

PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION 15 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

BIBLE STORY

God keeps His promises.

GOD'S PROMISE GENESIS 8-9:17

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.



1. RAINBOW GOLF

WHAT YOU NEED: "Rainbow Golf" Activity Page; cardstock; scissors; clear packing tape; painter's tape; pool noodles; serrated knife; and ball pit balls

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Rainbow Golf" on

cardstock and cut out, five per activity. Tape the rainbow cutouts to chair legs, blocks, or other items around the room to create a mini golf course. Tape a line in front of each rainbow to indicate where to start. Cut pool noodles in half or thirds to make golf clubs, one per child.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the children to try to hit the balls under the rainbows around the room. Repeat as many times as desired.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how we'll hear about a rainbow in our story today. Save the pool noodle golf clubs for Week 4.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hello, friends! Grab a pool noodle and join me for a game of golf!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "There are several rainbows around the room. We're going to play rainbow golf! (Walk to the first rainbow.) Let's start at this rainbow. We'll go one at a time. [Child's name], put your ball at the tape line and putt it through the arch. (Pause.) Great job! Once you make it through, grab your ball and move to the next rainbow and do it again. (Pause.) Let's have [child's name] go next. (Continue with each child.) You are great at golf! Who's up for another round? (Repeat as many times as desired.) Bring your ball and pool noodle golf club and sit down with me."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "I love rainbows. They are cheerful and happy! There is a rainbow in our story today. I can't wait to hear about it."

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by leader carrying a rainbow and children following them.



PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME
CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



2. MAKING RAINBOWS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW] WHAT YOU NEED: "Rainbow Guide" Activity Pages, cardstock, and sheets of red, yellow, green, and blue dot stickers

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Rainbow Guide" on cardstock, one per child.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Place the sheets of dot stickers where all of the children can reach them. Give each child a "Rainbow Guide" page. Show the children how to make a rainbow on their page by putting the stickers on the matching dots.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how God made a rainbow in the sky as a reminder of His promise and God keeps His promises.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hi, friends! Come sit with me. We're going to make a rainbow!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible story today, God made something very special in the sky. Do you remember what God made? (*Pause.*) Yes! God made a rainbow! I have a rainbow to give you, but something is missing. Can you tell me what's missing? (*Pause.*) Yes! The colors are missing. There is one dot at the start of each color, and we'll make a rainbow with these stickers. If you see a red dot on your paper, put a red sticker on it. If you see a blue dot on your paper, put a blue sticker on it. If you see a green dot on your paper, what color sticker should you put on it? (*Pause.*) Yes, a green sticker!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Your rainbows look beautiful! God said that every time there is a rainbow in the sky, He will remember His promise to never cover the whole world with water again. God's promises are a part of His plans. And God has plans for you! **Who has plans for you? God has plans for me.**

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MADE TO THINK

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3. ANIMALS ON THE ARK [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY] WHAT YOU NEED: Butcher paper and a marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Lay a piece of butcher paper on the table. Write "Animals on the Ark" at the top of the

page in large block letters. Gather the children to stand around the table.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Read the title at the top of the butcher paper. Encourage the children to name different animals that may have been on the ark. Write each animal's name in block letters or draw a simple picture of that animal as they name them.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Name all of the animals and talk about how putting two of every animal on the ark what part of God's plan for Noah.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come around the table with me and let's talk about our Bible story."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "What did God tell Noah to bring on the ark? (Pause.) Yes, animals! Let's name some of the animals on the ark. (Pause.) I'll write or draw that on the page. (Write the name or draw the animal.) What's another animal? (Write or draw the animal.) Tell me another one. (Repeat as long as desired.) This is a great list! (Name all of the animals on the page.) Thanks, everyone!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "God had plans for Noah, and Noah followed God's plans! And guess what? God has plans for you, too! **Who has plans for you? God has plans for me.**



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MADE TO REFLECT

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4. JOURNAL AND PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclipped "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Jeremiah 29:11, journal and a fun-shaped, "Prayer Rainbow" Activity Page, and cardstock

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Prayer Rainbow" on

cardstock, one per activity.

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): "It's Small Group time! Today, we'll pretend we're animals when we go to our Small Group spot. Think about what animal you want to be, and follow me! (*Pretend to be an animal as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.*)

"We made it! Now you can be children again so we can sit down and talk about today's Bible story. One, two, three, sit down with me! (*Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children*.)

"In our Bible story today, we learned about a promise God made. After Noah, his family, and the animals got off of the big boat, God made a promise. God promised to never flood the whole world with water again. Then God made a beautiful rainbow in the sky. (Hold up "Prayer Rainbow" for the children to see.) God said that every time there is a rainbow in the sky, He will remember His promise. And God keeps His promises. (Lay "Prayer Rainbow" beside your Bible.)

"God had plans for Noah, and God has plans for you. That's why when I ask you, 'Who has plans for you?', I want you to say, 'God has plans for me.' Ready? Who has plans for you?"

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

SGL: "The Bible verse we're learning will help us remember that God has plans for us. It says . . . (*Turn the pages of your Bible to the Memory Verse Card.*) "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord,' Jeremiah 29:11. (*Close Bible and lay it down.*)

"Let's stand and say those words together with the motions. Just say what I say and do what I do." $\!\!$

CHILDREN AND SGL: "'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.)

(Repeat the verse with motions a few times.)



(4. JOURNAL AND PRAYER, CONTINUED)

SGL: "Wonderful! Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (Hold journal and funshaped pen.)

"Today, we're going to write down our favorite color in the rainbow. (Hold up "Rainbow" and point to your favorite color. (Use "Rainbow" for the children to point to their favorite color then write them in the journal.)

"My favorite color is [your favorite color]. When I say your name, you can point to your favorite color, and I will write it in our journal. We can use our list when we pray. Listen for your name! (Write down what each child says beside their names. Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

"I'm so glad God made the rainbow. And I'm even more glad that God keeps His promises. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, Thank You for making the beautiful rainbow. My favorite color is [your favorite color]. [Child's name] favorite color is [color], and [child's name] favorite color is [color]. (*Continue with each child*.) It's so awesome that every time we see a rainbow in the sky, we know that You remember Your promise. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."