

LARGE GROUP Preschool STAGE

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

God has plans for me.

GOD'S PLAN FOR ME JEREMIAH 29:11

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

FIVE

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. Follow the Line Golf Course Building Story Review Sensory Bin

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

25 MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow. Memory Verse Plan Hole in One Following the Plan Hopscotch Review Visor Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

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



10 MINUTES

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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 OrangeKidsMusic.com. The dance moves video for this song is available at OrangeKidsMusic.com.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Can you believe it's already the LAST week of the month? It's been so much fun learning that God has plans for you and me. We can go where God leads because the plans God has for us are so, so good. Tell me, who has plans for you?"

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "God has plans for me."

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

WORSHIP LEADER: "Who has plans for you?"

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "God has plans for me."

WORSHIP LEADER: "That's right! **God has plans for me** and you! 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 say the verse with the motions.

"God has plans for us, and they are good! No matter what I know, no matter where I go, I can know that **God has plans for me** and God has plans for you. **Who has plans for you?**"

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "God has plans for me."

WORSHIP LEADER: "That's right! Let's sing 'No Matter What I Know' together.

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

"Thanks for worshiping with me today, friends!"



10 MINUTES

INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Building set pieces with instructions or paper; bag or bin; and marker

WHAT YOU DO: Write "INSTRUCTIONS" on the cover page of whatever paper you use. Put the instructions in the bin or bag with a few pieces of building material.

Host enters, carrying bag or bin.

HOST: "Hey, everyone! It's me, [your name]! My [niece/nephew/cousin] is coming over, and I thought it would be so fun to play our very own mini golf game together.

Show some pieces of the building set.

"I have some [blocks/logs] to build a little house, and I want to use the building as a mini golf hole. We will hit the ball through the door to get a hole in one. I can't WAIT to play together! But first, I have to build it.

Put the pieces back in the bag or bin and dig around for the instructions as you continue speaking.

"I found some instructions that will tell me how to build it. (*Pulls out instructions*.) Whoa! That's a LOT of instructions. But ALL these steps will show me how to build this totally awesome mini golf hole. (*Studying the instructions again*.) If I want this to work, I have to follow each and every step. After all, I wouldn't want something to come apart. I am going to go put this together. See you later, friends."

The Host gathers the props and exits.

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible; Optional Story Images

The storyteller enters, carrying a Bible.

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! We've had an awesome month looking at some TRUE stories from the Bible about God's plans!

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

"So far, we've learned about two people named Noah and Joseph. What were their names?"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Noah and Joseph!"

STORYTELLER: "You've got it! God had plans for them both.

(Option: Display Story Image W5 01)



"God planned for Noah to build a really BIG boat to save his family and the animals. AND God put a rainbow in the sky to remind us that God always keeps His promises. Noah trusted God's plans. Everyone say, 'Way to go, Noah!'"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Way to go, Noah!"

STORYTELLER: "And God had plans for Joseph, too.

(Option: Display Story Image W5 02)

"Joseph had to do many hard things. God used Joseph to save a LOT of people, even Joseph's family. Everyone say, 'Way to go, Joseph!'"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Way to go, Joseph!"

STORYTELLER: "Okay, so now I have a really, really important thing to tell you about God's plans. God knows the plans He has for YOU! That's right! God has plans for you. (*Point to the children.*) YOU!

"God LOVES you and has amazing, incredible, wonderful plans for you! That is so exciting. Everyone, say, 'God has plans for me' on the count of three. Ready? One, two, three."

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

STORYTELLER: "Now, look at your neighbor and say, 'God has plans for YOU' on the count of three. Ready? One, two, three."

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

STORYTELLER: "Yes, **God has plans for me** and you! Let's cheer for God because God has plans for us.

Lead children to cheer for a few seconds.

"So, how do we know God's plans?

(Option: Display Story Image W5 03)

"We can (fold hands in prayer in front of you) talk to God and ask him.

(Option: Display Story Image W5 04)

"We can (hold up the Bible) read the Bible. And we can (hold arms out wide to indicate the entire building) go to church and keep learning. How can we know God's plans? Say them with me.

Lead children in the following motions.

(Option: Display Story Image W5 03)

(Fold hands in prayer.) "We can talk to God. (Open hands like a book.)



(Option: Display Story Image W5 04)

"We can read the Bible. (Hold arms out wide.) We can go to church to keep learning.

"Great job, friends! I am SO excited because God has plans for YOU! Who has plans for you?"

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

STORYTELLER: "That's right! God has plans for you and **God has plans for me.** Let's pray."

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "God, we love You. You are a great big God with great plans for us! Help us to talk to You, read our Bibles, and come to church so we can learn Your plans for us. You are awesome. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

"Friends, you are amazing. I'll see you next time. Bye!"

The Storyteller exits with the Bible.

OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Assembled building on a flat piece of cardboard or tray

WHAT YOU DO: Assemble a second building set before Large Group to display on a tray or piece of cardboard.

The Host enters with the assembled building.

HOST: "I'm SO excited that **God has plans for me** and God has plans for you, too. That's SO cool! 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!

Hold up the building.

"Look! Following the plans worked! I can't WAIT to play mini golf with my [nephew/niece/cousin]. See you next time everybody! Bye-bye!"

Host exits with the building, waving to the children.