

April Week 5



April 30th/May 1st

OVERVIEW CARD

DARE TO OBEY

WEEK 5

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's plan is always best.
Joseph Forgives
Genesis 42-45; Psalm 16:11

Coloring Page:

Joseph forgives his brothers.

Music:

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

Bible Lesson:

The Beginner's Bible
Joseph Saves His Family
Pages 86 to 91

Story:

Mad Maddie Maxwell
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Service Time:

85 minutes (week 5)

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ACTIVITY 1

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Fits Together

BIG IDEA:

"Fits Together" is an activity that uses fine motor and problem solving skills to review today's Bottom Line.

What You Need: Provide several large pieced puzzles

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Divide the children into two groups and spread out in two separate areas of the classroom. Scatter the puzzle pieces out in your open area making sure you don't mix up the pieces.

During the Activity: Point out the puzzle pieces all over the floor. Have the children work together to gather all the pieces of the puzzle. Show them how the pieces fit together as you put the puzzle back together.

What You Say:

During the Activity: "Check out these fun puzzles I have for us to play with today. Do you know how the pieces work? (Pause.) They all have to fit together for us to see the big picture! Let's see if we can work together to see how they fit!"

After the Activity: "All of our puzzles were different, but they all have one big thing that's the same! They all are made of pieces that fit together. You did a great job putting them together so that they fit. Today we heard about how all the different parts of Joseph's story fit together. God had an amazing plan for Joseph. And God has a plan for YOU too, and it all fits together. **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). **I can TRUST!** (Point to eye then cross arms in front of you making a 'T' with fists closed.) **I can SHARE!** (Point to eye then place arms in front of you with palms up and hands together.) **I can OBEY!** (Point to eye then make an "army salute" by bringing your right hand, palm down, up to your forehead and back out.)"

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ACTIVITY 2

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I Can Obey Parachute

BIG IDEA:

"I Can Obey Parachute" is an activity that encourages kids to use their gross motor skills and hand-eye coordination.

What You Need: Parachute and container of pompoms

What You Do:

Before the activity: Put the pompoms in the center of the parachute.

During the Activity: Play with the parachute as you review the lesson and the concept of obeying.

What You Say:

Before the activity: "Everyone come sit in a circle with me and grab a corner of the parachute. (*Keep the parachute close together to slowly reveal the pompoms inside.*) Now stand up and slowly take two steps back. (*Pause.*) Super! Now freeze. I am going to tell you what to do and I need you to follow the plan and OBEY."

During the Activity: "In our lesson today we heard the last part of Joseph's story. Joseph was always kind and helpful. Joseph forgave his brothers and gave them the food they needed. Let's pretend these pompoms are the grain that Joseph helped collect and save. Okay when I count to three our *plan* is to, lift the parachute up really slowly and back down again making sure to keep all the pompoms on the parachute. Don't forget to *OBEY* what I said. One, two, three! (*Pause.*) Yay! Let's do it again! One, two, three! (*Pause.*) Now, our *plan* is to shake off all the pompoms! Don't forget to *OBEY* what I said. This time let's shake the parachute fast. Don't forget to *OBEY* what I said. One, two, three. (*Pause.*) Whoa!" (*Repeat as many times as desired.*)

At the end of the activity: "That was so much fun! You guys did a great job following our plans and obeying what I said! That reminds me, **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*). **I can TRUST!** (*Point to eye then cross arms in front of you making a 'T' with fists closed.*) **I can SHARE!** (*Point to eye then place arms in front of you with palms up and hands together.*) **I can OBEY!** (*Point to eye then make an "army salute" by bringing your right hand, palm down, up to your forehead and back out.*)"

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ACTIVITY 3

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In the Bag Toss

BIG IDEA:

"In the Bag Toss" is an activity that reviews the memory verse while children use gross motor skills to toss the bean bags on the puzzle pieces.

What You Need: Five bean bags, five laminated puzzle pieces and painter's tape.

What You Do:

Before the activity: Tape the puzzle pieces on the floor with the painter's tape.

During the Activity: Have kids try and toss the beanbags onto the puzzle pieces. Say, the memory verse every time a beanbag lands on a puzzle piece. Repeat as many times as desired.

After the Activity: Sit down together and review the Bible lesson.

What You Say:

During the activity: Friends, come over here! Do you see these puzzle pieces on the floor? Let's toss the beanbags and try to make them land on the puzzle pieces. When a beanbag lands on the puzzle piece, say our memory verse with me. (Pause.) Ready to try? (Pause.) Awesome! Keep tossing!" (Repeat as many times as desired.) (For older classrooms you might want to challenge them to toss with one hand, both hands, one eye closed, under your legs, etc.)

After the Activity: "That was fun tossing the beanbags and practicing our memory verse. In our Bible lesson today, we learned that God had a plan for Joseph. And God has a plan for everyone! We might not know what it is, but God knows! **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). **I can TRUST!** (Point to eye then cross arms in front of you making a 'T' with fists closed.) **I can SHARE!** (Point to eye then place arms in front of you with palms up and hands together.) **I can OBEY!** (Point to eye then make an "army salute" by bringing your right hand, palm down, up to your forehead and back out.)"

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ACTIVITY 4 – 4's/5's

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Pass the Rice

BIG IDEA:

"Pass the Rice" is an activity that uses large motor and social skills to review parts of the Bible lesson.

What You Need: Seven large bean bags, a bucket, and a timer with a buzzer.

What You Do: Line up the children and show them how to pass the bags of rice down the line assembly line style and into the bucket. Once they get the hang of it, set the timer and try to work together to beat the buzzer. Reduce the time each time you do it, making it more challenging to beat the buzzer. Repeat as many times as desired.

What You Say:

During the activity: "Okay, friends, line up! We're going to play a game. Let's see how fast we can pass this rice and get it into the bucket. Pretend you're Joseph and you're trying to feed as many people as you can as quickly as you can! Hurry up! The people need food!"

At the end of the activity: "Wow! You guys work fast! Joseph's life wasn't always easy, but God had a plan the whole time. God's plan was to use Joseph to save his WHOLE family! That's pretty cool! God has a pretty cool plan for you, too. **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). **I can TRUST!** (Point to eye then cross arms in front of you making a 'T' with fists closed.) **I can SHARE!** (Point to eye then place arms in front of you with palms up and hands together.) **I can OBEY!** (Point to eye then make an "army salute" by bringing your right hand, palm down, up to your forehead and back out.)"

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God Has a Plan for Me

Big Idea:

“God Has a Plan for Me” is an activity that gives the children a visual of the main concept in today’s Bible lesson.

What You Need: “Puzzle” Activity Pages on the Website, dot markers, “Daring Faith” sticker sheet and painting aprons

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy the “Puzzle” Activity Page on white cardstock for each child.

During the Activity: Allow the children to add their “Daring Faith” stickers to the activity page first. Then, show the children how to use their dot markers to finish decorating the “Puzzle” Activity Page. *(Demonstrate how they press down with the markers like a stamp and tell them not to drag the markers like a paint brush.)* When finished, write children’s names on their papers and set them aside to dry.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “God has a plan for me! He has a plan for all of us! His plans fit together perfectly just like a puzzle! It all fits together!”

During the Activity: (Hand out the Activity Pages.) “This is a puzzle piece that says, ‘God has a plan for me!’ We are going to add our ‘Daring Faith’ action words to the puzzle piece to show that God’s plan always fits together perfectly! Now, take your dot markers and decorate the rest of the puzzle piece so it is filled with color. *(Allow the children to work.)* Great job! Now we can lay them out to dry!”

After the Activity: “God has a plan for everyone! We might not know what it is, but God knows! **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).* **I can TRUST!** *(Point to eye then cross arms in front of you making a ‘T’ with fists closed.)* **I can SHARE!** *(Point to eye then place arms in front of you with palms up and hands together.)* **I can OBEY!** *(Point to eye then make an “army salute” by bringing your right hand, palm down, up to your forehead and back out.)*”

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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 “OBEY” bracelets.

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): “Raise your hand if you like Playdoh. *(Pause and raise your own hand.)* I do too! *(Pull out the cookie cutters and Playdoh)* We’re still talking about Joseph and God’s plan for him. Our story about Joseph all begins with the first puzzle piece. Joseph’s dad gave him a very special coat, which made his brothers really mad. His brothers were SO mad that they sold him to some guys who took him through the desert far, far away from home! Then, Joseph went to jail! But while he was in jail, Joseph was helping people! He helped them understand their dreams. He even helped Pharaoh understand his dreams. Do you remember what Pharaoh dreamt about? *(Pause.)* Cows and stalks of grain? Yes! Pharaoh asked Joseph to help him understand what it meant. And that was part of God’s plan!

When Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of all of Egypt, he helped everyone store up food so that no one went hungry! Do you think THAT was part of God’s plan? Of course! Then Joseph’s brothers came to see him. They were hungry and needed some grain that Joseph saved. Now remember, these were the same brothers who had been mean to Joseph. They had taken his coat and sold him to Egypt. All the bad things that happened to Joseph started because his brothers were mean to him. But Joseph forgave them and gave them food. This was God’s plan all along. And you know what? God has a plan for YOU too. And it all fits together. Sometimes you’ll have good days and sometimes you’ll have bad days, but we need to be like Joseph and BELIEVE, PRAY, TRUST, SHARE and OBEY.”

“God had the BEST plan for Joseph and He has the best plan for you too. You know how I know that? Because God made you. He loves you. And He has a special plan for you. It’s our job to Believe, Pray, Trust, Share and Obey Him, just like Joseph did. **Who has a plan for you?** Say it loud and proud! **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).* **I can TRUST!** *(Point to eye then cross arms in front of you making a ‘T’ with fists closed.)* **I can SHARE!** *(Point to eye then place arms in front of you with palms up and hands together.)* **I can OBEY!** *(Point to eye then make an “army salute” by bringing your right hand, palm down, up to your forehead and back out.)*”

“Ok, it’s sticker time!! 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 wants us to OBEY and say we are sorry when we are wrong! What is one thing you can do to OBEY this week? When we pray we can ask God to help us!”

“In fact, this week, I DARE you to talk at home about all the ways you can be a better listener and obey your parents. Then you can make a list of those things on your placemat you received. I am also going to give you this special bracelet to help you remember to complete your DARE. It has the word “OBEY” on it so you can remember to have Daring Faith and OBEY!”

“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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