

LESSON: God Plans for People: Jesus is God's Plan for Us, Genesis 37; 39-45

BIG IDEA: Jesus is God's plan for me.

GATHER/PREP: Bell, Bunny & Bag

OPENING: (*ring the bell and gather for circle time*)

My friend was not being nice to me today.

He took the toy I was playing with and it hurt my feelings.

So, **here is my PLAN**, first I'm going to yell at him and hit him then I will push him and call him a bad name...

(*Bunny pops out*) Oh, hey Bunny! I was just telling them about my plan...

(*Bunny whispers*) Oh, really? I'm sorry everyone. Bunny says my plan is bad.

Do you have a **better plan for me kids?**

What are some good things to do if someone takes your toy? (*children*)

Wow, those are some great plans.

Thank you kids and thank you Bunny. I'll do those things instead.

(*Bunny leaves*)

In today's account from the Bible, **some boys have a bad plan for a brother**, but **God's plan is always good...**

LESSON: Read **Joseph's Brothers Sell Him**, *The Beginner's Gospel Story Bible* p.38

Was Joseph's brothers' plan good or bad?

But God's plan is always ... good or bad?

Guess what?!!! God's good plan for you is ALWAYS JESUS!

GOSPEL

Joseph's brothers were mean to Joseph and gave him up for money, Jesus was betrayed and they killed him on a cross.

BUT God's plan was good, and on the 3rd day Jesus was raised back to life.

Now, by believing in Jesus, we can be saved and be with him forever.

Repeat after me... **Jesus** (*children*) **is God's plan** (*children*) **for me** (*children*)

MEMORY VERSE:

• No matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. (2 Corinthians 1:20)

Actions: No matter (*crisscross arms like the baseball sign for 'safe'*)

how many (*fingers counting quickly up*)

promises God has made (*One hand over heart, other hand raised toward God*)

they are "Yes" (*Two thumbs up*)

in Christ (*ASL for Jesus, use middle fingers to point to holes in hands*)

PRAYER: *Focused prayer on theme with the lesson. Pray for them and pray with them.*

SONG: Sing "Arky Arky" (on USB)

CRAFT/ACTIVITY/GAME: Colorful spoons ball carry. (Help the kids plan different ways how to get a ball across the room only using the spoons)

Joseph coloring sheet for those who want.

*****Review past verses found on the Overview**

God Plans for People **THEME OVERVIEW** July 2nd – July 30th, 2023

As we continue walking through the accounts found in the book of Genesis, kids will learn about how God makes plans for people.

Family of Jesus – Through the account of God’s promise to Abraham, kids will learn, “God knows my name.” Genesis 12:1-9; 15:1-21

Ask Jesus for Help – Through the account of finding Isaac’s Rebekah, kids will learn, “I can ask God for help.” Genesis 24:1-66

We All Need Jesus – Through the account of God choosing Jacob, kids will learn, “I need Jesus.” Genesis 25:19-34

Jesus is the Way to God – Through the account of Jacob’s dream, kids will learn, “Jesus is my way to God.” Genesis 28:10-22

Jesus is God’s Plan for Us – Through the account of Joseph kids will learn, “Jesus is God’s plan for me.” Genesis 37; 39-45

		<u>LEAD</u>	<u>HELPER</u>
2nd	Family of Jesus	Tasha	Charlie
9th	Ask Jesus for Help	Jenn	Luke
16th	We All Need Jesus	Curtis	Emily
23rd	Jesus is the Way to God	Curtis	Charlie
30th	Jesus is God’s Plan for Us	Jenn	Ramana

MEMORY VERSES

New:

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Actions: No matter (crisscross arms like the baseball sign for ‘safe’)
how many (fingers counting quickly up)
promises God has made (One hand over heart, other hand raised toward God)
they are “Yes” (Two thumbs up)
in Christ (ASL for Jesus, use middle fingers to point to holes in hands)

Review:

- **Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last.** (Revelation 1:17)

Actions: Do not (Wag your finger like “no, no”)
be afraid (make a scared face with hands on cheeks)
I am (ASL for Jesus, use middle fingers to point to holes in hands)
the first (#1 with finger)
and the Last (hands flat and down crisscross, like “No way!”)

- **May peace be with you! The Father has sent me. So now I am sending you.** (John 20:21)

Actions: May peace (Both hands on heart)
be with you (point toward others)
The Father has sent me (Raise hands to the sky)
So now I am sending you (Pretend to throw a ball or paper airplane)

- **The Scriptures you study are about me... come to me and receive life.** (John 5:39-40)

Actions: The Scriptures you study (Make your hands look like an opening book)
are about me (Point up to Jesus)
Come to me (Raise hands to praise Jesus)
and receive life (Hands in front of you like catching a big ball)

