



Week 3

Day 1: God Sees What We Don't

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-19

Devotional:

Joseph was a good man. He loved God and tried to do what was right. He was excited to get married to Mary. But then something surprising happened—Mary was going to have a baby, and Joseph didn't understand why. He didn't know the baby was from God yet. Joseph probably felt confused, hurt, and unsure about what to do. Sometimes life surprises us too. Maybe a plan changes, something goes wrong, or we don't understand why something difficult is happening.

Just like Joseph, we may wonder, "Why is this happening?" But here is something wonderful to remember: God sees the whole picture when we only see a small part. We see just one moment at a time—like looking at one puzzle piece. But God sees how every piece fits together perfectly. Even when Joseph didn't understand, God was already working out something amazing. Even when we pray and ask God for something....we can trust that He will answer us in the way He sees is best. He sees what we can't.

Discussion:

1. Have you ever felt confused when things didn't go how you expected?
2. How does it help to know that God sees the whole plan?

Prayer:

Dear God, sometimes I don't understand why things happen. Help me to trust that You see everything and that You are always working everything out for good. Amen.



Welcome to Week 3 of our Holly Jolly Kitchen Devo!! This week we are learning about Joseph, Mary's soon-to-be husband, and Jesus' earthly father. Joseph wasn't quite sure how God would work everything out; but he trusted God's plan. We will learn this week that God has a plan...He had one for Joseph and has one for us too!

Day 2: God Sends Help & Answers

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:20

Devotional:

Joseph was thinking about what to do when something incredible happened. While he was sleeping, God sent an angel to him in a dream. The angel told Joseph the truth: the baby growing inside Mary was from the Holy Spirit, and this baby would change the world. God did not leave Joseph alone in his confusion. God spoke to him and helped him understand. God loves you the same way. He doesn't want you to feel lost or confused either. Today, God speaks to us in different ways: The Bible teaches us the truth.

Prayer helps us talk to God and hear His guidance. Parents, teachers, pastors, and trusted adults help us understand what is right and good.

We may not see a shining angel in our dreams, but God always knows how to reach our hearts and give us direction. It can be easy to want God to give us a map and show us exactly what to do and where to go. But following Him and knowing His plan for us is a daily thing. As we continue to get to know Him, He will lead & guide us.

Discussion:

1. Who in your life helps you understand God's ways?
2. When you are unsure, do you ask God for help?

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for never leaving me alone. Thank You for giving me people who help me understand Your plan. Help me to listen to You every day. Amen.

Day 3: God's Plan Has a Purpose

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:21-23

Devotional:

The angel told Joseph something very important: this baby would be named Jesus, and He would save people from their sins. Jesus wasn't just any baby—He was God's Son, and He came to rescue the world!

This shows us something important about God's plans: God's plans are full of purpose. They are not random or accidental. They are loving and powerful. Joseph and Mary didn't just become parents—they became part of God's greatest rescue plan. Even the hard and confusing parts of their journey were important.

Sometimes God's plans for us may feel strange or difficult too. But we can trust that God's plans always lead to good, because He loves us more than anyone else. Often times it is the hard things in life that grow us the most. Going through hard things can also allow us to get closer with God. We can know that God's plans always have purpose.

Discussion:

1. Can you remember a time when something seemed hard but later you realized something good came from it?
2. How does it feel to know that God has a special purpose for your life too?

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You that Your plans always have a loving purpose. Help me remember that even when things seem hard, You are doing something good. Amen.

Day 4: We Can Trust God's Plan



Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:24

Devotional:

When Joseph woke up from the dream, he had a big choice to make. He could follow his own plan, or he could trust God's plan. Even though it may have been difficult and different than he expected, Joseph chose to obey God. Joseph trusted that God's plan was better than his own. Sometimes, trusting God means: Doing something that feels hard, being patient, or choosing to do the right thing, even when it's not easy. But when we follow God's plan, we walk in the best and safest place we could ever be—right in His love and care. Because Joseph chose to trust God, he became part of the greatest story ever told. And you can be part of God's story too!

Activity:

Supplies: Paper circles (or any shape), markers or crayons & hole punch & yarn (optional if making hanging ornaments)

1. Give each child a paper circle.
2. Write JESUS in big letters in the middle.
3. Around the outside, write or draw words that describe Jesus, such as: Savior, Friend, King, Helper, or Emmanuel (God with us).
4. If desired, punch a hole and add yarn to hang it.

Prayer:

Dear God, help me trust You like Joseph did. I want to follow Your plan, even when I don't understand everything. Thank You for loving me and guiding me always. Amen.



Memory Verse

**"Thanks be to God for His gift that is too wonderful for words."
2 Corinthians 9:15 (NCV)**

