!

"Sometimes things happen that we don't like, but because God made us and loves us and is SO powerful, He can make everything work together for something good—even the bad stuff. We can trust God's plan for us and we can talk to Him and tell Him when we are worried or scared. Let's use our Playdoh families to remember that God has a plan! God has a plan for mommies! *(Point to Playdoh figures)* God has a plan for Daddies! *(Point to Playdoh figures)* God has a plan for sisters and brothers! *(Point to Playdoh figures)* God has a plan for grandmas and grandpas! *(Point to Playdoh figures)* God has a plan for ME! *(Point to child)* **Who has a plan for you? God has a plan for me.** *(Point up with index fingers)* **I can BELIEVE!** *(Point to eye then clasp hands together)* **I can PRAY!** *(Point to eye then place hands together like you are praying)."*

"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 sticker 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 we can talk to Him when we are upset. Can you tell me something that happened to you that you didn't like? *(Pause)* When we pray we can tell God that we trust Him and His plan for us even when we are upset and scared"

"This week, I DARE you to talk to God everyday. Then you can make a list of all the places you talked to God on your placemat you received last week. I am also going to give you this special bracelet to help you remember to complete your DARE. It says 'PRAY' so you can remember to have Daring Faith and talk to God!"

"Now I'll pray before 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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