

First Look | September 7

Today's Bible Story: God has good things for me to do.

Adam and Eve • *Genesis 1:27-28; 2:15, 19-20*

Memory Verse: "'For I know the plans I have for you,' says the LORD." Jeremiah 29:11
NLT

Key Question: Who has plans for you?

Bottom Line: God has plans for me.

1. Care for the Animals

What You Need: "Care for the Animals" Activity Page; assorted animal stickers

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Care for the Animals" on cardstock, one set per Small Group.

During the Activity: Invite children to color their garden scene and then add the animal stickers to it.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, today we learned that God made Adam and Eve and gave them good things to do. They took care of the garden, the plants, and the animals! Let's color this garden scene and add all the animals Adam and Eve cared for!"

During the Activity: "Use your crayons to color your garden scene. When you are finished coloring, add your animal stickers! Wow! You all made such wonderful animal garden scenes!"

After the Activity: "God gave Adam and Eve really good things to do. God wanted them to take care of the world He made! And do you know what? God gives us good things to do too! Like... Being kind and loving to everyone. Helping your neighbor. And taking care of the things God made. God had plans for Adam and Eve, and God has plans for you and me too! **[Bottom Line]** God has plans for me. Who has plans for you? **[Bottom Line]** God has plans for me."

2. Pray

Let's pray and thank God for having plans for us. Dear God, Thank You for having plans for *each and every one of us*. Help us start with the good things You have planned for everyone to do, like *sharing with others, being kind, loving like Jesus, caring for animals, and caring for the world You made*. You're the best, God. We love You! In Jesus' name. Amen."