

LARGE GROUP Preschool STAGE

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

I can always trust God's plans.

> **NOAH'S ARK GENESIS 6–7**

MEMORY VERSE

"'For I know the plans I have for you,' says the Lord."

JEREMIAH 29:11, NLT

KEY QUESTION

Who has plans for you?

BOTTOM LINE

God has plans for me.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the Getting Ready pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

WEEK

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In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

SMALL GROUP

15 MIN SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive. A Moving Plan Big Animal, Little Animal Sorting Hammer Away!

LARGE GROUP



WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways "The Plans" and "No Matter What I Know" Bible Storv Prayer

SMALL GROUP



GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow. Memory Verse with Motions Big Boat Animal Moves Ark Relay Noah's Rocking Ark Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home Parent Cue Card (print or email) Parent Cue App



10 MINUTES

INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Golf club and golf ball

Host enters, carrying the golf club and golf ball.

HOST: "Hi, friends! It's me, [Host's name], and I'm SO excited! My cousin and I are going to play mini golf! Doesn't that sound like SO much fun?

"The only thing is, I've never really played mini golf before. All I know is that there's a club. (Hold up the club.) Cool, right? And I know there's a ball like this. (Hold up the ball.) See? But that's all I know. Do you hold the club like this?

Hold up the club from the putter end then pretend to line up to a tee.

"That doesn't seem right. (*Flip the club to hold the handle*.) Wait, this end looks like a handle so you probably hold it this way. But this putter is pretty heavy, and so is the ball. Do you think I swing it to hit the ball in the air like in baseball? NO WAY! I'm sure we'll figure it out when we get there. See you later, friends!"

The Host exits with the putter and golf ball.

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, music player, and provided sound effects (sawing, hammering, lion's roar, frog's ribbit, chicken's cluck, and rain); Optional Story Images

Storyteller enters, carrying the Bible.

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends. I'm [Storyteller's name], and I'm here to tell you a story straight from the Bible. Hold up the Bible for the children to see then lay it open on the table.

"Remember, if it's in the Bible, it's totally TRUE! Do you want to hear it? If so, say, 'Yes, please!'"

CHILDREN: "Yes, please!"

STORYTELLER: "Awesome. Well, today's true story from the Bible is about a man named Noah.

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"What was his name?"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Noah!"

STORYTELLER: "Great! Noah loved and trusted God, even when no one else did. Noah always tried to do what God said and followed God's plans. Everyone say, 'Good job, Noah.'"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Good job, Noah!"



STORYTELLER: "One day, God told Noah to build a REALLY big boat and fill it with his family and two of EVERY animal in the world. Wait, what? (*Pause.*) Do you think Noah had ever built a boat before? (*Pause.*) Do you think other people understood what Noah was doing? (*Pause.*) Probably not. Do you think Noah STILL chose to trust God? If you think Noah trusted God, say 'Oh, yeah!'"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Oh yeah!"

STORYTELLER: "You're right! Noah trusted God and got right to work following God's plans! Do you remember what God told Noah to do first? What was Noah supposed to build?"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "A boat!"

STORYTELLER: "That's right! And did God want Noah to build a big boat or a little boat? (*Pause.*) Yes, a BIG boat. Stretch out your arms and show me how big you think God wanted the boat to be. (*Pause.*) Whoa! That's really big! Okay, you can put your arms down now.

"And you're right. God wanted the boat to be REALLY big. Let's help Noah build the boat.

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"Everyone, get out your pretend saws. You use a saw to cut wood like this. (*Demonstrate, moving arms back and forth.*) Everyone, saw really fast with me on the count of three. Ready? One, two, three! Saw!

AUDIO: Sawing

Play sawing sound effect until Storyteller says, "Stop."

"And stop!

"Whew, that was hard work! Great job, little builders. Now we need to hammer the pieces together! Everyone, hammer really fast with me on the count of three. Ready? One, two, three! Hammer!

AUDIO: Hammering

Play hammering sound effect until Storyteller says, "Stop."

"And stop!

"Noah worked and worked to build the great BIG boat, just like God told him to. And finally, the boat was finished! Hooray! Great job, Noah. Everyone, clap for him. That was hard work. (*Clap with children*.)

"Now that the boat was finished, what did God tell Noah to put in the boat? Do you remember? Let's listen.

AUDIO: Lion's Roar



Play the lion's roar sound effect.

"Yes, God told Noah to fill the boat with animals.

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"What animals do you hear? (*Pause.*) Lions! Yes, Noah put lions in the boat. What other animals went into the boat? Let's listen some more.

AUDIO: Frog's Ribbit

Play the frog's ribbit sound effect.

"Oooh! What's that sound? (Pause.) Frogs! Yes, frogs went into the boat.

AUDIO: Chicken's Cluck

Play the chicken's cluck sound effect.

"What's that? A chicken! Yes, chickens went on the boat. Wow! So many animals—frogs, lions, chickens, snakes, flamingos—SO many animals! God sent two of every animal and put them in the boat with Noah and his family. Then God shut the door and it began to rain.

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"Can you help make it rain? Pat your legs like this. (Demonstrate.)

AUDIO: Rain

Play the rain sound effect.

"It rained and rained until the whole Earth was covered with water. And Noah kept trusting God's plans.

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"Good job! You can stop now.

Stop sound effect.

"God had plans for Noah, and Noah trusted God's plans. God has plans for us, too. We can always trust God's plans because God loves us and God's plans are always best. So, when I ask, 'Who has plans for you?', I want you to say, 'God has plans for me.' Who has plans for you?"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "God has plans for me!"

STORYTELLER: "Yes, God has plans for you! Let's bow our heads, close our eyes, and talk to God together."



PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You for Noah and how Noah trusted You. You had plans for Noah, and You have plans for us, too! Help us trust You. Thanks for loving us, God. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

"Friends, that was awesome! I'll see you next time. Bye!"

The Storyteller exits with the Bible.

OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

The Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: "God told Noah to build a really BIG boat. Noah didn't really know how to build a boat, but Noah knew he could always trust God's plans! God had plans for Noah, and **God has plans for me.** I can always trust God's plans because God's plans are always a hole-in-one. I think I got the story. Did you get it? If you did, say, 'Got it!' Get it?"

HOST AND CHILDREN: "Got it!"

HOST: "Good! Have fun in your small group today, friends. See you next time!"

Host waves to the children and exits.