



Preschool Leader Guide

August 3– 2s & 3s

Monthly Theme: God Has a Plan for Me

Today's "Big Deal" Theme Tie: I Can Look Around

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Craft/Game:

Preschoolers will draw pictures as they do an art activity together.

Big Goal: Remove barriers to belonging.

Leader Prep: Cut a piece of butcher paper for each group.

Supplies:

Crayons (several) 1 per person

Butcher paper 1 per group

Scissors (adult use only) 1 per group

Timer 1 per group

Script: I am so excited you are here. Today we are going to make a craft where we will all draw on a big banner together. Each friend has a different color crayon. I am going to give you a little time to draw something on the banner. I will set a timer to let you know how long you have to draw. Once the timer goes off, pass the crayon you used to the friend next to you, and you will get a new crayon from another friend. When you get your new color crayon you can keep drawing what you were drawing when the timer went off or draw something new. We will see what fun surprises land on our banner as we share this activity.

Wow! This banner looks so good! You are all so creative with your ideas. I am so excited you are here today and that we get to learn about God together.

Activity:

Preschoolers will sit in a circle and share their favorite things with friends.

Big Goal: Celebrate every child.

Script: Hello, friends! We all have things that we really like. Let's sit in a circle and one at a time, we will share some of our favorite things. As more friends come in, we can all scoot back and make room for them to join us. First, I will ask, "What is a food you like?" I want each of you to think about your answer for a few seconds. Then let's go around the circle and share foods we like.

Yippee! We had such a fun time sharing all the things we like. One of the things I like most is getting to know all of you. I am excited we get to all be together today and learn more about God.

Countdown Video:

Play Countdown Video

Welcome Video:

Play Welcome Video

Music Video:

Script: Let's sing a new Theme song today. When we sing at church, we are celebrating God. Let's sing and celebrate together.

Play Theme Song Video.

Super Clue & Bible Story Video:

Supplies:

Super Box 1 per group

"Super Clue: Lamp" printable 1 per group

Lamp (optional) 1 per group

Bible 1 per group

Big Deal Motions:

Yippee! *(Bring closed fists to shoulders. Push them up into the sky and open hands.)*

God Has a Plan for Me! *(Cross arms in front of body, making a small circle with palms up.)*

Script: Friends, we are going to have so much fun today! Let's all learn our Big Deal together. A Big Deal teaches us something important about God. Today's Big Deal is, "Yippee! God Has a Plan for Me!" Let's say our Big Deal together. I'll say it first, and you say it after me. Ready? Yippee! *(Yippee!)* God Has a Plan for Me! *(God Has a Plan for Me!)* Great job! A *plan* is when you have something prepared ahead of time. God has a special plan for each of us. We can look around and pay attention to the special people and places God has us and know that His plan for us is super!

Wait a minute. Did you hear that sound? That sound is our Super Box! Inside the Super Box is a Super Clue that connects to our Big Deal, "Yippee! God Has a Plan for Me!" I can't wait to see what our Super Clue might be. Let's open the Super Box and see what our Super Clue is!

(Open the Super Box and pull out the physical Super Clue or Super Clue printable.)

Amazing! Our Super Clue is a lamp! At night, when it is dark, you can turn a lamp on for light. I wonder how a lamp connects with our Big Deal, “Yippee! God Has a Plan for Me!” You know what? The Super Crew in the Clubhouse can help us understand how our Big Deal and our Super Clue connect. Let’s send this Super Clue to them now.

(Place the Super Clue back in the Super Box.)

We can count down and press the “Go” button to send the Super Clue to the Super Crew. When I say, “Go,” I’ll press the button on this Super Box. You can pretend to press the button by pressing one hand on top of the other, like this! *(Hold one palm faceup and press the other palm to it facedown, like pressing a button.)*

Ready? 3-2-1 Go! *(Host presses the Super Box button. Start the Bible Story Video.)*

Play Bible Story Video.

Script: *(To screen)* Awesome job, Super Crew! Thank you for your help.

(To preschoolers) In today’s Bible story we learned that even when confusing things were happening in Joseph’s life, God had a plan for him and was with him. His brothers put Joseph in a pit and sold him to traders passing by, and then he was sold into slavery. When everything seemed to be going wrong in Joseph’s life, he could look around and remember that God was with him. God had a plan, even though Joseph could only see a little part. We can trust that God has a plan for us too. He is working all around us, even if we may not see it right away.

Our Super Clue today is a lamp. A lamp can help us see in a dark room. We can trust that God has a plan for us, even if we can’t see everything clearly.

Let’s say, “**I can look around,**” together. Ready? “**I can look around.**” Great job! We can trust God and know that He has a plan for us. Even if we can’t see all of God’s plan right away, we can look around and see what God is doing right around us. Let’s say our Big Deal together. I’ll say it first, and you say it after me. Yippee! *(Yippee!)* God Has a Plan for Me! *(God Has a Plan for Me!)* Great job!

Let’s talk and listen to God by praying and thanking Him for taking care of us and having a plan for us.

God, we are thankful that we can look around and see that You have a plan for us, even if we may not see it right away. Help us trust You and remember that You are in control of everything. We love You! Amen.

Theme Verse Video:

Theme Verse Motions:

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created in Christ Jesus *(Clasp hands together in front of body.)*

for good works. *(Present hands out with palms open.)*

Ephesians 2:10a *(Hold hands out like a book.)*

Script: We can know that God has a plan for us by looking in the Bible. Let's watch a video to learn our Theme verse.

Play Theme Verse Video.

Script: Our Theme verse is from the book of Ephesians which is in the New Testament of the Bible. Our Theme verse says that "we are created for good works," and that means we were made by God, and He has a plan for us.

Activity Page:

Big Goal: Provide an opportunity for connection.

Leader Prep: Print copies of the Activity Page for each child. Set out supplies.

Supplies:

Activity Page 1 per person

Markers or crayons (several) 1 per group

Script: This activity page helps us remember some big things we've learned today. As you color and work on activities, talk to a friend about some of your favorite parts of our time together.

Room Refresh & Clean Up:

Script: Okay friends, it is time for us to clean up! Let's walk around the room and find objects and toys that are out of place. We need to see where they belong and put them back! Look at

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Pick Up Time

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August 10– 2s & 3s

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Craft/Game:

Preschoolers will draw things they like on a banner that is taped under a table.

Big Goal: Find something in common.

Leader Prep: Tape a piece of butcher paper to the underside of a short table so preschoolers can lay under the table with crayons and draw. If you do not have tables, you can have preschoolers lay on the floor and draw. When finished, leaders can hold the butcher paper upside down so preschoolers can lay under it and look out at their artwork.

Supplies:

Butcher paper 1 per group

Crayons (several) 1 per group

Scissors (adult use only) 1 per group

Painter's tape 1 per group

Script: Hello, friends! We are going to make a fun craft together. We will lay under the table and draw things we really like on the banner that is on the bottom of the table. We will draw things like foods we like, toys we like, pets we like, shapes we like, and colors we like. While we draw, we are going to see if we have anything in common. That means we will see if we draw some of the same things and like some of the same things as our friends. Are you ready to draw? Let's get started.

It was so much fun drawing things we liked together. As we looked out at our artwork, we could see all of the things that we like. Some of us like the same things, which means we have some things in common. It looks like we may have a few more things in common than we thought! Great job working together, friends!

Activity:

Preschoolers will jump in and out of hula hoops as they say their names and the names of their friends.

Big Goal: Learn a new name.

Leader Prep: Place hula hoops around the room, clear the area of any tripping hazards.

Supplies:

Hula hoops (several) 1 per group

Script: Hi, everyone! I am so glad you are here today! Let's do a fun activity to help us learn everyone's name. We will form groups of four friends and stand around the hula hoops on the floor. How many friends? *(Four!)* *(Form groups and assign hula hoops.)* Great! One friend will jump into the hula hoop and say, "My name is _____," and then hop out of the hula hoop. The second friend will jump in the hoop and say, "His/her name is _____ *(the first friend who jumped into the hula hoop)*, and my name is _____." Then he will hop out of the hoop. The third friend will jump in the hoop and say, "His/her name is _____ *(the first friend who jumped into the hula hoop)*, his/her name is _____ *(the second friend who jumped into the hula hoop)*, and my name is _____." Then she will hop out. We will keep going until everyone has a turn.

That was so fun! Did you like jumping in and out of the hula hoops? That was a fun way to learn our friends' names, wasn't it? It is important to learn the names of our friends because when we do, we help them know they are important and that we are excited they are here. Let's keep having fun learning more about each other today!

Countdown Video:

Play Countdown Video

Welcome Video:

Play Welcome Video

Music Video:

Script: *(Invite preschoolers to count down with you and the video.)* 5-4-3-2-1! Hello, friends! I am so excited to be with you today. My name is ____, and we have so many fun activities to discover and explore together. If you can hear me, say, “Yippee!” *(Yippee!)* If you can see me, wave your hands in the air like this. *(Wave your hands in the air. Encourage preschoolers to wave their hands in the air.)* Now take your hands and pretend they are binoculars. Look out of your binoculars at me and say, “It’s time to start!” *(It’s time to start!)* Great job, friends!

Let’s sing our Theme song together and learn about how God has a plan for us.

Play Theme Song Video.

Super Clue & Bible Story Video:

Supplies:

Super Box 1 per group

“Super Clue: Warning Sign” printable 1 per group

Warning Sign (optional) 1 per group

Bible 1 per group

Big Deal Motions:

Yippee! *(Bring closed fists to shoulders. Push them up into the sky and open hands.)*

God Has a Plan for Me! *(Cross arms in front of body, making a small circle with palms up.)*

Script: I am so excited about today. When I get excited, I sometimes say, “Yippee!” What do you say when you get excited? *(Allow responses.)* Great! Let’s all say, “Yippee!” Ready? “Yippee!” Good job! That reminds me of our Big Deal. A Big Deal is a truth we learn each week that helps us know more about God. Today’s Big Deal is, “Yippee! God Has a Plan for Me!” Let’s say that together. I’ll say it first, and you can say it after me. *(Use motions above as you say the Big Deal.)* Yippee! *(Yippee!)* God Has a Plan for Me! *(God Has a Plan for Me!)* Great job! Our Big Deal talks about having a plan. A *plan* is when you have something prepared ahead of time. God has a special plan for each of us. Isn’t that super?

Did you hear that? That's the sound of the Super Box! In the Super Box there is a Super Clue. Today's Super Clue will connect to our Big Deal, "Yippee! God Has a Plan for Me!" Let's see what's inside.

(Open the Super Box and pull out the physical Super Clue or Super Clue printable.)

Wow! It looks like some sort of sign. I think it's a warning sign. A warning sign helps us look out for danger or things that could hurt us. I wonder how a warning sign connects to our Big Deal, "Yippee! God Has a Plan for Me!" Oh, I know! We can send this Super Clue to our friends, the Super Crew, in the Clubhouse. They will know how to help.

(Place the Super Clue back in the Super Box.)

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Ready? 3-2-1 Go! *(Host presses the Super Box button. Start the Bible Story Video.)*

Play Bible Story Video.

Script: *(To screen)* That is awesome! Thank you, Super Crew!

(To preschoolers) In today's Bible story, Joseph had to look out. He had a choice to disobey God or obey God, and Joseph chose to obey and follow God, even though it meant he went to prison for something he did not do. While in prison, God showed kindness to Joseph. Even though it seemed like everything was going wrong in Joseph's life, Joseph made the right choice to obey God and trust His plan.

Our Super Clue is a warning sign. A warning sign helps us look out when we could get hurt. When we see a warning sign, we have to make a choice to keep going or to stop and obey. In our lives, we all have choices too. As we learn to obey God, we can be on guard and look out so we can notice when we have a chance to make a right choice that honors God or a wrong choice that disobeys God. Let's say, "**I can look out,**" together. Ready? "**I can look out.**" Great job! Now let's say our Big Deal together. I will say it first, and you say it after me. Ready? Yippee! *(Yippee!)* God Has a Plan for Me! *(God Has a Plan for Me!)* Great job!

Let's pray and thank God for His perfect plan. When we talk and listen to God, this is called *prayer*.

God, You are good. Thank You for Your love and for helping us obey You and trust Your plan. Amen.

Theme Verse Video:

Theme Verse Motions:

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created in Christ Jesus (*Clasp hands together in front of body.*)

for good works. (*Present hands out with palms open.*)

Ephesians 2:10a (*Hold hands out like a book.*)

Script: God has a plan for me and you. We know this is true because it says it in the Bible. Let's watch a video to learn our Theme verse from the Bible.

Play Theme Verse Video.

Script: *Workmanship* is a big word, but it just means that we are made by God. God made us and has good plans for us, right now! We can do things like tell our friends about Jesus, help other people, and grow in our faith. God made each one of us, and He has a plan for our lives.

Activity Page:

Big Goal: Provide an opportunity for connection.

Leader Prep: Print copies of the Activity Page for each child. Set out supplies.

Supplies:

Activity Page 1 per person

Markers or crayons (several) 1 per group

Script: This activity page helps us remember some big things we've learned today. As you color and work on activities, talk to a friend about some of your favorite parts of our time together.

God has a plan for me and you. As we learn to obey God and make the right choice, we can remember that God has a plan for us, and He loves us.

Room Refresh & Clean Up:

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Craft/Game:

Preschoolers will trace their hands on a piece of paper and celebrate their friends with stickers.

Big Goal: Celebrate every child.

Supplies:

Copy paper 1 per person

Crayons (several) 1 per group

Stickers (several) 1 per group

Craft Instructions:

1. Give each preschooler a sheet of copy paper and a crayon.
2. Invite preschoolers to trace one of their hands on the paper and write their names in the middle of their traced hands. Assist as needed with tracing, drawing, and writing names.
3. Lay papers out around the room. Consider placing them on tables if available.

4. Distribute stickers. Encourage preschoolers to place a sticker on each friend's paper.

Script: Welcome! I am so glad you are here. My name is _____, and today we get to celebrate each person being here! Everyone will get a piece of paper and one crayon. I want you to trace your hand on your paper like this. (*Demonstrate tracing your hand.*) Leaders can help you trace your hands if you need it. Then I want you to write your name or draw a picture in the middle of your traced hand. We will help you do that too! Once everyone has traced their hands, we will lay our papers out around the room. Each of you will get stickers to put on friends' papers to celebrate that they are here today. You can put one sticker on each friend's paper.

Yippee! It is fun to celebrate each of you. You are uniquely created by God, and I am so glad you are here. Today we will talk about how God has a plan for our lives and what that means.

Activity:

Preschoolers will work together to create shapes and figures out of play dough.

Big Goal: Share with friends.

Leader Prep: Print and post the "Allergy Alert" printable.

Supplies:

Play dough 1 per person

Play dough tools (several) 1 per group

"Allergy Alert" printable 1 per group

Script: Hi, friends! I am so glad to see you here today. Let's make something fun using play dough. You can make anything you would like. We have play dough tools to help you make awesome creations. Do you think you can work together to share the play dough tools? (*Allow responses.*) Great! Let's create and share together.

You did such a great job sharing with friends and working together. You are all important to God. Today we are going to learn more about God and how He has a plan for our lives.

Countdown Video:

Play Countdown Video

Welcome Video:

Play Welcome Video

Music Video:

Script: *(Invite preschoolers to count down with you and the video.)* 5-4-3-2-1! Yippee! My name is _____, and I am so excited about our time together. We are going to sing, play, have fun, and learn more about God. Let's all stand up. Find five friends and gently give them a fist bump. Greet them by saying, "I am so glad you are here today!" *(Allow preschoolers time to greet each other.)* Great job, friends!

It's time to sing our Theme Song together about how God has a plan for us. If you are ready, say "I'm ready!" *(I'm ready!)* Great job! Let's sing!

Play Theme Song Video.

Super Clue & Bible Story Video:

Supplies:

Super Box 1 per group

"Super Clue: Telescope" printable 1 per group

Telescope (optional) 1 per group

Bible 1 per group

Big Deal Motions:

Yippee! *(Bring closed fists to shoulders. Push them up into the sky and open hands.)*

God Has a Plan for Me! *(Cross arms in front of body, making a small circle with palms up.)*

Script: We have a fun time planned today. A *plan* is when you have something prepared ahead of time. This reminds me of our Big Deal. Today our Big Deal is, "Yippee! God Has a Plan for Me!" A Big Deal helps us learn more about God. Let's say our Big Deal together. I'll say it first, and you can say it after me. Yippee! *(Yippee!)* God Has a Plan for Me! *(God Has a Plan for Me!)* Nice job! Today we are learning that we can look up and know God has a plan for us! Let's say, "I can look up," together. Ready? "I can look up." Super job!

Did you hear that? That is the sound of the Super Box! Each week we get a new Super Clue in our Super Box. The Super Clue helps us connect our Bible story and Big Deal together. Remember, today's Big Deal is, "Yippee! God Has a Plan for Me!" Let's see what is inside.

(Open the Super Box and pull out the physical Super Clue or Super Clue printable.)

Script: What is this? *(If you have a physical Super Clue, take a look around the outside of the telescope, but do not look into the eyepiece.)* Wait a minute. I think I know what this is. It's a telescope. A telescope helps you see things that are far away like stars. *(If you have a physical telescope, look inside.)* Oh wow! It makes everything look super close up. I think we need some help. I wonder how this telescope connects to our Big Deal, "Yippee! God Has a Plan for Me!" Let's send this Super Clue to the Super Crew at the Clubhouse to help us out. They will know what to do.

(Place the Super Clue back in the Super Box.)

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Theme Verse Video:

Theme Verse Motions:

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Play Theme Verse Video.

Script: As we read God's Book, the Bible, we learn that we are "created in Christ Jesus." That means God made us to have a friendship with Him. When we love God, our actions can show others more about God, like when we are kind to someone or help them pick up their toys.

Activity Page:

Big Goal: Provide an opportunity for connection.

Leader Prep: Print copies of the Activity Page for each child. Set out supplies.

Supplies:

Activity Page 1 per person

Markers or crayons (several) 1 per group

Script: This activity page helps us remember some big things we've learned today. As you color and work on activities, talk to a friend about some of your favorite parts of our time together.

God has a plan for you. We can trust God as we look up to Him.

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Craft/Game:

Preschoolers will play a version of “Duck, Duck, Goose” using “Friend, Friend, Friend,” instead.

Big Goal: Learn a new name.

Script: We have so many friends here today! How exciting! Let’s sit in a circle, and each friend will say their first name. Once we learn everyone’s name, I will walk around the circle saying, “Friend, friend, friend,” and tapping each person’s head. Then I will say the name of a friend and tap her head. If I say your name and tap your head, you will chase me around the circle. If you tag me before I get back to the spot you were in, then I have to try again. If I make it to the spot and never get tagged, then you will walk around saying, “Friend, friend, friend.”

It was so fun to meet all of our friends and learn their names. When we learn and use our friends’ names, it helps us get to know each other better. Today we will also get to know God better as we sing, play games, and learn more about Him.

Activity:

Preschoolers will work together to find hidden summer-themed objects.

Big Goal: Be a part of the team.

Leader Prep: Hide summer objects around the room. Consider objects such as a beach ball, towel, pool float, shovel and pail, dive toys, sunglasses, and sun hat.

Supplies:

Summer-themed objects (several) (See Leader Prep for ideas.) 1 per group

Script: Summer is a fun time to play outside, go to the beach, and hang out with family and friends. I have an idea! Let’s play a game called “Summer Treasure Hunt.” I will hide a summer item in the room, and then we will all work together to find it. After we find the summer item, we will work together to look for a new hidden object.

Yippee! You all did a wonderful job working together to complete the task. Today let’s work together as we listen to directions, make good choices, and have fun.

Countdown Video:

Play Countdown Video

Welcome Video:

Play Welcome Video

Music Video:

Script: *(Invite preschoolers to count down with you and the video.)* 5-4-3-2-1! Welcome, friends! My name is _____, and I am so excited to hang out with you for a little while as we spend time together and learn more about God. Before we begin, I need everyone to stand up. Let's do some exercises to get ready. Let's stretch and lean to the left. *(Demonstrate.)* Now let's stretch and lean to the right. *(Demonstrate.)* Now let's do five jumping jacks. *(Demonstrate.)* And finally, let's reach down and touch our toes. *(Demonstrate.)* Yippee! Great job! It looks like everyone is warmed up and ready for Large Group!

I just love singing praises to God. We are ready to sing our Theme song and celebrate God together. Yippee! Let's sing!

Play Theme Song Video.

Super Clue & Bible Story Video:

Supplies:

Super Box 1 per group
"Super Clue: Lookback Mirror" printable 1 per group
Handheld lookback mirror (optional) 1 per group
Bible 1 per group

Big Deal Motions:

Yippee! *(Bring closed fists to shoulders. Push them up into the sky and open hands.)*
God Has a Plan for Me! *(Cross arms in front of body, making a small circle with palms up.)*

Script: Let's try something together. First, let's stand up, turn and look behind you. Ready? *(Encourage preschoolers to stand and look behind them.)* Great job! Today we are learning about how we can look back. **I can look back.** Let's say that together. Ready? **"I can look back."**

Good job! We just said, “**I can look back,**” and turned our bodies and looked behind us. As we talk about looking back today, we mean that we think back and remember all of the ways God has helped us in the past. Now, let’s say our Big Deal together. Our Big Deal tells us something important about God. Today’s Big Deal is, “Yippee! God Has a Plan for Me!” Let’s practice saying our Big Deal together. I’ll say it first, and you can say it after me. *(Use motions above as you say the Big Deal.)* Yippee! *(Yippee!)* God Has a Plan for Me! *(God Has a Plan for Me!)* Great! Our Big Deal talks about a plan. A *plan* is when you have something prepared ahead of time. We can look back and see that God has a plan for you and me! Isn’t that super?

Did you hear that? That sound means we have a Super Clue in our Super Box. The Super Clue will help us understand our Big Deal, “Yippee! God Has a Plan for Me!” even better. I am super excited. Are you? If you are excited to see what our Super Clue is, give me two thumbs-up. *(Allow responses.)* Good job! Now let’s open up our Super Box and see what is inside.

(Open the Super Box and pull out the physical Super Clue or Super Clue printable.)

What is this? *(Allow responses.)* This is called a lookback mirror. When you hold it up in front of you, you can look back and see what is behind you. I wonder what a lookback mirror has to do with today’s Big Deal, “Yippee! God Has a Plan for Me!” You know what? We need the Super Crew to help us figure this out. Do you think the Super Crew, our friends in the Clubhouse, would help us out? *(Allow responses.)* Let’s send it to them now.

(Place the Super Clue back in the Super Box.)

We can count down and press the “Go” button to send the Super Clue to the Super Crew. When I say, “Go,” I’ll press the button on this Super Box. You can pretend to press the button by pressing one hand on top of the other, like this! *(Hold one palm faceup and press the other palm to it facedown, like pressing a button.)*

Ready? 3-2-1 Go! *(Host presses the Super Box button. Start the Bible Story Video.)*

Play Bible Story Video.

Script: *(To screen)* Amazing, Super Crew! Thank you so much for your help.

(To preschoolers) In our Bible story we learned that we can look back and remember that God has a plan for us. When Joseph saw his family again and helped them, he could look back and see how God had a plan for his life. As we talk about looking back in our Bible story, we mean

that we think back and remember all of the ways God has helped us in the past. In our lives, we can look back and see that God has a plan for us too.

Our Super Clue is a lookback mirror. A lookback mirror can help us see things that are behind us. When we look back and remember all the things God has done for us, we can trust God with what comes next in our lives. Let's say our Big Deal together. Ready? I'll say it first, and you say it after me. Yippee! (*Yippee!*) God Has a Plan for Me! (*God Has a Plan for Me!*) Great job!

Let's talk and listen to God as we pray and thank Him for His plan for our lives.

God, thank You for Your plan for our lives. We know You have worked in our lives in the past. As we remember and think about all You have done for us, help us trust and know You will help us in the future too. Amen.

Theme Verse Video:

Theme Verse Motions:

We are his workmanship, (*Make both hands into fists. Pound one fist on top of the other, and then switch and hit the other fist.*)

created in Christ Jesus (*Clasp hands together in front of body.*)

for good works. (*Present hands out with palms open.*)

Ephesians 2:10a (*Hold hands out like a book.*)

Script: The Bible is God's true Word. Did you know the Bible talks about how God has a plan for our lives? It's true. Let's watch a video to learn our Theme verse.

Play Theme Verse Video.

Script: Great job, friends. You can have a seat. Our Theme verse tells us that we are God's workmanship. *Workmanship* means that we were made by God for good works. *Good works* mean that God has a plan for us to follow Him and trust Him. That means that God made us and has a special plan for us!

Activity Page:

Big Goal: Provide an opportunity for connection.

Leader Prep: Print copies of the Activity Page for each child. Set out supplies.

Supplies:

Activity Page 1 per person

Markers or crayons (several) 1 per group

Script: This activity page helps us remember some big things we've learned today. As you color and work on activities, talk to a friend about some of your favorite parts of our time together. In our Bible story, Joseph was able to help his family have the food they needed when they came to Egypt. When Joseph saw his family again and helped them, he could look back and see how God had a plan for his life. God used Joseph to help the people of Egypt store their extra food. When the time came that food could not grow, they had enough food stored for all of the people in Egypt and more. God's plan saved the lives of many people. God has a plan for your life too.

Room Refresh & Clean Up:

Script: Okay friends, it is time for us to clean up! Let's walk around the room and find objects and toys that are out of place. We need to see where they belong and put them back! Look at the pictures around the room to help. This is an important way to show our love for our church.

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Pick Up Time

During this time, children may play with toys that are not already put away in and around the room until their parents arrive to pick them up. Once all children have left, please make sure to collect and put back any of the items that are left out in the respective places. The photographs around the room will help make sure we leave these spaces the way we found them. We are so appreciative of all you do!



Preschool Leader Guide

August 31– 2s & 3s

Monthly Theme: God Has a Plan for Me

Today's "Big Deal" Theme Tie: God Makes You New

Snack Time This can be done at any point during the hour except for within the last fifteen minutes in the classrooms to ensure that everything is able to be cleaned up and put away prior to parent pick up. Use your discretion as the classroom leader in choosing when to distribute snack to children.

**Previews of all videos listed below can be found on the Teacher Resource Page in the corresponding digital media folder.*

Welcome & Connect Time:

Use this time to welcome children as they arrive! Introduce yourself, learn names, and help children learn their friends' names. Connect Time is an easy way to help a child feel included and part of the team right from the beginning. The purpose is to help kids meet other kids, connect with their leaders, and feel a part of the team. These "stations" are already found all around each preschool classroom. Building blocks, cars, baby dolls, or any of the other toys and manipulatives in the classrooms for kids to play with. Please feel free to pull out blank paper and writing/drawing materials as well as playdough and cookie cutters. All of these are available to you for use during this time. If you need any other items, please feel free to let Katie Grace or your hallway coordinator for the week know and they will work on next steps to secure those items for your room.

Craft/Game:

Preschoolers will take turns creating objects out of play dough. Remaining preschoolers will try to recreate the items.

Big Goal: Share with friends.

Leader Prep: Print and post the “Allergy Alert” printable for grown-ups to see at drop-off for any preschoolers who may have gluten allergies or sensitivities.

Supplies:

“Allergy Alert” printable 1 per group

Play dough (several) 1 per person

Script: We are going to play a new game while we make something fun with play dough. As you are making things with your play dough, we are going to have someone who is the leader. When the leader has made his object, he is going to show it to you, and you are going to try and make the same thing. So, if the leader makes a ball, then we are all going to try to make a ball too. If he makes a snake, then we are going to try and make a snake. Then we will switch leaders, and another friend will get to make something new. Let’s see how many new objects we can create. If you are ready, let me hear you say, “Hooray!” (*Hooray!*)

You are great creators! You made so many new things. Look at a friend and say, “Great job!” (*Great job!*) The way you shared your creations with your friends was amazing. Let’s keep having fun as we learn about God together!

Activity:

Preschoolers will join in and learn the Hooray Day cheer together.

Big Goal: Encourage preschoolers to help other preschoolers belong.

Script: Welcome, everyone! I am so glad you are here! Today is a very special day. It’s Hooray Day! On Hooray Days, we celebrate! Let’s say, “Hooray!” (*Hooray!*) Great job! Let’s do a fun activity called “Join In.” We will all join in together and learn our Hooray Day cheer. Let’s start by sitting in a circle. As we sit in our circle and get ready to learn the Hooray Day cheer, we can scoot back and make more room for new friends as they come in. Our Hooray Day cheer is so much fun. If you are ready to learn it, say, “Hip, hip, hooray!” Ready? (*Hip, hip, hooray!*) Great job! Our Hooray Day cheer goes like this: (*Model motions listed below as you say the Hooray Day cheer.*)

Hooray Day Cheer Motions:

Hip, hip, hooray! (*Pump left fist.*)

Today is the day! *(Point down.)*

God loves me and you, *(Point to self then out in front of you.)*

And He makes us new! *(Place hands in fists to side, then pop them open.)*

Ready to say the Hooray Day cheer? I will say it first, and you say it after me.

Hip, hip, hooray! *(Hip, hip, hooray!)*

Today is the day! *(Today is the day!)*

God loves me and you, *(God loves me and you,)*

and He makes us new! *(and He makes us new!)*

Great job, everyone! You did such a good job cheering!

Let's say the cheer one more time, but this time, let's stand up and say the cheer. *(Stand up and lead the cheer again.)* Great job! Let's sit down and say it one last time in our whisper voices. *(Sit down and lead the cheer in whisper voices.)*

You all did such a good job saying our Hooray Day cheer. Hooray Day is such a special day where we can celebrate God. I am so glad you are here with us to celebrate.

Countdown Video:

Play Countdown Video

Welcome Video:

Play Welcome Video

Music Video:

Script: Let's all celebrate God by singing our Theme song!

Play Theme Song Video.

Super Clue & Bible Story Video:

Supplies:

Super Box 1 per group

“Super Clue: Egg In A Nest” printable 1 per group

Egg In A Nest (optional) 1 per group

Bible 1 per group

Script: Singing songs to God is a great way to celebrate. Another way to celebrate is by shouting, “Hooray!” Let me hear you say, “Hooray!” (*Hooray!*) Our Big Deal for the day is “Hooray! God Makes You New!” Let’s say that together. I’ll say it first, and you say it after me. (*Use motions above.*) Ready? Hooray! (*Hooray!*) God Makes You New! (*God Makes You New!*) Super job!

Wait a minute. Did you hear that? It’s our Super Box! That sound means there is a new Super Clue in the Super Box. Oh, I can’t wait to see what our Super Clue is today. What do you think is inside? (*If using a physical Super Box, start to move it side to side and listen to it.*) Let’s open up the Super Box and see what today’s Super Clue is.

(Open the Super Box and pull out the physical Super Clue or Super Clue printable.)

Wow! It’s an egg in a nest! The egg is kind of round and it is sitting inside of a nest. Hmmm—I wonder how an egg in a nest can help us understand our Big Deal, “Hooray! God Makes You New!” Let’s send our Super Clue to the Super Crew at the Clubhouse. They will know how to help us. Let’s carefully put this egg and nest back in the Super Box.

(Place Super Clue back in the Super Box.)

Host Script: We can count down and press the “Go” button to send the Super Clue to the Super Crew. When I say, “Go,” I’ll press the button on this Super Box. You can pretend to press the button by pressing one hand on top of the other, like this! (*Hold one palm faceup and press the other palm to it facedown, like pressing a button.*)

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Script: (*To screen*) Thank you, Super Crew!

(To preschoolers) Wow! In our Bible story, we learned that Paul wrote letters to many people telling them the good news that Jesus gives us new life when we believe in Him. When we start a friendship with God, He forgives us for our wrong choices, and He makes us new.

Our Super Clue is an egg in a nest. We sent an egg to the Super Crew, and when they got it, the egg was cracked. Was the egg ruined because it was cracked? *(Allow responses.)* No! That's right! The egg hatched! The nest was full of new life. It had a chick in it. Just like a nest is full of new life, when we start a new friendship with God, He forgives our sin, and we are made new. Hooray! That is such good news!

Let's pray and talk to God, thanking Him for making us new when we start a friendship with Him.

God, thank You for making us new when we choose to ask Jesus to forgive us and begin a friendship with You. Thank You that when we choose to follow Jesus, we are made new. We love You. Amen.

Theme Verse Video:

Theme Verse Motions:

The gift of God *(Push hands out like you are giving a gift with hands together.)*
is eternal life *(Make a double-arm windmill.)*
in Christ Jesus our Lord. *(Place both hands up with palms facing in.)*
Romans 6:23b *(Hold hands out like a book.)*

Script: The Bible tells us that God offers us a gift. Our Theme verse teaches us about this gift. Let's watch our video to learn this week's Theme verse.

Play Theme Verse Video.

Script: *Eternal life* means one day we can live forever with God in heaven.

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Script: This activity page helps us remember some big things we've learned today. As you color and work on activities, talk to a friend about some of your favorite parts of our time together.

Hooray! You did a great job following the lines to show how an egg in a nest changes. When we start a friendship with God, we are made new. Hooray! God Makes You New!

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