



Under Construction: God at Work

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LESSON - GOD HAS A GOOD PLAN FOR ME!

Welcome to a brand-new theme called Under Construction: God at Work! Have you ever seen a building being built? Builders work one step at a time because they know exactly what they are creating. God is a Builder too! He is building our character. Character is who we are on the inside. It is how we make good choices, treat others, and follow God. This month, we will learn about a young man named Joseph. God had a special plan for Joseph's life, and through every part of his story, God was building his character. And guess what? God is building your character, too, and helping you become more like Him every day!

SAY IT: God has a good plan for me!

DO IT: Point to yourself and say, “Me!”

A long time ago, there was a young man named Joseph. Joseph's father loved him very much and gave him a beautiful coat with many colors. One day, God gave Joseph two special dreams. Joseph did not fully understand what the dreams meant, but God was showing Joseph that He had a special plan for his life.

SAY IT: God had a plan for Joseph!

DO IT: Point up to the sky.

Joseph could not see everything God was doing. He had to wait for God's plan to happen. Have you ever had to wait for something? Maybe you had to wait for mommy and daddy to pick you up from school or for your birthday. Waiting can be hard, but while Joseph was waiting, God was still taking care of him.

SAY IT: I can wait on God!

DO IT: Fold your hands and count to five.

Some people did not understand Joseph's dreams. Even Joseph's brothers did not understand what God was doing. But God was still working! Sometimes we do not understand everything God is doing either, but we can always trust Him because He loves us and has a good plan.

SAY IT: I can trust God!

DO IT: Give yourself a hug.

God knew Joseph's whole story from beginning to end. God knew about the good days, the hard days, and all the days in between. God knows our lives too! He loves us, cares for us, and has a good plan for us.

SAY IT: God has a good plan for me!

DO IT: Put your hand over your heart and smile.

Today, we learned that God gave Joseph special dreams. We learned that Joseph had to wait, but God was still working. We also learned that we can trust God because He has a good plan for our lives.

SAY IT: God has a good plan for me!

DO IT: Raise both hands and cheer!

PRAYER: Dear Jesus, thank You for loving us. Thank You for having a good plan for our lives. Help us trust You when we have to wait. Thank You for always being with us and taking care of us. We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

LESSON QUESTIONS - 10 MINS

2 & 3YR OLDS

1. Did God give Joseph special dreams? **(Yes)**
2. Did God have a plan for Joseph? **(Yes)**
3. Can we trust God? **(Yes)**
4. Does God have a good plan for us? **(Yes)**

4YRS - 1ST GRADE

1. What was the man's name in today's Bible story? **Joseph**
2. What did God give Joseph? **Special dreams**
3. Was Joseph able to see God's whole plan? **No**
4. Does God have a good plan for our lives? **Yes**



TEACHING GUIDE - PRESCHOOL & VSN

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ACTIVITY 1: COLOR COAT RELAY

Items Needed: Several colored paper/fabric squares, baskets

Connection: Joseph received a beautiful, colorful coat.

Step 1: Scatter the colored pieces around the room.

Step 2: Kids take turns collecting one color piece at a time.

Step 3: Place the pieces in the basket until all colors have been collected.

Step 4: Celebrate by saying: God had a plan for Joseph!

ACTIVITY 2: SHAKE THE COAT!

Items Needed: Large parachute

Connection: Joseph's coat of many colors.

Step 1: Everyone hold the parachute like it is Joseph's big colorful coat.

Step 2: Gently shake it up and down. Joseph had a coat of many colors! Let's make our coat move!

Step 3: “Call the Colors” Leader calls out simple colors: Red, Blue, Yellow

Kids repeat the color while shaking the parachute.

Leader says: “Joseph's coat had many colors: just like this!”

Step 4: “Lift the Coat High” Lift parachute up high like a big coat in the air.

Leader says: “Joseph's coat was special and God was with Joseph!”

Step 5: “Go Under the Coat” Kids take turns going under the parachute for a few seconds.

ACTIVITY 3: BUBBLE PARTY OR STORY TIME

Items Needed: Bubbles and music OR book basket

We've got some extra time today, so let's spend it worshipping and dancing with bubbles or reading a book to the class (please show the pictures on each page).

CRAFT OR COLORING SHEET (USE 1 OR 2 OPTIONS DEPENDING ON CLASS AGE & TIME)

CRAFT 1: JOSEPH'S COAT CRAFT

Items Needed: Multi-color coat Suncatchers Stained Glass craft

Connection: Joseph's father gave him a beautiful coat of many colors. God had a special plan for Joseph's life.

Step 1: Give each child one coat frame from the craft kit.

Step 2: Help children peel off the clear backing or place the coat frame on the sticky sheet

Step 3: Give children small pieces of colorful tissue paper.

Step 4: Have children place the tissue paper inside the coat shape to make a colorful “stained glass” coat.

CRAFT 2: GOD HAS A GOOD PLAN COLORING SHEET

Items Needed: Coloring sheet and crayons.

Connection: God knows the plans He has for me, and His plans are good.

Step 1: Distribute the coloring sheets and allow time to color.

GOD HAS A GOOD PLAN FOR MY LIFE!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord.
Jeremiah 29:11



His brothers'
bundles bowed
down to his.



The sun, the moon,
and the eleven stars
bowed down to him.



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for Joseph!

I can trust
God!

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