



## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### BIBLE STORY

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**JOSEPH'S JOURNEY**  
**GENESIS 37; GENESIS 39-40**

### MEMORY VERSE

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**JEREMIAH 29:11, NLT**

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### BASIC TRUTH

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### 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.

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.*

Pack It Up  
Pop Beads  
Coats

### LARGE GROUP

20  
MIN

#### WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

#### STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"The Plans" and "No Matter What I Know"

Bible Story  
Prayer

### SMALL GROUP

25  
MIN

#### GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

*Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow.*

Move It Memory Verse  
Listen for Love  
Joseph's Crazy Journey  
Obstacle Challenge  
Cup and Ball Game  
Journal and Prayer

### HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

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



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## LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE CHILDREN'S HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE WORSHIP, BIBLE STORY, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

## WORSHIP

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Jeremiah 29:11, NLT. You need a music player and this month's worship song, "The Plans," which is included in your monthly files. The dance moves video for "The Plans" is available on OrangeKidsMusic.com or in your media package if you subscribe. You also need "No Matter What I Know," which is available on the Amazing album on Apple Music®, Spotify®, and OrangKidsMusic.com. The dance moves video for this song is available at OrangeKidsMusic.com.

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Hey, everyone! Are you ready to worship? Do you know WHY we sing and dance together? Because it's our chance to say, 'God, we love You.' Can you say that with me?"

**CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER:** "God, we love you!"

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Yes! And God loves us so much that God has plans for you and me. **Who has plans for you?**"

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**WORSHIP LEADER:** "That's right. Let's sing our song about God's good plans for us.

*Lead children in singing "The Plans," this month's worship song.*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "I know the plans God has for me are really, really good. The Bible teaches us "'For I know (point to head) the plans I have for you," (march) says (hands to mouth) the Lord,' (point up) Jeremiah 29:11. (Open hands like a book.)

*Lead the children to repeat the verse with the motions.*

"No matter where I go, no matter how I feel, I know that God loves me and that **God has plans for me.** Let's sing this together.

*Lead children in singing "No Matter What I Know."*

"Great job! One more time, **who has plans for you?**"



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## INTRO SKETCH

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Umbrella and raincoat

*Host enters, carrying the umbrella and raincoat, looking VERY sad.*

**HOST:** (sadly) "Hi, everybody. It's your sad, sad friend, [your name]. I was planning on playing mini golf with my friends soon, but I looked at the weather report and it looks like it's going to rain that day. (Tap chin as if thinking.) Hmm, how could I still play mini golf even in the rain? Oh, I know! I could use an umbrella while I play.

*Swing the umbrella like a golf club, handle end toward the floor.*

"Or I could put on ALL my rain gear and stay dry while I putt!

*Put on the raincoat.*

"OR I could try to run around and around and around SO fast that the rain can't catch me!

*Run around and around in your storytelling area. Then stop as if dizzy.*

"Whew. I think I took a few too many spins. I think I should go sit down. See you later."

*Host exits with umbrella.*

## BIBLE STORY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Two tables, 11 Little People® figures (male if possible), a few plastic sheep, a stackable cooling rack, and a box; *Optional Story Images*

**WHAT YOU DO:** Preset the two tables about two feet apart in the storytelling area. Place props in the box.

*Storyteller enters, carrying the box of props and a Bible.*

**STORYTELLER:** "Hello, friends!"

*Set the box on the floor next to the table on your right.*

"I'm SO excited to be with you today because I have a TRUE story to tell you, straight from the Bible.

*Hold up the Bible for the children to see then lay it open on the table.*

"Would you like to hear it? If so, give me a big thumbs-up. (Demonstrate.) All right, let's get started. Today's story is about a person named Joseph.

(Option: Display Story Image W3 01)

"What was his name?"



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**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER:** "Joseph!"

*Set one of the male figures on one side of one table.*

**STORYTELLER:** "Yes, Joseph! Joseph trusted God. And God had plans for him. Joseph also had a LOT of brothers. Count them with me.

*As you count, line up the other ten figures on the opposite side of the table from "Joseph."*

"One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten. WOW! TEN brothers. That's a LOT! Well, one day, Joseph's dad sent him to the field to check on his brothers who were taking care of their sheep.

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*Set the sheep in front of the brothers, then pick up Joseph and walk him on the table to his brothers.*

"They were mad because their dad had given Joseph a very special, very colorful coat. How would you feel if someone gave your brother a very special coat and not you? Show me the face you might make. (Pause.)

"That's kind of how Joseph's brothers felt. They were mad and jealous of this very special coat. They didn't like that their dad had given Joseph a special coat and they didn't get one. And they really didn't like how Joseph talked and talked about the dreams he had. So they put Joseph in a hole and took his coat.

*(Option: Display Story Image W3 03)*

*Pick up Joseph and make an arc with the figure as if he's falling. Then set it on the floor between the two tables to represent the hole.*

"How do you think Joseph felt? That was so hard. But Joseph trusted God's plan for him. Then the brothers sent Joseph far away to the land of Egypt to work.

*(Option: Display Story Image W3 04)*

*Pick up "Joseph" and move him to the far the center of the table opposite the brothers' table.*

"Joseph didn't know if he would ever see his family again. It was so hard! But Joseph trusted God's plans for him. Joseph was a good worker and did the right thing. He was such a good worker that he was given a bigger job!

"But then something bad happened. Everyone say, 'Oh, no!'"

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER:** "Oh, no!"

**STORYTELLER:** "People said Joseph did something bad that he didn't do. And he was put in jail.  
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*Set up the cooling rack on its side using the feet to hold it in front of Joseph as the "jail."*

"That was so hard. But do you think Joseph still trusted God? (Pause.) Yes! Everyone, cheer for Joseph. Say, 'YAY, Joseph!'"

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER:** "Yay, Joseph!"

**STORYTELLER:** "And guess what? God had MORE plans for Joseph. And God has plans for you, too! Tell me, **who has plans for you?**"

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

**STORYTELLER:** "That's the truth friends. Let's thank God for His plans for us. Let's bow our heads and close our eyes so we can focus on talking to God."

## PRAYER

**STORYTELLER:** "God, we love You. We love to hear about people who trusted You as Joseph did. We know that You have plans for us! Will you help us trust you? Thanks for making us and loving us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

"Friends, that was awesome. Make sure to come back next week to hear more about the plans God had for Joseph. See you then. Bye!"

*The Storyteller exits with the Bible.*

## OUTRO SKETCH

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Golf putter and golf ball

*The Host enters, smiling with the golf ball and putter.*

**HOST:** "Wow! Even when it was hard, Joseph trusted God's plans. We can trust God's plans, too, no matter what! I'm so glad that **God has plans for me!** I think I got the story. Did you get it? If you did, say, 'Got it!' Get it?"

**CHILDREN:** "Got it!"

**HOST:** "Good! Instead of staying sad about not getting to plan mini golf outside, I can still practice hitting the ball!"

*Put the ball on the floor and carefully putt the ball a couple of feet.*

"Looks like I need a little bit more practice! See you later, friends."

*Host exits with the putter while waving to the children.*