**Lesson Plan**

August 17, 2025

## God Has a Plan for Me—I Can Look Up

**Bible Story:** Joseph Interpreted Dreams (Genesis 39–41)

**Theme Verse:** “We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works.” (Ephesians 2:10a)

Teachers rally with your team a few minutes before kids start to arrive: Rally is a pre-service time for you to be equipped and encouraged in your ministry.

Read: Genesis 41:37-40

Share: This week’s Bible story is from Genesis 39–41, where Joseph interpreted dreams, including Pharaoh’s dream. (Read Genesis 41:37-40.) Joseph trusted God to work through him, and God did. Kids will learn that, even when we can’t see God’s whole plan, we can trust Him every step of the way.

Pray: Lead the group in prayer, thanking God for the way He is leading and guiding your team as they serve.

Remember: Share important information related to today’s activities. Mention any upcoming ministry announcements.

**Pre-Service:** TeachersChoose Playlister and start the preservice slide with music

**Co-Teacher/Volunteers: Arrival time, please use either one of these options as kids arrive for the morning to build relationships with kids and encourage them to build relationships with one another.**

**Option 1:** Kids will move around the room as music plays and high-five friends when the music stops.

**Big Goal:**Be seen, heard, and known by my team.

Supplies

##### **Music and music player**

**What To Do:** Hello, friends! I am so glad you are here today. Let’s spend a moment welcoming each other with an activity called “Musical High Fives.” When the music starts to play, everyone will move around the room. You can dance, march, pretend to be an animal you like, or move however else you want to. When the music stops, high-five four friends and say, “Welcome!”

**Connect It:**Great job, everyone! It is so special when we take the time to say hello to our friends and let them know we are excited they are here. Everyone is important and special, and today we are going to be learning more about God and His special plans for us.

**Option 2:** Kids 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.

**What To Do:**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.

**Loud And Clear:**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.

##### **Leader Tip: Announce a 2-to-3-minute signal before asking them to clean up their toys. Giving your group a mental head start will begin to cue their minds for what is next.**

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##### **Clean-up time:**

##### **What to do:** Teacher play clean- up song, encouraging all kids to help get things put away and ready for service.

**Service**

**Teacher Opener:** 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 kids time to greet each other.) Great job, friends!

**Worship song #1:** Teachers, Co-Teachers, and volunteers worship with the kids, modeling what it looks like to give God our praise. Stand in the front of the room, or next to the kids- but not in the back.

**Bible Story Video**

What to do

* Play the Bible Story use the script below after video to help make the connection for the kids.

**Making the connection script:** Our Super Clue is a telescope. A telescope can help us look up and see things that are hard to see, but God sees everything! We can look up and trust that He always has a plan for us.

Let’s pray, which is talking and listening to God. We can thank Him for His plan for us.

God, thank You for Your love. Help us trust You and Your plan for our lives each day. Amen.

Let's all stand and sing one last song to God together today!

**Worship song #2:** Teachers, Co-Teachers, and volunteers worship with the kids, modeling what it looks like to give God our praise. Stand in the front of the room, or next to the kids- but not in the back.

**Memory Verse Video:**

Let's stand up together and learn our Theme Verse!

##### **Leader Tip**: Choose between the Host-Led or the Video-Led option. Watch the Theme Verse Video to learn the motions. Use the Big Deal motions provided.

**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.)

**Offering**

WHAT TO DO

* Ask one of the kids to pass out the money.
* Play offering time video while kids pass the bucket.
* Ask a student(s) to come up and pray over the offering.

**Small Group Time:**

**Option #1:** Kids will color and then thread yarn through the holes of an outlined star.

**Big Goal:**Remember that God has a plan for each one of us, even when it is hard to see all the details of that plan.

**Leader Prep:**Print “See The Stars” printables on cardstock, one star per child. Cut out stars and punch holes where indicated to create lacing cards. Cut yarn into 30-inch lengths, one per child. Tape yarn onto the back of each lacing card, and thread it through the first hole to help preschoolers get started.

**What To Do:** We are going to make a fun star craft. Each of you will get a large star like this. (Display star lacing card.) You will thread the yarn in and out of the holes of the star. (Demonstrate.) Leaders will help you if you need it. When you finish, we will tape the extra yarn to the back of the star. Then you can use crayons to decorate your star.

**Loud And Clear:**This craft reminds us of our Super Clue, a telescope. When we look through a telescope at night, we can see stars up close even though they are far away. God has a plan for each one of us, even when it is hard to see all the details of that plan. We can look up and trust God one step at a time.

**Option 2:** Kids will toss beanbags into numbered zones on the floor.

**Big Goal:**Remember the Bible story.

**Leader Prep:**Write large numbers, 1-5, on sheets of paper. Place the numbers in a line on the floor.

**What To Do:**In our Bible story, Joseph looked to God, and God helped Joseph tell Pharaoh what his dreams meant. In this game, we will all get in a line and take turns tossing a beanbag on a number. Each number has a phrase that goes with it that we will repeat to remind us of what we have learned. For example, if you toss the beanbag onto the number three, you will say, “We can trust God,” after me. Each person will get a turn to toss the beanbag, and then we will all say the phrase together.

1. Joseph looked to God.

2. God helped Joseph.

3. Joseph helped Pharaoh.

4. Joseph helped the people.

5. God had a plan for Joseph. God has a plan for me.

**Loud And Clear:**Great job working together and remembering everything we learned in our Bible story. God had a plan for Joseph. Joseph was able to help the people of Egypt store up extra grain. When the time came that food could not grow, they had enough grain stored for all of the people in Egypt and more. Because Joseph listened to what God told him to do, God’s people were saved, and people from every land were able to come to Egypt to buy grain. God has a plan for me and you too.

**Close out in prayer:**

WHAT TO DO

* Ask for any specific prayer requests
* Pray with the group
* Lead the group in the prayer below.

**WHAT YOU SAY:** God, thank You for Your love. Help us trust You and Your plan for our lives each day. Amen.

**End of service Activity:**

Have all kids come back together and have a seat and lead kids in the following discussions below. This is a time for side-by-side learning, where all kids have the opportunity to connect and participate.

1. **Who remembers what our Super Clue is today? (a telescope)**
2. **What does a telescope help us remember? (We can look up and trust that God has a plan for us.)**
3. **I can look up. How does looking up help us remember that God has a plan for us? (We can look up. We don’t just look up with our heads and eyes to the sky. When we look up it means that we can know or remember that God has a plan for us, even when it is hard to see all the details of that plan. We can look up and trust God one step at a time.)**
4. **What did you learn about God today?**
5. **Who can you tell that God has a plan for them?**
6. **Do you remember today’s Big Deal? Repeat after me (with motions below): Yippee! (Yippee!) God Has a Plan for Me! (God Has a Plan for Me!)**

**Keep It Going:** Say each phrase of the Big Deal in different ways and allow preschoolers to repeat after you. Examples could include a loud, booming voice with exaggerated motions, a tiny voice using only your fingers for motions, and so forth. Call on a new volunteer to lead each time.

**Closing:**

**Leader Tip:** Work with your Teacher to dismiss the kids in a fun, manageable, and safe way. As kids leave, make sure they have all of the crafts and papers. Share with the person picking them up something positive you observed today. Invite them back next week.