



WEEK  
**TWO**  
SEPTEMBER 2020

SMALL GROUP  
**2** YEAR-OLDS

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PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

## MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts



## 2. TOY TAPE

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Toys and masking or painter's tape

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Place the toys on a table or hard floor in the activity area. Use one long strip of the tape to tape each toy to the table or floor.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Challenge the children to peel the tape and free the toys. Continue the activity until each toy has been freed.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Allow the children to play with the toys. Sanitize the toys before sharing with the next group.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Oh, no! Our toys are taped to the table." (*Point.*)

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Please, help me free our toys by peeling the tape. (*Demonstrate.*) It will be a hard job, but then we can have our toys back!" (*Do activity.*)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Whew! That was a super hard job. You did so good, and now we can play with our toys again! (*Allow the children to play with the toys.*) Today, we'll hear a Bible story about how we can follow God's plan, even when it is hard!"

**TRANSITION:** Move to Worship and Story by chanting this month's Bottom Line as you walk to the story area.

## TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

I can trust God's plan, even when it's hard.

**JOSEPH IN JAIL**  
**GENESIS 39-40**

## MEMORY VERSE

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## 1. POM POM PAINT

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Pom Pom Heart" Activity Page, cardstock, clothespins, pom poms or cotton balls, small bowls, wet wipes, and washable paint

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Pom Pom Heart" on cardstock, one per child. Pour each color of paint into a separate bowl. Snap open each clothespin and place a pompom or cotton ball in and snap closed. Be sure that the majority of the pompom or cotton ball is hanging outside the clothespin. You will need one clothespin per child.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Give each child an Activity Page and a clothespin. Help the child dip the pom-pom or cotton ball into the paint while holding the clothespin. Encourage the child to dot paint the heart on the Activity Page.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Wipe messy fingers with the wet wipes.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Our memory verse tells us that God loves us and has a plan for us!"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** (*Point to Activity Page.*) "This heart has our memory verse inside (*point.*) We are going to use these really cool paint brushes (*hold up clothespins*) to paint our hearts so that we can take them home and share our memory verse with our families!" (*Do activity.*)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Way to go! Your hearts look awesome! Our memory verse tells us that God has a plan for us! Our memory verse comes from the Bible so we know it is TRUE! **Who has a plan for you? God has a plan for me!**"



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## MADE TO MOVE

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



## 3. DANCE

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Music player and this month's song, "Really Awesome Plan"

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Turn on the music.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Encourage the children to dance. Repeat as desired.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Let's dance!"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "When you hear the music, start dancing! We can celebrate that God has a plan for us!" (Do activity.)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Great job! It's a wonderful thing that God has a plan for us! God loves us SO much! **Who has a plan for you? God has a plan for me!**"

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**4. HOW THE STORY UNFOLDS**  
[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Good Friend" Activity Page, cardstock, heart stamp, smiley face stamp, red washable inkpad, yellow washable inkpad, and stickers

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Good Friend" onto cardstock, one per child. Fold each paper on the solid lines.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Start with the paper folded. Put stickers on the folded paper and review the story while unfolding each side one at a time to reveal the images. Encourage children to stamp smiley faces on the people on either sides because Joseph's friendship made them happy. Then, put a heart stamp on Joseph because he was a good friend and loved others.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Talk about how God has a plan for us, just like He had a plan for Joseph.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Today, we learned more about Joseph and God's plan for him."

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "We need to follow a plan for our craft today. Leave your paper folded and decorate it with the stickers. (Pause.) Great! When Joseph was in Egypt, he worked for a man named Potiphar. Joseph did whatever Potiphar told him to do, and Joseph trusted God's plan for him. One day, Joseph was still put in jail for something he didn't do! Joseph knew God loved him, and he knew God was always with him. So, even though things were hard, Joseph trusted God's plan.

"Open up this side of your paper. (Demonstrate.) While he was in jail, Joseph helped the other people in there. Stamp a smiley face on this guy. (Pause.) Open up the other side of your paper. (Demonstrate.) The guards saw Joseph doing such a good job, they even put him in charge! Stamp a smiley face on this guy. (Pause.) The guy in the middle is Joseph. Put a heart stamp on Joseph. (Pause.) Great job, friends!"

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Joseph trusted God's plan. Even when things didn't look very good for him. We can trust God, even when things are hard because God loves us, God's with us, and God's got a plan for us! **Who has a plan for you? God has a plan for me.**"

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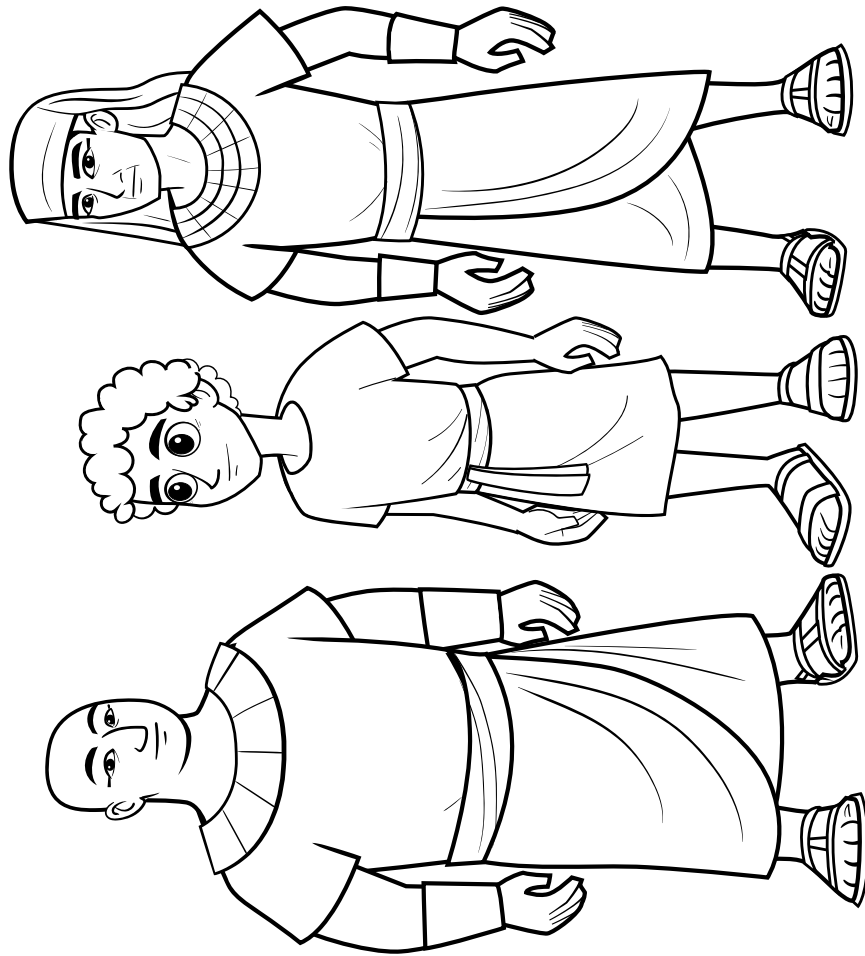
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