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OVERVIEW CARD

Joseph in Jail

Key Question:

Who has a plan for you?

Bottom Line:

God has a plan for me.

Memory Verse:

"The plans of the Lord stand firm forever."
Psalm 33:11, NIV

Bible Story Focus:

I can trust God's plan even when it's hard.
Joseph in Jail
Genesis 39-40

Coloring Page:

Joseph explains Pharaoh's dream.

Music:

Plan for Me
God is Big and He Loves Me
Everybody Sing

Bible Lesson:

God's Story for Me Bible
God is with Joseph and Joseph Rules
Pages 84 to 90

Story:

Where's My Teddy
by Jez Alborough

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ACTIVITY 1 – 2's/3's only Joseph in Jail

We All Fall Down

Big Idea:

Lead the children in singing and playing a fun game of Ring Around the Rosie.

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Have children stand in a circle.
- Holding hands, move the circle in one direction while singing “Ring Around the Rosie.”
- Have the children try to stand up while still holding hands.
- Talk about how hard it is to stand up without using your hands.
- Have the children sit down and Bring it Back to Jesus*.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Let’s play a game! Grab hands and stand in a circle with me.”

During the Activity: “Let’s sing together as we walk in a circle. When it says to fall down, we’ll fall down.”

After the Activity: “Ring around the Rosie, pocket full of posies. Ashes, ashes. We all fall down! (*Fall down.*) That was fun. Let’s do it again! (*Repeat.*) We all fell down, but can we get back up! It’s hard to get back up, isn’t it? God is always with us even when something is hard. I can trust God’s plan even when it’s hard. **Joseph was thrown in jail! God was with Joseph, and He had a special plan for him. Joseph chose to still trust God even when it’s hard. And so can you! Who has a plan you? God has a plan for me. He sure does! God loves you so much. How do I know that? Because God made you, and you are a work of art!**”

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ACTIVITY 2 – 2's/3's only Joseph in Jail

Going Places

Big Idea:

Have the children perform different movements while traveling to the pictures on the wall throughout the classroom.

What You Need: “Places” Activity Pages on white cardstock, and wall tape

What You Do:

- Tape each picture in different areas of the activity area.
- Have the children stand in the middle of the activity area.
- Call out one of the places in the pictures.
- Encourage the children to complete the different movements below to get to each picture.
- Continue the activity with the other three pictures.
- Some movement ideas:
 - hop on one foot
 - clap hands
 - jump up and down
 - wave arms over head
 - march.
- Have the children sit down and Bring it Back to Jesus*.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “There are pictures of places all over the room. Listen super carefully to what I say!”

During the Activity: “I am going to call out a place in one of the pictures and tell you what you need to do to get there. When you hear me say a place in one of the pictures, perform the movement to get to that picture. Are you ready? (Pause.) Hop on one foot to the grocery store! (Have children hop on one foot to the picture of the grocery store.) Great job! God is with you and has a plan for you at the grocery store.” (Continue the activity.)

After the Activity: “Fantastic! God is with us no matter where we go. He always has a plan for us. I can trust God’s plan even when it’s hard. **Joseph was thrown in jail! God was with Joseph, and He had a special plan for him. Joseph chose to still trust God even when it’s hard. And so can you! Who has a plan you? God has a plan for me.** He sure does! God loves you so much. How do I know that? Because God made you, and you are a work of art!”

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ACTIVITY 3 - All

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Splatter Hop

Big Idea:

Children will hop from paint splatter to paint splatter while practicing their memory verse.

What You Need: "Splatters" Activity Pages laminated on white cardstock, and floor tape

What You Do:

- Tape the pieces to floor with floor tape.
- Create a fun twisty path with one or two feet between pieces.
- Say the verse with the children.
- Have the children stand in a single file line in front of the path.
- Have the children hop from piece to piece while saying one word of the memory verse.
- Repeat several times.
- Have the children sit down and Bring it Back to Jesus*.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Do you remember our memory verse for this month? (*Pause.*) Let's say it together. 'The plans of the Lord stand firm forever,' Psalm 33:11. Great job!"

During the Activity: (*Point to the paint on the floor.*) "Do you see the paint on the floor? Let's see if we can jump from color to color without touching the floor. While we are jumping we can say our memory verse. Here we go!"

After the Activity: "You are awesome jumpers! Let's say our verse one more time! 'The plans of the Lord stand firm forever,' Psalm 33:11. Perfect! Our memory verse tells us that we should trust God because we know He has a plan for us! I can trust God's plan even when it's hard. **Joseph was thrown in jail! God was with Joseph, and He had a special plan for him. Joseph chose to still trust God even when it's hard. And so can you! Who has a plan you? God has a plan for me. He sure does! God loves you so much. How do I know that? Because God made you, and you are a work of art!**"

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ACTIVITY 4 – 4's/5's only Joseph in Jail

Around the Jail

Big Idea:

Children will play a fun version of freeze dance.

What You Need: fun music, a CD player, and floor tape

What You Do:

- Make a three-foot square on the floor with the floor tape, and add tape lines across the square to make the bars of the jail.
- Cue the music.
- Have children line up around the jail and, as the music plays, walk around it.
- When the music stops, kids will freeze where they are.
- If they are still moving, they go inside the jail square.
- Repeat as many times as desired.
- Sit inside the jail and Bring it Back to Jesus*.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Hey, friends! Come stand with me around this square. *(Pause.)* We are going to pretend this square is a jail. When you hear the music I want you to walk around the jail with me. When the music stops, you stop. If you keep moving when the music stops, you’ll get thrown in jail.”

During the Activity: *(Start the music.)* “Let’s go! Follow me. Remember to listen for the music to stop. *(Stop the music.)* Oh! I see some friends who are still moving! They have to go to jail! *(Help move friends into the jail.)* Let’s do it again! *(Start the music.)* Follow me. *(Stop the music.)* Are there more friends that have to go to jail? *(Continue as many times as desired, starting over with everyone.)* All right, friends, everybody in the jail.”

After the Activity: “That was super fun! Joseph was put in jail even when he tried to do the right thing, but he didn’t get mad. Joseph knew that God had a plan for him. I can trust God’s plan even when it’s hard.

Joseph was thrown in jail! God was with Joseph, and He had a special plan for him. Joseph chose to still trust God even when it’s hard. And so can you! **Who has a plan you? God has a plan for me.** He sure does! God loves you so much. How do I know that? Because God made you, and you are a work of art!”

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ACTIVITY 5 – 4's/5's only Joseph in Jail

Can't Get Out

Big Idea:

Children will try to keep the balls inside the jail created with their feet.

What You Need: 3 rubber balls

What You Do:

- Have the kids sit in a circle with their feet spread out, touching their neighbor's feet.
- Explain that the space inside the circle is your jail.
- Place one ball in jail.
- Tell the kids to roll the ball back and forth without letting it leave the circle.
- Add the second and then the third ball.
- Tell them to keep going, working to keep all the balls inside the jail.
- Collect all the balls and Bring it Back to Jesus*.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Everyone come join me over here. Let's hold hands in a circle. *(Pause.)* Great job! Now take one step back and sit on the floor. *(Pause.)* Awesome. Now, I want you to spread your legs out the side and touch your feet to your neighbor's feet. *(Pause.)* Perfect. Inside of our feet is our jail. I'm going to pass a ball and I want you to use your hands to keep it inside the jail. Are you ready? Remember, don't let the ball leave our jail."

During the Activity: "Now that you've done such a great job with one ball, let's make it a little harder." *(Add the second ball and then the third after another minute or two.)*

After the Activity: "You did a great job keeping these balls inside our jail today. Joseph was stuck in jail too. And he did nothing wrong! But he still trusted that God had a plan for his life. I can trust God's plan even when it's hard. **Joseph was thrown in jail! God was with Joseph, and He had a special plan for him. Joseph chose to still trust God even when it's hard. And so can you! Who has a plan you? God has a plan for me. He sure does! God loves you so much. How do I know that? Because God made you, and you are a work of art!**"

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CRAFT WEEK 4

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In Jail

What You Need: “Joseph’s in Jail” Activity Page on white cardstock, cut black pipe cleaners (4-6 per child), black electrical tape, and coloring crayons

What You Do:

- Give each child a “Joseph’s in Jail” Activity Page.
- Lay four to six pipe cleaners over the picture and secure the top and bottom with black tape.
- Allow children to color in the pictures of Joseph.
- Write the child’s name on their Activity Page and place inside white bag.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “We heard an amazing lesson about God’s plan for Joseph when he was in jail.”

During the Activity: (Give each child an Activity Page.) “Look at your paper. Who do you see on the page? (Pause.) That’s Joseph! But in our lesson, we heard how Joseph was put in jail, so let’s add the bars. (Pause.) Now we’ll tape them down on the top and the bottom. (Pause.) Ok, now you can color the rest of the picture with your coloring crayons. (Pass out crayons.) Even though it was hard for Joseph to be in jail, he knew that God had a special plan for him.”

After the Activity: “You can use your picture to tell your family all about our Bible lesson and how God had a plan for Joseph. It was hard for Joseph to be in jail, but he knew that God had it all planned out. God has a plan for you and me too! I can trust God’s plan even when it’s hard. **Joseph was thrown in jail! God was with Joseph, and He had a special plan for him. Joseph chose to still trust God even when it’s hard. And so can you! Who has a plan you? God has a plan for me. He sure does! God loves you so much. How do I know that? Because God made you, and you are a work of art!**”

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Art

What You Need: “Art” Activity Page on white cardstock, and dot markers

What You Do:

- Place the dot markers on to the table.
- Give each child an Activity Page and a dot marker.
- Encourage the children to paint the palette and the memory verse with the dot markers.
- Allow the page to dry.
- Say the memory verse with the children.
- Write the child’s name on their painting and place inside white bag.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “We get to paint today with these dot markers!”

During the Activity: “There is an art palette on our page. I have a plan. Let’s use the paint to make the palette super colorful.” (*Do activity.*)

After the Activity: “Great job! Now let’s say our memory verse together. *The plans of the Lord stand firm forever*, Psalm 33:11. Perfect! Our memory verse tells us that God has a plan for us no matter what. We should always trust God’s plan. I can trust God’s plan even when it’s hard. **Joseph was thrown in jail! God was with Joseph, and He had a special plan for him. Joseph chose to still trust God even when it’s hard. And so can you! Who has a plan you? God has a plan for me. He sure does! God loves you so much. How do I know that? Because God made you, and you are a work of art!**”

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PLAYDOH/ PRAYER TIME

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

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): "It's Playdoh and Prayer time!! The plan for getting to our Small Group spot today is to hop to the *(name one spot in your room)* and then march to the *(name a second spot in your room)* and then hop on one foot to our Small Group spot at the tables. Got it? *(Name spot one)*, then *(name spot two)*, and then hop on one foot to the tables. Here we go! *(Have the children to follow you and lead them to spot one, then spot two, and then your Small Group spot at the tables.)*

"Yay! We followed the plan right to our Small Group spot. Good job! Let's sit down and talk about today's Bible lesson now. One, two, three, sit down with me!"

"Our Bible lesson today was about a guy named Joseph. He was the one whose daddy made him a special coat. In our lesson today, Joseph was living in a new place far, far away from his family. He had a new job and he tried his best to be a good friend and do everything he was supposed to do. Then something bad happened. Joseph got in trouble for something he didn't even do and was put in jail! Even though it was hard, Joseph still trusted God had a plan for him and tried to be a good friend to everyone in the jail. Joseph trusted God's plan for him, even when it was hard. Today we're going to make a list of hard things we have to do. Then, when we pray, we can ask God to help us trust His plans, even when it's hard. So when I say your name tell me one hard thing you have to do."

"Now let's pray and ask God to help us trust His plan when it's hard. Fold your hands like this, bow your heads like this, close your eyes like this, and I'll pray!"

"I can trust God's plan even when it's hard. **Joseph was thrown in jail! God was with Joseph, and He had a special plan for him. Joseph chose to still trust God even when it's hard. And so can you! Who has a plan you? God has a plan for me.** He sure does! God loves you so much. How do I know that? Because God made you, and you are a work of art!"

SGL: "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!"

- Go from child to child and have them repeat the memory verse for a sticker.
- Ask the children the Bottom Line question for a sticker.
- Using the Parent Take Home card, ask each child individually the questions pertaining to this week's lesson and give out a sticker.

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