September 5 & 6, 2020

**Today’s Bible Story:** God has a plan for me.
Joseph Gets a Coat and Goes to Egypt • Genesis 37; Jeremiah 1:5

**Memory Verse:** “For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD.” Jeremiah 29:11, NLT

**Key Question:** Who has a plan for you?

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

**Basic Truth:** God loves me.

**WORSHIP**
Engage kids’ hearts through worship.

**MEMORY VERSE**

**PARENT:** God has a plan for you, and it’s awesome. And **[Bottom Line]** God has a plan for me. We can always trust Him. Our memory verse from the Bible says . . .

“For I know (point to head) the plans I have for you,’ (march) says (hands to mouth like yelling) the LORD, (point up) Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT).” (Open your hands like a book.)

“Can you say it with me?”
Say the verse and do the motions together several times.

“For I know (point to head) the plans I have for you,’ (march) says (hands to mouth like yelling) the LORD, (point up) Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT).” (Open your hands like a book.)

PARENT: “That’s right! God has a plan for you, and [Bottom Line] God has a plan for me. Who has a plan for you?”

CHILDREN and PARENT: [Bottom Line] “God has a plan for me.”

STORY
What You Need: Bible

PARENT: “I LOVE to talk about the true stories in the Bible! And today’s true story is all about a plan. Did you know that God has a plan for you? It’s true!

“God has a plan for each one of us, and He had a plan for a guy named Joseph from the Bible.

“Now, Joseph had brothers. Raise your hand if you have a brother. Wow, you can put your hands down. Do you know how many brothers Joseph had? He had ELEVEN brothers. Raise your hand if you have eleven brothers. Yeah, I didn’t think so!”
“So, Joseph had how many brothers? *(Pause.)* Yes, eleven. Let’s count to eleven.

“One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven!”

“Whoa, that’s a LOT of brothers. One day, Joseph’s father gave him a special gift.

“It was a coat! A beautiful coat. When the brothers saw Joseph had a special coat and they didn’t, how do you think they felt?

“Do you think his brothers were happy about his coat? Show me your happy face. *(Demonstrate.*)

“Do you think his brothers felt mad? Show me your mad face. *(Demonstrate.*)

“What do you think they were? *(Pause to listen.*) Yes, they were mad that Joseph had a special coat and they didn’t. So, they took Joseph’s coat and threw him in a hole in the ground.”
“Whoa, that’s not good. That would definitely make me mad or sad or even scared. But you know what? Joseph knew that God loved him, and he knew that God was always with him so he could trust God’s plan.

“Just then, his brothers showed up and pulled Joseph out of the hole.

“Guess what happened? The brothers sent Joseph with some people going to Egypt. And they took him really, really far away.”
“Things were not going well for Joseph, but he knew that God loved him, and he knew that God was always with him. So, he could trust God’s plan.

“God loved Joseph and had a plan for him. In fact, there is a LOT more of Joseph’s story to tell. And God loves us and has a plan for you and me. God has a plan for ALL of us! That’s the truth. So, when I ask, ‘Who has a plan for you?’, you say, [Bottom Line] ‘God has a plan for me!’ Who has a plan for you?”

CHILDREN and PARENT: [Bottom Line] “God has a plan for me!”

PARENT: “Yes, it’s true! Let’s pray and thank God for the truth that [Bottom Line] God has a plan for me.”

PRAYER
“Heavenly Father, thank You for the plan you had for Joseph. Joseph trusted You, and we do, too! We know You have a plan for each of us. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”
"For I know the plans I have for you says the Lord."

Jeremiah 29:11
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*Genesis 37*