

October Week 1
Backyard
Hole in One
October 2

CRAFT

Noah's Ark

SUPPLIES: God has plans for me page, animal stickers, crayons

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out God has plans for me/ark page.**

- “Today we heard a true story about a man named Noah and how he trusted and followed God’s plans. Noah built a big boat called an ark and he filled it with two of every animal. We have an ark right here!”

⇒ **Give an animal sticker sheet to each child. Have them place the animals on and around the ark.**

- “After Noah built the great big boat, he filled it with 2 of every kind of animal on earth.
- We have just a few examples of those animals here. Which is your favorite! Let’s stick them to our ark! Come on board, animals!”

⇒ **Have children color in the words at the top with crayons.**

- “Do you see the words at the top of the page? They say “God has plans for me.”
- God had plans for Noah. Noah followed God’s plans and built a great, big boat and then filled it with two of every animal. Once Noah and his family were on the boat with the animals, God shut the door and then it started to rain. But Noah kept trusting God’s plans and so can we! We can always trust God’s plans, even when we don’t understand because God loves us and has plans for us.”

⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- “Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!”

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ACTIVITY #1

Ark Relay

SUPPLIES: Floor Tape, Animal cards (2 full sets, one for each group), 2 baskets

SET-UP: Tape two start and finish lines in the activity area, at least five feet away from each other with about 10 feet between the start and finish lines. Place a basket on each finish line. The baskets will be "Arks."

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ Divide children into 2 separate teams. (OPTION: In smaller classes you can all work together as a team.). Ask each team to make a single file line behind their starting line. Spread the animals out on the floor next to or behind the starting line.

- "We heard an amazing true Bible story today about how God had a plan for Noah. God told Noah to build a great big boat called an ark for the animals.
- We are going to play a fun relay race game to help fill the ark! Let's divide into two teams. Now I want you to stand in line at your team's starting line."

⇒ Demonstrate how to have the first child in each line pick up one single animal and walk it quickly over to the basket and drop it in. Then when they return, the next child does the same thing. Repeat until all of the animals have made it into the "ark".

- "Let's pretend these are our arks. (Point to baskets.)
- When I say, 'GO,' the first person in each line will choose an animal, run to their ark, and put it inside. Then you can come back to the end of the line. Then the next person will do the same thing. We will keep going until all of our animals are in the ark. Let's see how fast we can get our animals into the arks! Ready, GO!"

⇒ Repeat the activity if children are still interested.

⇒ Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.

- "Great job getting all the animals in! "God had plans for Noah. Noah trusted and followed God's plans because God's plans are always best. God has plans for us, too!"
- "Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!"

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ACTIVITY #2

Ark Mini Golf

SUPPLIES: 3 Ark pages, 3 golf clubs, golf balls, wall tape, floor tape, chair

SET-UP: Tape the ark to the chair legs to create a mini golf station. Do this at 3 different places around the room. Tape a line on the floor to create a spot for children to putt their ball from.

NOTE: Keep the golf clubs and golf balls for week 2.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children join us at the first ark. Show them how to stand at the tape line and putt the ball into the ark.**

- *"Let's play a game of golf! There are several arks around the room. We are going to play ark golf! Let's start here. We are going to go one at a time. Put your ball at the tape line and putt it through the opening of the ark. You can hit the ball until it goes in.*
- *A few reminders! We only need to give our putter a very gentle swing to hit it in! And let's all step back and stay clear of the golfer!*

⇒ **Have children work their way through each station and hit each ball in.**

⇒ **NOTE: If you have a large class, consider just breaking up into 2 to 3 groups and having each volunteer take a group and play. Each child can go a few times.**

⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *"In our Bible story today, we learned that we can always trust God's plans, even when we don't understand. God had plans for Noah. Noah had never built a boat, but Noah knew he could always trust God's plans because God's plans are always best. That's why Noah did what God told him to do.*
- *Just like Noah, we can trust God's plans, even when we don't understand, because God loves us. And I love knowing that God has plans for me, and God has plans for you*
- ***Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!***

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ACTIVITY #3

Memory Verse Practice

SUPPLIES: None

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **This activity can be done from spots at the table or spaced out in the center of the room.**
 - “Friends, we have an awesome memory verse to practice! I want to try saying it in lots of different ways!
- ⇒ **Do memory verse all together in a variety of ways.**
 - “First, let’s say it once together. “For I know the plans I have for you,’ says the Lord.” Jeremiah 29:11
 - Super loud
 - Super quiet
 - Really fast
 - Really Slow
 - Jumping up and down
 - Running in Place
 - All the boys
 - All the girls
 - Kids only
 - Teachers only
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested. If time permits, you can do one person at a time and give out stickers.**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - “Nice work, my friends!
 - **Who has plans for you?**
 - **God has plans for me!”**

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY

OCTOBER WEEK 1

SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

⇒ The Bible

- *The Beginner's Bible: Noah's Ark, p. 26*

REVIEW

Pass out stickers as kids answer the questions!

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

- **Who has plans for you?**
God has plans for me!

⇒ Memory Verse

- **“For I know the plans I have for you,’ says the Lord.”**
Jeremiah 29:11

CONNECT IT

⇒ “Today we’ll make a list of our plans, like what you want to do when you grow up. We can use this list when we pray. When I say your name, I want you to **tell me what you want to do when you grow up.**”

- *Have each child share and write the ideas down on the board/paper.*

PRAY

⇒ “Thank you for making this list with me! I enjoyed hearing about your plans. God has plans for us, too! Now when we pray, we can thank God for loving us so much that He has plans for us, and we can ask God to help us trust His plans. Let’s pray!

- *Dear God, it's fun to make plans and think about what we want to do some day. [Child's name] has plans to (read what they listed). (Continue with each child.). But the most amazing thing is that YOU, Creator of the whole world, has plans for us. Help us always trust Your plans for us, God. You love us and will always know what's best for us. In Jesus' name, amen.”*