First Look | September 21

Today's Bible Story: God's plans are best for me.

King Josiah • 2 Chronicles 34

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. King Josiah's Crown

What You Need: "King Josiah's Crown" activity page, crayons/markers, jewel stickers.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Print out copies of "King Josiah's Crown" activity page

During the Activity: Encourage children to color their picture first. Then to apply the crown jewels to it after.

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

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, what do you see in the picture? Yes that's right, it's King Josiah's crown. Today we are going to color our picture and decorate the crown."

During the Activity: "Friends come sit down at a table! Look at the picture on the activity page. Who is the king in the picture? That's right, it's King Josiah! Today we are going to color our picture and then decorate his beautiful crown. Wow! Look how beautiful and sparkly we made the crown!"

After the Activity: "Today in our Bible Story, we learned about a young king, named Josiah. King Josiahloved God and wanted to follow God's plans. He decided to repair the temple so the people could go and worship God. While the people were working, someone found a very special book. It was special because it had God's words in it! Someone took the book to King Josiah and when he heard God's words, he called all the people together so they could hear God's words too! After everyone had heard God's words, King Josiah and all the people promised to follow God's plans because God's plans are best! God had plans for King Josiah and God has plans for you too. Who has plans for you? [Bottom Line] God has plans for me!"

2. Pray

Dear God, Thank You for having plans for *all of us*. Help us remember that no matter how good our plans are, Your plans are always best for us. We love You! In Jesus' name. Amen."