BIBLE WORDS
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Joseph
GENESIS 37—45

BOTTOM LINE
God has a plan for you.

BASIC TRUTH
God loves me.

STORY TIME
Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That’s okay. They’re still listening and learning!

WHAT YOU NEED: Preschool Bible

LEADER: “Hello, friends. I’m so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today’s true story from the Bible (hold up the Bible) is about a guy named Joseph. The Bible teaches us that God had a plan for Joseph and God has a plan for you.

“Joseph had eleven brothers—that’s a lot of brothers! They got mad at Joseph because their dad gave him a special, colorful coat. They were SO mad that they stole the coat, threw Joseph in a big hole, then sent him far away from home where he was thrown in jail.

“Joseph got out of jail to help Pharaoh understand his dream. Pharaoh was so happy that he put Joseph in charge of giving hungry people food. Joseph’s brothers were hungry, so Joseph forgave his brothers and gave them food because that was another part of God’s plan.

“No matter how hard it was, Joseph knew that God loved him, that God was always with him, and that he could trust God’s plan. I want to follow God’s plan and you can, too. God’s plan is the BEST plan. God has a plan for you.”
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CRAFT TIME

Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That’s okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

WHAT YOU NEED: “Coat” Activity Page, cardstock, scissors, dot markers, and a pen

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy “Coat” on cardstock and cut out, one per child.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Retell the story. Encourage children to make their coat colorful with the dot markers.

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: “Today, we learned that God had a plan for Joseph and God has a plan for you, too.

“Joseph’s dad gave him a beautiful, color coat. Use the dot markers to make the coat on your paper like Joseph’s by adding lots of pretty colors. (Pause.) Wow! What colorful coats you made! These look like Joseph’s special coat. Joseph always trusted God’s plan. No matter how hard it was, Joseph knew that God loved him, that God was always with him, and that he could trust God’s plan.

“God’s plan is the BEST plan. I love how Joseph followed God’s plan. I want to follow God’s plan and you can, too. God has a plan for you.”
Sing the following words to the tune of “Mary Had a Little Lamb” as you rock or change the baby.

“God has a plan for you and me,
you and me, you and me.

“God has a plan for you and me;
just you wait and see.”

**WORDS FOR BABY**
“Baby, God loves you and has a great plan for you!”
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