

Noah's Ark (Genesis 6 - 7)

## **Remember This**

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

#### Say This

Who has plans for you? God has plans for me.

Have fun learning and playing with your preschooler!

# **Activity**

## **Big Boat**

#### What You Need:

Large rectangular cardboard box or a laundry basket; lots of plush animals

#### What You Do:

"Come with me. We're going to do something really fun with this box (or basket). In our Bible story today, God told Noah to build a big boat. Let's pretend this box (or basket) is the boat Noah built. After Noah built the boat, God sent two of every animal to get on the boat. Let's help the animals get inside our pretend boat."

(Open the door to the ark by laying the box or laundry basket on its side. Walk the plush animals onto the boat.)

"Once Noah, his family, and all of the animals were on the boat, God shut the door. (Slowly turn the box or laundry basket upright.)

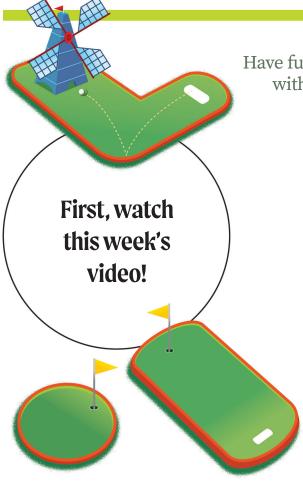
"It began to rain. It rained and rained until the entire world was covered with water! But Noah, his family, and the animals were safe on the boat.

"Noah did what God told him to do because Noah knew he could always trust God's plans. God had plans for Noah, and God has plans for you, too. Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!"



# **Prayer**

"Dear God, it's fun to make plans and think about what we want to do. But the most amazing thing is that YOU, Creator of the whole world, have plans for us. Help us always trust Your plans for us, God. You love us and You know what's best for us. In Jesus' name, amen."



God's Promise (Genesis 8 – 9:17)

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# **Activity**

It's Raining!

#### What You Need:

Preschooler-safe umbrella, water, spray or mist bottle, and towels

#### What You Do:

Fill the spray bottle with water. Lay out the towels to protect the floor.

"Today, we heard a Bible story about how it rained while Noah and the animals were on the ark. Then, God put a rainbow in the sky as a sign of His promise to never flood the whole earth again. Let's make it rain in our home! First, let's remember our memory verse.

"For I know (point to head) the plans I have for you,' (march) says (hands to mouth) the Lord," (point up) Jeremiah 29:11. (Open hands like a book.)

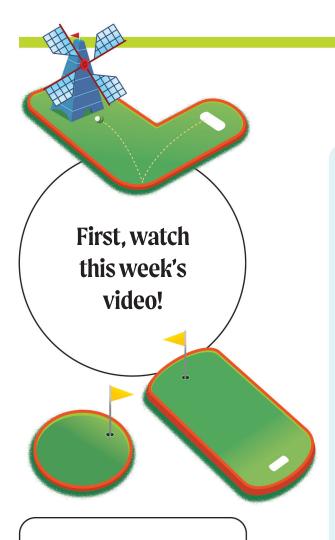
"Now, you're going to hold the umbrella while I make it rain on you. (*Give the umbrella to your child.*) Here comes the rain. (*Spray the water.*) Let's say our memory verse together! "For I know the plans I have for you,' says the Lord," Jeremiah 29:11. (*Repeat as long as there is interest.*)

"Our memory verse tells us that God has plans for all of us! That's right! God had plans for Noah, and God has plans for you. Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!"



# **Prayer**

"Dear God, Thank You for making the beautiful rainbow. My favorite color is [your favorite color]. [Child's name] favorite color is [color]. It's so awesome that every time we see a rainbow in the sky, we know that You remember Your promise. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."



Joseph's Journey (Genesis 37; Genesis 39 - 40)

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# **Activity**

#### **Obstacle Challenge**

#### What You Need:

Items from around the home to use as obstacles (like pillows, chairs, toys); and painter's tape (optional)

#### What You Do:

Use five or six items from around the room to create an obstacle course. Example: walk around a trash can or chair two times, then hop over a plush friend, then crawl under a table, then walk a wavy line of painter's tape on the floor.

Line up your child at the start of your obstacle course. Demonstrate each of the obstacles, then have your child complete the obstacle challenge.

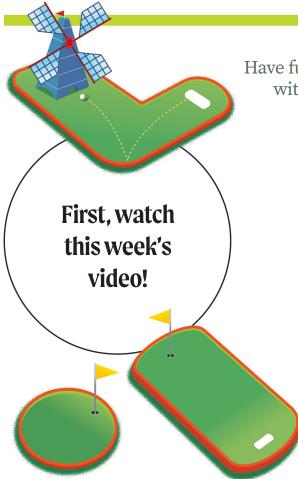
"That obstacle challenge was fun, wasn't it? In our Bible story today, Joseph faced a lot of obstacles, but they were not fun. Someone said Joseph did something wrong that he didn't do, and they put him in jail!

"But Joseph trusted God's plan. God had a plan for Joseph, and God has plans for you, too! You can do hard things and trust God's plans for you, just like Joseph. Who has plans for you? God has plans for me."

# **Prayer**

"Dear God, sometimes things are hard, and it makes us feel sad. Help us to do what Joseph did and keep trusting Your plans, even when they're hard. Help us choose to do what is right no matter what. We know You love us, and You know the plans You have for us. You're the best, God. In Jesus' name, amen."





Joseph and the Grain (Genesis 37; Genesis 41 - 45)

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# **Activity**

#### **Roll the Die**

## What You Need:

Two plastic cups, a die, and pom-poms (If you don't have pom-poms, use crumpled-up balls of paper.)

#### What You Do:

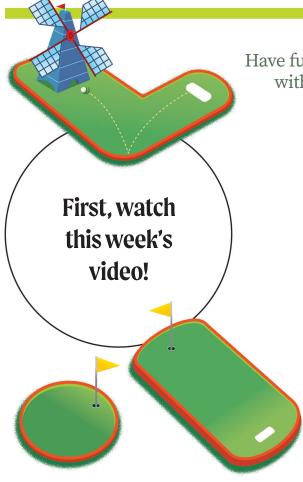
Set a pile of pom-poms on the floor. Give your child a cup and have them sit down. Get a cup for yourself and sit across from your kid with the pompoms in the middle.

"I have a plan for us to follow. Let's take turns rolling the die. You can roll a one, two, three, four, five, or six! Once you see what you rolled, I want you to put that number of pom-poms in your cup." (*Play until all the pom-poms or paper balls are gone.*)

"That was fun! Good job on counting! In our Bible story today, Joseph had to save the grain for seven years. Let's count to seven. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven! Joseph saved all the grain and helped many people who didn't have any food, including his own family. God had a plan for Joseph, and God's plans are always best. Who has plans for you? God has plans for me."

# **Prayer**

"Dear God, Thank You for letting us hear about Joseph's story and how You used him to make sure A LOT of people had food. Please help us trust that Your plans are always best, even when they're hard. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."



God's Plan for Me (Jeremiah 29:11)

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# **Activity**

## **Dough Golf**

#### What You Need:

Play-Doh®

#### What You Do:

"Sit at the table with me. I have a plan for this dough! Listen closely to my plan so you will know what to do. First, break off a piece of your dough and roll it into a ball. (*Pause.*) Great job!

"Next, use the rest of your dough to make a snake. (Pause.) Awesome!

"Now, pick up your snake and use it as a golf club to hit your ball. (*Pause*) Yay! You followed my plan and made a golf club and ball. Following plans can be so much fun!

"Today, we heard a Bible story about how God has plans for all of us, just as He had plans for Noah and Joseph. God has a plan for me, and God has a plan for you. Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!"

(If time allows, allow your child to come up with their own plan for how you can next use the dough.)



# **Prayer**

"Dear God, You know everything about [child's name]. You love [child's name]. You have plans for [child's name]. I pray that we will always trust Your plans and do what You say because Your plans are always best. In Jesus' name, amen."