

October Week 4
Garden
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CRAFT

Memory Verse Puzzle

SUPPLIES: Memory Verse Puzzle sheet, crayons, plastic baggies, adult size scissors for leaders

NOTE: **The puzzle will need to be cut out at the start of service for each child in the room before craft time.**

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out the 4 Puzzle Pieces and review the memory verse.**

- “We have a special craft to do today! It is a craft AND a puzzle!
- You each have 4 puzzle pieces. Can you try to put them together with me?
- Those look great! Do you see the words on your puzzle? It’s our memory verse for this month. Let’s read it together. “For I know the plans I have for you,’ says the Lord.” Awesome! Puzzles are so much fun!

⇒ **Pass out crayons.**

- “Now let’s color our puzzle pieces and make them beautiful!”

⇒ **Pass out baggies for the puzzle pieces. Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- “Let’s put our puzzle pieces back together one more time and say our memory verse now that they are all colored. “For I know the plans I have for you,’ says the Lord.” Great job!
- Here is a bag so you can keep your puzzle pieces together. Make sure you show your family how you can put the puzzle together and say your memory verse! I am so glad God has plans for each of us! Tell me...
- **Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!”**

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ACTIVITY #1

Grain Look and Find

SUPPLIES: Yellow puff balls or ball pit balls

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children join you in the center of the room.**

- “Today in our true Bible story we heard about a man named Joseph. Joseph gathered and stored grain. These yellow balls remind me of the grain! Let’s play a look and find game with them!”

⇒ **Have children close their eyes and hide the balls around the room.**

- “Everybody, close your eyes! I am going to hide these balls around the room. Keep them closed!”

⇒ **Have children open their eyes and collect all the balls. When they have returned with all of them, review the story and have them practice the memory verse.**

- “Pharaoh had a dream and Joseph listened to God and told him what it meant! Joseph told Pharaoh to collect grain and store it up for SEVEN years! That’s a long time! God had plans for Joseph and he has plans for you, too!
- Let’s practice our memory verse together: “For I know the plans I have for you,’ says the Lord.” Nice job!

⇒ **Repeat and tell the next part of the story.**

- “After they collected grain for seven years, the famine came. There was no food in the whole land. But Egypt had plenty of food because Joseph trusted God’s plan! God saved everyone through Joseph! God had a plan for Joseph and he has plans for you, too!
- Let’s practice our memory verse again! “For I know the plans I have for you,’ says the Lord.” Nice job!

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

- “God had a plan for Joseph and his plan is always best. God loves you and has plans for you!”
- **Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!”**

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ACTIVITY #2

Parachute Bottom Line

SUPPLIES: Large Yellow Pom Poms or Ball Pit Balls

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Gather everyone in the center of the room and have each child grab a corner of the parachute.**
 - *“Friends, these yellow balls remind me of all of the grain that Joseph stored in Egypt! Let’s use them to play parachute!”*
- ⇒ **Toss the balls on the parachute and have children slowly raise and lower the parachute while trying to keep them on. Then shake, pop them off, and collect!**
 - *“Gently pick up the parachute with me. Now on the count of 3 we are going to shake. Ready? One, two, three – shake! Yay, God! Say that with me. Yay, God! Shake, shake, shake! Yay, God!*
 - *Look! All the grain scattered. Let’s pick up the grain and put it back in the parachute with me.*
 - *Now before we shake it again, let’s think about our Bible story. We heard how Joseph helped Pharaoh understand his dream. Pharaoh was so happy that he put Joseph in charge. Joseph worked hard saving food for seven years! Wow!*
 - ***Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!***
 - *Let’s shake the parachute again. One, two, three – shake! Yay, God! There goes all the grain! Let’s scatter and pick it all up and put it back on the parachute!*
 - *Joseph saved up so much food – which was a good thing because the food stopped growing for seven years, just like God said. Then everyone needed food! Joseph made sure that EVERYONE had food!*
 - ***Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!***
 - *Let’s play one more time...one, two, three – shake!! Yay, God!*
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“God loves us and has the best plans for us. Friends, tell me...”*
 - ***Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!”***

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READ-ASK-PRACTICE-PRAY

Here are some ideas to try in a group or one-on-one.

2-year-olds are all at different stages of development! Some are ready to answer big questions and say the memory verse, while others aren't ready to talk yet. Even if they aren't ready to answer, they are listening!

READ A BIBLE STORY or STORY BOOK

⇒ The Bible

- *The Beginner's Bible: Pharaoh's Dreams*, p. 78
- *Joseph Saves His Family*, p. 86

ASK A QUESTION

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

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

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

SAY A PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for making me.

Thank you for loving me.

Thank you for sending Jesus to be my friend forever.

Amen.