



WEEK 2- September 2020 - TWO'S

Today's Bible Story: I can trust God's plan, even when it's hard.

Joseph in Jail • *Genesis 39–40*

Memory Verse: "For I know the plans I have for you,' says the LORD." Jeremiah 29:11, NLT

Key Question: Who has a plan for you?

Bottom Line: God has a plan for me.

Basic Truth: God loves me

Make it Fun

Activities to help kids transition into the classroom and set up the bible story

-Toy Tape

Make it True

Captivate kids with a bible story and help them understand how it connects to their world.

-Large group time

Make it Stick

Activities and crafts that help kids personalize the story and apply the truths to their life.

-That's how the story unfolds
-Happy and sad
-Dance

First 15 min - MAKE IT FUN

1. Toy Tape

Made to Play: An activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts

What You Need: Toys and masking or painter's tape

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Place the toys on a table or hard floor in the activity area. Use one long strip of the tape to tape each toy to the table or floor.

During the Activity: Challenge the children to peel the tape and free the toys. Continue the activity until each toy has been freed.

After the Activity: Allow the children to play with the toys. Sanitize the toys before sharing with the next group.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Oh, no! Our toys are taped to the table." (*Point.*)

During the Activity: "Please, help me free our toys by peeling the tape. (*Demonstrate.*) It will be a hard job, but then we can have our toys back!" (*Do activity.*)

After the Activity: "Whew! That was a super hard job. You did so good, and now we can play with our toys again! (*Allow the children to play with the toys.*) Today, we'll hear a Bible story about how we can follow God's plan, even when it is hard!"

Transition: Move to Worship and Story by chanting this month's Bottom Line as you walk to the story area.

Large group - MAKE IT TRUE (*snack*)

LEADER: "Stand up, friends. It's worship time! Did you know that God has a plan for you and me? It's true! God loves you and me! He has a plan for you, and **[Bottom Line] God has a plan for me.**

"So, **who has a plan for you?**"

CHILDREN and LEADER: [Bottom Line] “God has a plan for me.”

LEADER: “Sing this with me!

Lead children in singing “Really Awesome Plan,” this month’s worship song.

“Yes, God loves us, and He has a plan. Remember, God has a plan for you, and **[Bottom Line] God has a plan for me!**”

Last 20 min- MAKE IT STICK

1. How the Story Unfolds

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Create: An activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, Bottom Line, or memory verse by creating a craft

What You Need: “Good Friend” Activity Page, cardstock, heart stamp, smiley face stamp, red washable inkpad, yellow washable inkpad, and stickers

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Good Friend” onto cardstock, one per leader. Fold each paper on the solid lines.

During the Activity: Start with the paper folded. Put stamps on the folded paper and review the story while unfolding each side one at a time to reveal the images. Encourage children to stamp smiley faces on the people on either sides because Joseph’s friendship made them happy. Then, put a heart stamp on Joseph because he was a good friend and loved others. (wipe stamp after each child uses)

After the Activity: Talk about how God has a plan for us, just like He had a plan for Joseph.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Today, we learned more about Joseph and God’s plan for him.”

During the Activity: “We need to follow a plan for our craft today. I am going keep this paper folded and decorate it with the stickers. *(Pause.)* Great! When Joseph was in Egypt, he worked for a man named Potiphar. Joseph did whatever Potiphar told him to do, and Joseph trusted God’s plan for him. One day, Joseph was still put in jail for something he didn’t do! Joseph knew God loved him, and he knew God was always with him. So, even though things were hard, Joseph trusted God’s plan.

“Open up this side of your paper. *(Demonstrate.)* While he was in jail, Joseph helped the other people in there. Stamp a smiley face on this guy. *(Pause.)* Open up the other side of your paper. *(Demonstrate.)* The guards saw Joseph doing such a good job, they even put him in charge! Stamp a smiley face on this guy. *(Pause.)* The guy in the middle is Joseph. Put a heart stamp

on Joseph. *(Pause.)* Great job, friends!”

After the Activity: “Joseph trusted God’s plan. Even when things didn’t look very good for him. We can trust God, even when things are hard because God loves us, God’s with us, and God’s got a plan for us! **Who has a plan for you? [Bottom Line] God has a plan for me.**”

2. Happy and Sad

Talk about God | Bible Story Review

Made to Create: An activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, Bottom Line, or memory verse by creating a craft

What You Need: “Joseph’s Story” Activity Page, cardstock, happy face stickers, and sad face stickers

What You Do:

During the Activity: Make a copy of “Joseph’s Story” on cardstock for each leader. Give each leader a copy of “Joseph’s Story” and each child gets two happy face stickers and one sad face sticker.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “I need everyone to come sit with me. We’re going to talk about Joseph from our Bible story.”

During the Activity: “First, you’ll need this page and these stickers. Don’t pull your stickers off, yet. We’ll do it together.

“Okay, place your finger on this picture. *(Demonstrate.)* This is Potiphar and Joseph. Joseph trusted that **[Bottom Line] God has a plan for me**, and did everything Potiphar told him to do. This made them happy. Put a happy face sticker beside this picture. *(Assist where needed.)*

“Now, put your finger on the next picture. *(Demonstrate.)* Uh-oh. Potiphar and Joseph aren’t happy anymore. Potiphar is mad, because someone said Joseph did something wrong that he didn’t do. Potiphar sent Joseph away. This made Joseph sad, but he still trusted that **[Bottom Line] God has a plan for me**. Put a sad face sticker beside this picture. *(Assist where needed.)*

“Now, put your finger on the last picture. *(Demonstrate.)* Joseph trusted that **[Bottom Line] God has a plan for me**, and he helped other people. This made Joseph and the other people happy. Put a happy face sticker beside this picture.

“God loves us and is with us when we’re happy and when we’re sad. And we can always trust that **[Bottom Line] God has a plan for me. Who has a plan for you? [Bottom Line] God has a plan for me.**”

3. Dance

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: Music player and this month's song, "Really Awesome Plan"

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Turn on the music.

During the Activity: Encourage the children to dance. Repeat as desired.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Let's dance!"

During the Activity: "When you hear the music, start dancing! We can celebrate that God has a plan for us!" (*Do activity.*)

After the Activity: "Great job! It's a wonderful thing that God has a plan for us! God loves us SO much! **Who has a plan for you? [Bottom Line] God has a plan for me!**"