



WEEK  
**THREE**  
SEPTEMBER 2022

SMALL GROUP  
**K-3**

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

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 moments to pray for them. Praise God for being dependable, worthy of our trust, and always having a plan that is greater than any plan we could come up with. Pray that your few will use Jacob's story as an example to understand that God is someone they can trust. God will never let them down and is always present in their lives. Pray that this truth will start to take shape in the

hearts of your kids.

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

#### Fall Asleep

Jacob's Dream  
Genesis 28:10-22

(supporting: Genesis 25:19-34; 27)

### EARLY ARRIVER

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Offering container, "Big Plans" Activity Page, pencil

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids by name to Small Group.
- Invite kids who brought an offering to put it in the offering container.
- Tell kids that you're going to say a type of word or phrase and invite the kids to be creative or silly and think of the part of speech you need.
- Write the words and phrases down on the "Big Plans" Activity Page.
- Read the crazy story back to the kids.
- Ask the kids what kinds of plans they have—for the school year, for winter break, when they grow up, etc.

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding."

Proverbs 3:5, NIV

### MONTHLY VIRTUE

Trust—Putting your confidence in someone you can depend on

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### HIGH WIRE CRITTERS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "High Wire Critters" Activity Page cards and prepared tape lines

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather kids near the tape lines.
- Ask the kids to spread out and stand between the rows of tape as if it was a bridge.
- Tell them to imagine that the bridge is high above a river, and they definitely don't want to fall off.
- Tape a "High Wire Critter" card to the front of each kid's shirt.
- Make sure the animal pictured on the card is different from the one on the floor they are standing near.
- Explain that they must work together to come up with a plan to get each kid to the card on the bridge that matches the one on their shirt.
- They will need to help each other squeeze past without anyone stepping off of the bridge.
- Assist as needed if kids can't figure out how to move past one another without stepping off the lines of tape or aren't able to find their card.

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#### WHAT YOU SAY:

"What a great job you did of coming up with a plan, working together, and helping each other move to the right place on the bridge. Plans and ideas help us get things done. Sometimes our plans work, and sometimes they don't. But God's plans never fail. They are always good because GOD is good. They are always right, because God is right. **You can trust that God has a plan.** In fact, God has a plan to make things right. God sent Jesus to save the world and show us how to love others. Because of Jesus, we can have a relationship with God now and forever."

**[Make it Personal] (Tell the kids about a time plans you made fell through and you were disappointed but you trusted God's bigger plan. What did you do to show your trust? How did God help you?)**



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## MADE TO MOVE

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



## YOU OR ME

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, painter's tape, and beanbag

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Make sure each kid has a Bible.
- Together, look up Proverbs 3:5 with the navigation tips

below and read it out loud a few times.

**Finding verses with 2nd and 3rd graders:** Guide kids to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. (Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like.) When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find "Proverbs" in the list under "Old Testament." When the kids find Proverbs, lead them to look at the page number beside the word. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find Proverbs. Help the kids find the page. When they find Proverbs, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find chapter 3. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find verse 5 in chapter 3.

- Tape three concentric circles or squares to make a target on the floor.
- About two feet away from the target, tape a small start line.
- Instruct the kids to line up behind the start line.
- Give the first kid in line a beanbag.
- Invite the kids to take turns tossing the beanbag at the target.
- If a kid makes it anywhere within the target, direct the kid to lead the group to say the memory verse together.
- If a kid lands in the center, instruct them to point to you to say the verse.
- Pass the beanbag down the line so that each kid has a turn throwing the beanbag.
- Repeat as time and interest allow.

### WHAT YOU SAY:

"Trusting God is often one of the hardest things for us to do. I think one of the reasons is in our verse today in the part where it says, 'lean not on your own understanding.' Instead of trusting in God, we think we can do it all. We think we know it all or think we don't need to ask God for help. But God is God! God is almighty, all-powerful, and all-knowing! And God has a plan to make things right with the world. God sent Jesus to prove how much He loves us and to make a way for us to have a relationship with Him now and forever. **You can trust that God has a plan.**"

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an activity that creates space  
for personal processing  
and application



## PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite the kids to form a wide circle around you, about seven steps away.
- Tell kids to take one step forward into the circle each time you pause in your prayer.
- Ask them to repeat what you said as they take a step to show that they are praying along with you.

### WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, You are good. *(Pause as kids repeat.)*  
 "You are faithful. *(Pause.)*  
 "You are loving. *(Pause.)*  
 "You are kind. *(Pause.)*  
 "You always keep Your promises. *(Pause.)*  
 "Help us remember **you can trust that God has a plan.** *(Pause.)*  
 "We love You. Amen." *(Pause.)*

As adults arrive to pick up, invite kids to jump through a fiery hoop as they say, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart."

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