

# May 13, 2018

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Joseph in Jail • *Genesis 39–40*

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**Bottom Line:** God has a plan for me.

**Basic Truth:** God made me.

**Here's an overview of what you'll be teaching in 2s this week.**

## **Social (9:00, 10:15, 11:30)**

### **9:00 & 11:30**

- Wherever You Go

### **10:15**

- Puzzled

## **Bible (9:10, 10:25, 11:40)**

- Bible History presentation in class

## **Groups (9:25, 10:40, 11:55)**

### **9:00 & 11:30**

- Stand
- We All Fall Down

### **10:15**

- Colorful Coats
- In Jail

## **Playground/Centers (9:40, 10:55, 12:10)**

- If the weather allows, travel to the playground for 10 minutes of playtime outside.

## **Snack (9:52, 11:07, 12:22)**

- Offer snack to the children, indoors

## **Dismiss (10:00, 11:15, 12:30)**

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## **Social (9:00, 10:15, 11:30)**

Let one teacher lead children in activities throughout the room while another teacher greets parents and kids at the door. At this age not all children will participate, but most will want to be part of the fun.

### **9:00 & 11:30**

#### **Wherever You Go**

**What You Need:** Car mat and cars

#### **What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Have the kids sit on the floor with you around the car mat.

*During the Activity:* Encourage children to drive their cars all over the mat. Talk about the places they go.

#### **What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* "Look at all the cars. Let's drive them around the town."

*During the Activity:* "Drive your cars on the street. What do you see? (*Pause.*) I see that too. Where are we going in our cars?" (*Continue with activity.*)

*After the Activity:* "I had so much fun driving to all those places with our cars. God has a plan for you wherever you go. Let's find out where Joseph goes next in our Bible Truth today!"

**Transition:** Move to Bible time pretending to drive a car as you walk to the Bible area.

**10:15****Puzzled****What You Need:** Puzzles**What You Do:***Before the Activity:* Have the kids sit with you at a table.*During the Activity:* Encourage kids to work on the puzzles.**What You Say:***Before the Activity:* "Look at all the neat puzzles! Puzzles are my favorite."*During the Activity:* "Let's take all the pieces of your puzzle out and then put it back together. *(Pause.)* Wow! You are doing a great job putting your puzzle together. Some puzzle pieces are hard to put in, but keep trying." *(Continue with activity.)**After the Activity:* "Sometimes we do hard things, but we can still trust God's plan. I wonder what God has planned for Joseph today."**Transition:** Move to Bible time by linking arms with a friend as you walk to the Bible area. Say, "I have a plan! Let's link arms while we walk to the Bible area."

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## **Bible (9:10, 10:25, 11:40)**

### **Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God**

*Engage kids' hearts through dynamic and interactive worship.*

**What You Need:** CD player and this month's worship song, "Plan for Me," which is included in your monthly files. The dance moves video of this song is available on the "Everybody Sing!" Dance Moves DVD.

**LEADER:** "Good morning, everyone. It's so great to see you here today! It's so much fun to dance and sing with you each and every week. Before we start singing, I have one question for you: **Who has a plan for you? [Bottom Line] God has a plan for me.** Yes, He does! Great job! Let's sing.

*Lead children in singing "Plan for Me."*

"Wow! You are doing great with this song. It's so fun to sing together with you! **Who has a plan for you? [Bottom Line] God has a plan for me.**"

### **Bible: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways**

*Engage kids' hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible Truth and prayer experience.*

**What You Need:** A Bible, "Joseph with Coat" (from Week 1) and "Joseph in Jail" Activity Pages, and painter's tape (from Week 1)

*(NOTE: The Activity Pages will be used all month.)*

**LEADER:** "It's Bible time! I want *(name each child if you can)* to come sit with me.

"This is the Bible. *(Hold up Bible.)* It has God's true stories in it. God gave us the Bible because He loves us. We love the Bible.

*(Give Bible a hug and lay it open in front of you.)*

"Today's Bible Truth is about a boy named Joseph.

*(Point to "Joseph with Coat" on the white board from Week 1.)*

"Joseph's older brothers got very mad because their daddy gave Joseph a colorful coat. Can you cross your arms like this and make a mad face?

*(Cross your arms and make a mad face.)*

"They got so mad they put Joseph in a hole and then sent him far, far away. That made Joseph sad. Can you make a sad face?

*(Make a sad face.)*

"Even though Joseph was taken far, far away, he trusted God had a plan for him.

"When Joseph got to his new home he was given a job. He worked hard at his job and was a friend to everyone he met. Can you make a happy face to the friend beside you?

*(Encourage the children to look at each other and smile.)*

"Good job! Everyone liked Joseph. But then something bad happened! Joseph was put in jail . . .

*(Pin "Joseph in Jail" beside "Joseph with Coat" on the white board.)*

". . . for something he didn't even do! This was sad. Can you make a sad face?

*(Make a sad face.)*

"Joseph didn't stay sad though. He trusted God had a plan for him, and he started being a good friend to everyone in the jail. Before long, Joseph was put in charge of everyone else in the jail. That's happy news! Can you make a happy face?

*(Make a happy face.)*

"We can trust God has a plan for us, just like Joseph did. God has a plan for you and God has a plan for you and you and . . .

*(Point to each child as you say "you.")*

"So when I ask you, '**Who has a plan for you?**' I want you to say **[Bottom Line] 'God has a plan for me!'** Ready? **Who has a plan for you?**"

**CHILDREN and LEADER: "God has a plan for me!"**

*(Clap and cheer together.)*

**LEADER:** “Yay! **[Bottom Line]** God has a plan for me!”

**LEADER:** “Now it’s time to close our eyes and put our hands in our lap so we can talk to God.”

**PRAYER**

**LEADER:** “Dear God, there will be times in our lives when bad things will happen that we won’t understand, just like with Joseph. I pray we will trust You have a plan for us during those times and keep being a good friend to everyone around us. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

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## **Groups (9:25, 10:40, 11:55)**

The following activities help make the Bottom Line stick. Encourage children to play on their own if they do not wish to take part in an activity.

### **9:00 & 11:30**

#### **1. Stand**

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

#### **What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Have the kids sit in front of you.

*During the Activity:* Say the memory verse and stand when you say stand. Repeat several times.

#### **What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* "I am going to say our new memory verse today. Every time we say the word 'stand,' I want you to stand."

*During the Activity:* "Ready? (*Pause.*) *The plans of the LORD (pause) stand (stand up) firm forever, Psalm 33:11. Great job! Sit back down.*" (*Repeat.*)

*After the Activity:* "What word did we stand up for? (*Pause.*) Stand! That's right. God has a plan for you and for me. God has a plan for everyone. **Who has a plan for you? [Bottom Line] God has a plan for me.**"

## 2. We All Fall Down

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

**What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Have children stand in a circle.

*During the Activity:* Holding hands, move the circle in one direction while singing "Ring Around the Rosie."

**What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* "Let's play a game! Grab hands and stand in a circle with me."

*During the Activity:* "Let's sing together as we walk in a circle. When it says to fall down, we'll fall down."

*After the Activity:* "Ring around the rosie, pocket full of posies. Ashes, ashes. We all fall down! (*Fall down.*) That was fun. Let's do it again! (*Repeat.*) We all fell down, but we can get back up! It's hard to get back up, isn't it? God is always with us even when something is hard. He always has a plan. **Who has a plan for you? [Bottom Line] God has a plan for me.**"

### 10:15

#### 1. Stand

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

**What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Have the kids sit in front of you.

*During the Activity:* Say the memory verse and stand when you say stand. Repeat several times.

**What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* "I am going to say our new memory verse today. Every time we say the word 'stand,' I want you to stand."

*During the Activity:* "Ready? (*Pause.*) *The plans of the LORD (pause) stand (stand up) firm forever, Psalm 33:11. Great job! Sit back down.*" (*Repeat.*)

*After the Activity:* "What word did we stand up for? (*Pause.*) *Stand! That's right. God has a plan for you and for me. God has a plan for everyone. Who has a plan for you? [Bottom Line] God has a plan for me.*"



## **2. In Jail**

**What You Need:** “Joseph’s in Jail” Activity Page, black pipe cleaners (2-3 per child), black tape, and scissors

### **What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Copy the Activity Page onto the cardstock. Cut pipe cleaners in half.

*During the Activity:* Give each child a “Joseph’s in Jail” Activity Page. Lay four to six pipe cleaners over the picture and secure the top and bottom with black tape.

### **What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* “We heard an amazing Truth about God’s plan for Joseph when he was in jail.”

*During the Activity:* (Give each child an Activity Page.) “Look at your paper. Who do you see on the page? (Pause.) That’s Joseph! But in our Bible Truth, we heard how Joseph was put in jail, so let’s add the bars. (Pause.) Now we’ll tape them down on the top and the bottom. (Pause.) Even though it was hard for Joseph to be in jail, he knew that God had a special plan for him.”

*After the Activity:* “You can use your picture to tell your family all about our Bible Truth and how God had a plan for Joseph. It was hard for Joseph to be in jail, but he knew that God had it all planned out. God has a plan for you and me too! **Who has a plan for you? [Bottom Line] God has a plan for me.**”

## **Playground/Centers (9:40, 10:55, 12:10)**

If the weather allows, use this time to travel outside for 10 minutes of playtime. Place your “We are on the Playground” sign on the door as you leave. This will allow parents who are late to find you.

## **Snack (9:52, 11:07, 12:22)**

## **Get Ready to Dismiss (10:00, 11:15, 12:30)**