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BIBLE STORY

Joseph forgives
Genesis 42-45

STORY FOCUS

God's plan is always best.

REMEMBER THIS

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

KEY QUESTION

Who has a plan for you?

BOTTOM LINE

God has a plan for me!

ACTIVITY

FOOD GATHERING

WHAT YOU NEED:

Floor tape, two buckets, and paper in two different colors

WHAT YOU DO:

Create a "road" on the floor of your living room with the tape. Crumple up the sheets of paper and put in one of the buckets. Place the bucket of "food" (crumpled paper) at one end of the tape "road" you created. Place the empty bucket at the other end of the tape road.

Gather the family to stand in a line near the empty bucket. One at a time, have each person walk down the road to collect two pieces of food, calling out one of the colors of the paper. The person will bring the food back and put it in the empty bucket. Repeat so that everybody has a turn.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Come stand here with me in a line. Do you see this empty bucket? I have a plan to fill it! I want you to take turns and walk down the road to find the food at the end."

(To the first person) "Can you go get two pieces of [color] 'food' and bring it back to this bucket?" (Repeat, giving each child a "plan" to collect a certain number of pieces of food in a certain color.)

"You followed the plan! Thanks for gathering all this food. In our Bible story today, lots of people have to follow a road to get food because they are hungry. I can't wait for you to find out what happened."

PRAYER

"Dear God, thank You for (child's name). We know it won't always be easy to do the things that God wants us to do, but we want to. Please help us, because we know Your plan is always best. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."



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Week 4

PRESCHOOL

GENESIS 42-45

In our story today, Joseph's brothers were very hungry and had no food. They had to go see Joseph because he was in charge of all the food. But, they didn't KNOW Joseph was in charge. Joseph was so surprised to see them. Joseph had a choice to make: Forgive his brothers and give them food, or send them away hungry.

Joseph did what God wanted him to do. He forgave his brothers and gave them food. He even gave them a hug and was happy to see them. It was the best ending to the story, because Joseph followed God's plan.

I love how Joseph followed God's plan. I want to follow God's plan, and you can, too. God's plan is the best plan!

**Who has a plan for you?
God has a plan for me.**

Story Focus:

God's plan is always best. This week, Joseph's brothers make their way to Egypt to look for food. They have no idea that they are going to find so much more than food when they get there. They find a brother and forgiveness waiting on them.

We have the privilege of seeing the end of the story—that God's way is always best. Just as it was with Joseph, trusting in God's plan is what empowers us to keep going when things are hard. If we were to take away one part of Joseph's story and just focus on it, it would be hard to believe that God's plan is always best. But, when we put all of the parts of Joseph's story together—just as with an ice cream sundae—it gives us a sweet reminder that we can trust that God has a plan for me, and it is always best. We just have to wait until God is done putting all of the parts together.

Our hope this month is that preschoolers will begin to understand that God loves them, and He has a plan for them—a plan they can trust is always best, no matter what.

Memory Verse:

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