

September Week 4

3-K

Construct & Create

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CRAFT WEEK 4

Paint the Stars

SUPPLIES:

Story sticker, black paper, white & yellow crayons, star stickers, crayons

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Give each child a story sticker and invite them to color it.**

- *"Friends, come sit at the table with me. I have a super fun story picture for you to create today. First, we're going to color this picture of Abraham and Sarah. Color it quickly because we're going to add something important to it in just a minute."*

⇒ **Give each child a piece of black paper, white and yellow crayons, and a few star stickers. Have them stick the story sticker onto the black paper and then use the crayons and star stickers to fill the black paper with stars.**

- *"Today in our Bible Story, we learned about Abraham and his wife, Sarah. One night, God told Abraham, 'Look up at the sky. Count the stars, if you can. That's how many children will be born into your family.'" Let's stick Abraham and Sarah onto this black paper. That will be the sky and we can fill the sky with stars.*
- *"Use the white and yellow crayons to draw lots and lots of stars in the sky. You can just put little dots or make them twinkle. We've also got some star stickers you can put in the sky."*

⇒ **Review the story and bring it back to the Bottom Line**

- *"Abraham and Sarah were excited about God's plan, and they knew that God always keeps His promises. They waited many, many years and became very old but still didn't have any children. One day God sent three visitors to Abraham, and they told him that in one year Sarah would have a baby boy. And exactly one year later, they had the baby they had waited and waited for! Abraham and Sarah had a little boy, and they named him Isaac. God kept His promise to Abraham and Sarah, and their family grew...and grew... and grew! Their family had more people than stars in the sky! Look at the stars on your picture again. That's a lot of stars and God gave Abraham and Sarah more people in their family than the stars in the sky! How wonderful!"*
- *"Sometimes waiting is hard. Abraham and Sarah waited a long time for God's plan, but God always keeps His promises! God had plans for Abraham and Sarah, and God has plans for you and me too!"*
- **"Who has plans for you?"**
- **"God has plans for me!"**

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ACTIVITY #1

Balancing Stars

SUPPLIES: Star stress balls

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Invite the children to stand together in the middle of the room.**
 - *“Hello friends! Abraham and Sarah had to wait a long time for God’s plan, and waiting can be hard! Let’s see if we can do something that may seem a little hard to do—balancing a star! (Hold up a star ball.)”*
- ⇒ **Give each child a star and challenge them to balance the star on different parts of their body.**
 - *“Ready? Okay! Can you balance your star on your forehead? (Demonstrate and pause.) Wait, wait, now how about on your elbow? (Demonstrate and pause.) Wait, wait, now try balancing it on your foot! (Demonstrate and pause.) It’s a little hard, but you’re doing great! Let’s try balancing on some other places. (Continue as long as time and interest allow.) That was a lot of fun!”*
- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bible Story and Bottom Line.**
 - *“Abraham and Sarah waited a long time for God’s plan, but God always keeps His promises! God had plans for Abraham and Sarah, and God has plans for you!*
 - ***Who has plans for you?***
 - ***God has plans for me!”***

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ACTIVITY #2

Building Plan

SUPPLIES: Building toys (Legos, Magna-Tiles, blocks, etc), phone timer

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Split children up into groups and give each group a set of building toys.**

- *"This month we're learning that God had plans for the people in the Bible and God has plans for each one of us.*
- *"We're going to work together in groups to see if we can make a plan and build different things."*

⇒ **Instruct the children to work together to build different types of buildings/shapes. Use a timer on your phone to keep them going quickly. Review the bottom line after each building.**

- *"Alright friends, I'm going to give you 2 minutes to work together to build a really tall tower. Make a plan and work together! Ready? Go!"*
- *"Great job! Now let me ask you a question: **Who has plans for you?** (Pause.) **God has plans for me!**"*
- *"Now let's try another plan. Work together to make a fence around a big yard. (Repeat as interest allows with other building types like a house, a bridge, a pyramid, a barn, etc.)"*

⇒ **Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *"Great job making a plan and building!"*
- ***Who has plans for you?***
- ***God has plans for me!"***

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ACTIVITY #3

Star Walk

SUPPLIES: Star Walk pages, floor tape

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Tape the Star Walk pages in a path on the floor and review the memory verse.**
 - *“Hello friends! Come stand near the stars with me! Today, we’re going to go on a star walk as we say our Memory Verse. But before we start, let’s do the motions as we say our verse. **“For I know** (Touch head with fingertips) **the plans I have for you,**’ (March) **says the Lord,**” (Point up) **Jeremiah 29:11** (Open hands like a book.) Wow! Great job everyone!”*
- ⇒ **Give each child a turn to walk across the stars and say the memory verse.**
 - *Okay! Let’s walk from star to star and we’ll say the verse together. Ready? Here we go! (Step or hop to each star as you say each part!) ‘For I know.’ Let’s do the next part! ‘The plans.’ (Pause.) I have for you.’ (Pause.) ‘Says the Lord.’ (Pause.) Jeremiah 29:11. Wow! You did it! You completed our Memory Verse Star Walk! Way to go! Let’s do it again!” (Repeat as desired.)*
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *“Nice work, my friends!*
 - ***Who has plans for you?***
 - ***God has plans for me!”***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY SEPTEMBER WEEK 4

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- *Jesus Storybook Bible* p 56 "Son of Laughter"

REVIEW *(You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)*

- ⇒ 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 AND PRAY

- ⇒ "Abraham and Sarah had to wait a long time for God's plan. We have to wait for a lot of things, too. We wait for our turn on the slide. We wait for dinner to be ready. We wait for our birthdays. We wait for all kinds of things! Let's make a list of some of the things we have to wait for. When I call your name, tell me **one thing you have waited for.**"
 - *Write each child's name on the weekly question strip/board/paper.*
- ⇒ Let's use our list when we pray...
- ⇒ Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:
 - *"Dear God, sometimes we have to wait for things like (Read the list the children made). Thank You for helping us learn that we can wait for Your plans too. We know Your plans for us are always best, so please help us wait for them. We love You! In Jesus' name. Amen."*