

September Week 1

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CRAFT WEEK 1

Hidden Shapes

SUPPLIES: Verse page, crayons

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Review the memory verse.**

- *"Friends, we're going to practice our memory verse together and for our memory verse, we need our whole bodies. Stand up behind your chair and let's practice. Ready? Here we go. "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 verse page and point out the shape key at the top of the page. Encourage the children to look for the shapes in the picture and color the shapes.**

- *"Come sit at the table with me. I have a picture for each of you. What a fun picture! Look up at the top of the picture. See these shapes? Let's say what each shape is starting with this one. (Point at each shape as you say it's name.) Each of these shapes are hidden in the big picture. Let's look and try to find them. (Pause.) Yay! You found the [Shape]! Color it in or circle it in the picture and the key. Let's keep looking until we find all the shapes! (Assist as needed.) You did it! You followed the plan and found all the shapes! Let's say our verse together one more time as we do the motions. "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) Hooray!"*

⇒ **Bring it back to the Bottom Line**

- *"Great work friends! In our true Bible Story today, we learned that God had plans for Adam and Eve and gave them good work to do. And we know that God has plans for us! God has plans for you and **God has plans for me!***
- ***"Who has plans for you?"***
- ***"God has plans for me!"***

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ACTIVITY #1

Hungry Animals

SUPPLIES: Animal cutouts taped to boxes, pom poms, plastic spoons, basket

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Set the three animal boxes up and gather the children near them.**
 - *“Friends, today we learned that God made Adam and Eve and gave them good things to do. They took care of the garden, the plants, and the animals! Let’s play a game to practice taking care of animals just like Adam and Eve did!”*
- ⇒ **Encourage the children take turns carrying a pom pom on a spoon to the animals and feeding the pom poms to the animal. Repeat with each child.**
 - *“We are going to take turns feeding those animals over there. When I call your name, you’ll pick up a spoon, place a pom-pom on it, then carefully take it across the room to feed one of those animals. Is everyone ready to do a good thing? Great! [Child’s name] put a pom-pom on the spoon and pick an animal to feed. Let’s cheer for [Child’s name]! (Pause.) Great job! Now [Child’s name], it’s your turn! (Continue until each child has a turn. Repeat as desired.) Wow! You all did a great thing and took care of the animals by feeding them just like Adam and Eve did!”*
- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bible Story and Bottom Line.**
 - *“God gave Adam and Eve really good things to do. God wanted them to take care of the world He made! And do you know what? God gives us good things to do too! Like... Being kind and loving to everyone. Helping your neighbor. And taking care of the things God made. God had plans for Adam and Eve, and God has plans for you and me too!*
 - ***Who has plans for you?***
 - ***God has plans for me!”***

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ACTIVITY #2

Hot Potato

SUPPLIES: Tool toy (from room supplies) CD Player, EC CD

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children sit in a circle in the middle of the room.**

- *"Friends, come sit in a circle with me. I have a very important question for you. **Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!** Great job! I've got a tool here. We are going to play some music and pass the tool around the circle. When the music stops, whoever is holding the tool will say our memory verse!"*

⇒ **Play music and pass the tool around. Pause music. Have the child holding the tool say the memory verse.**

- *"It's your turn to answer our question: **Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!** Great job, let's go again."*

⇒ **Let the children play until every child has had a turn.**

⇒ **Complete the activity and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**

- *"Nice work, my friends!"*
- ***Who has plans for you?***
- ***God has plans for you!"***

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ACTIVITY #3

Memory Verse Practice

SUPPLIES: Reward Stickers

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** (Touch head with fingertips) **the plans I have for you,'** (March) **says the Lord,"** (Point up) **Jeremiah 29:11** (Open hands like a book.) Now let's try it...*
 - *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 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 1

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- *When God Made You* by Matthew Paul Turner

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

- ⇒ “There are lots of good things God has for us to do, like God wanted Adam and Eve to take care of the garden. Let’s make a list of good things God has for us to do! When I say your name, tell me **one good thing you can do.** (Talk to God, share with others, be kind, love like Jesus, care for animals, etc)
 - *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, Thank You for having plans for all of us. Help us start with the good things You have planned for everyone to do, like (Read the list the children made). You’re the best, God. We love You! In Jesus’ name. Amen.*