

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

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GROUPS

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

### MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



*Before kids arrive, take a few minutes to pray in silence for your kids and the time you're about to spend together growing in relationship and in understanding God's character and His plans for our lives. Pray that your kids would begin to trust God, even if what He is asking them to do seems to go against what others are doing or telling them to do.*

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

#### Cities in Dust

Israel Captures Jericho  
Joshua 5:13-6:20

### TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

**When have you needed a plan?**

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

**God's plan is the best plan.**

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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Psalm 27:13, NIV

### MONTHLY LIFE APP

**Confidence—Learning to see  
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### JUST FOR FUN

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Offering container

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Invite kids to put their offering in the offering container as they arrive.
- Gather kids in a circle.
- Tell the group they are going to plan a trip.
- Ask them where they think the group should go and pick one of the places kids suggest.
- Say, "I am going on a trip to (fill in the blank with places the kids want to visit) and I am planning to take . . ."
- Kids take turns finishing the sentence with either sensible or nonsensical things they will need for the trip.
- To add a layer, challenge each kid to list what the kids before them have said.
- Play for several minutes and then change the trip location.

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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

### MADE TO EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery



### TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Pipe cleaners, straws, "Follow the Plan" Activity Page

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid the following:
  - One pipe cleaner
  - Eight short straws
  - Six long straws
- Explain you will give kids a step-by-step plan to create an object with the pipe cleaner and straws. The catch is kids won't know what they are creating; they must just follow the plan.
- Read the step-by-step instructions from the "Follow the Plan" Activity Page.
- Start with an easy one such as the house.
- Instruct kids to follow the exact plan you give them, but be careful not to correct anyone who places a straw incorrectly.
- Challenge kids to guess what they are making. Award a point to the first kid to guess correctly.

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

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"You did a great job following the plan even though you didn't know what the outcome was going to be. Sometimes we are told to do something that doesn't seem like it will work. What are some things you can do when you are given a plan that doesn't make sense?"

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## MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**Ask:**

- What are some regular, everyday situations that you need a plan for?
- What can you do when you're not in charge, but the plan doesn't seem like it'll work? *(For example, when you think you should do something different than what a parent or teacher is asking you to do.)*
- What can you do if you know God has a plan but you're not sure how everything will work out? *(This is an opportunity to discuss even when we don't know the outcome part of God's plan is for us to continue to trust Him, continue to follow Him, and live the way He wants us to.)*
- What are some things God has done for you? How can remembering what God has done in the past help you have confidence and trust Him now?

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### MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



### VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Masking tape, hula hoops, "Verse Cards" Activity Page, Bibles, markers

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide the group into two teams.
- Create a starting line with masking tape and line up teams behind the tape.
- Place a hula hoop across the room from each team.
- In each hula hoop, place a set of "Verse Cards."
  - When you say, "Go," the first kid from each team races to the hula hoop, runs around it seven times, before grabbing a "Verse Card" and returning to their team. Encourage kids to count the number of times their teammate runs around the hula hoop.
  - Once their teammate returns, the next kid in line races to the hula hoop, runs around it seven times, grabs a "Verse Card" and returns to their team.
  - The first team to collect all the "Verse Cards" wins.
  - *Note: Kids may get very dizzy doing this. Ensure kids are safe running back to their group. Monitor them and pause the game if anyone seems too dizzy.*
- Explain that just like the Israelites experienced, there will be times we don't know how things will work out. But if we remember that God is powerful and has a plan, it can give us confidence to move forward and keep trusting Him.
- Instruct kids with matching "Verse Cards" to pair up.
- Encourage kids to discuss with their partner how their verse could help them have confidence to act.
- Then allow for pairs to read their verse to the entire group and share how the verse could help them have confidence.

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### MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space  
for personal processing  
and application



### MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Verse Cards" from Verses to Take with You Activity, markers

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Ask kids to write a prayer on the back of their "Verse Card".
- Suggest that they write a prayer thanking God for all He has done or praising God for who He is.
- Encourage kids to ask for God's help to follow His plan, knowing that He wants what's best for them.
- Allow kids the opportunity to share their prayers if they would like.
- Close in prayer.

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"God, You know everything! And we know Your ways are perfect. Your plan to send Jesus so we could be with You now and forever is the best plan ever! Help us to remember all You have done for us and to remember we can trust You no matter what! When we aren't sure what to do, give us the confidence to show Your love to others. Amen!"