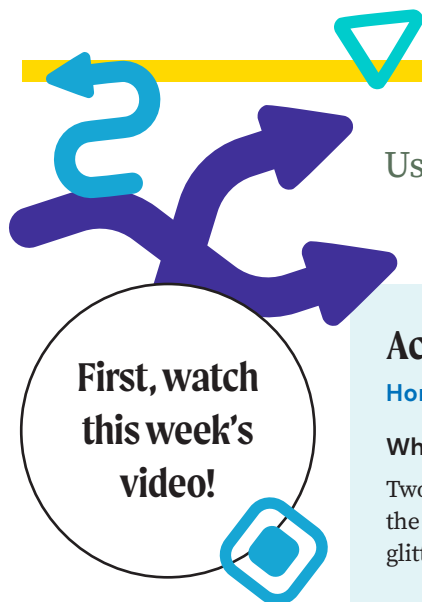


# Press Play: Get in the Mix



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**Confidence:**  
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### Bottom Line

God's plan is  
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## Activity

### Horns Off!

#### What You Need:

Two sheets of paper, tape, and items to decorate  
the paper (markers, colored pencils, stickers,  
glitter and glue, etc.)

#### What You Do:

Ask your child, "What do you remember about  
trumpets from our story today?" (*The Israelite  
priests blew trumpets when they marched  
around Jericho.*) Then tell your child that you  
get to make trumpets of your own.

Let your child decorate one side of the paper.  
Encourage them to be as elaborate as they  
want to be. They can even write the monthly  
memory verse, or simply use colors and/or  
stickers to make their trumpet. Make one for  
yourself, too!

When you're finished decorating, take your  
sheets of paper and roll them up in a horn  
shape. (You can do this by making sure one  
end is a little wider as you roll, making the roll  
a little looser on that end.) Tape your horn so  
that it keeps its shape.

While you're working, talk about the Bible  
story. Say, "God's plan was for the Israelites  
to march around Jericho, blow trumpets,  
and shout. Even though His plan might not  
have made sense to Joshua, Joshua and the  
Israelites obeyed. They had confidence that  
God's plan was the best plan."

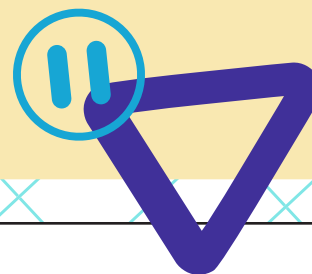
## Talk About the Bible Story

If you had been Joshua or one of the  
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about God's plan to march around the  
city wall and blow trumpets?

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done for you?

How can it help you to have confidence  
in God's plan if you remember what God  
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## Activity

### Plan a Plan

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Two sheets of paper and two writing  
utensils

#### What You Do:

Tell your child that you're both  
going to write down the step-by-step  
instructions to do something you  
both know how to do (for example:  
preparing a bowl of cereal, tying your  
shoes, or doing the laundry).

Give yourself a time limit of a couple  
of minutes and write down your  
individual plans. Make sure not to  
discuss your plans with each another.  
When you're both finished, put down  
your pens/pencils and compare your  
plans. How are your plans similar?  
How are they different?

Say, "Our plans may not always look  
like someone else's. Our plans may  
not even look like God's plans. But  
God's plans are always the best plans."

## Talk About the Bible Story

What are some regular, everyday situations that you  
need a plan for?

What can you do when you're not in charge, but the  
plan doesn't seem like it'll work? (*For example, when  
you think you should do something different from  
what a parent or teacher is asking you to do*)

What can you do if you know that God has a plan, but  
you're not sure how everything will work out? (*This is  
an opportunity to discuss how we can continue to  
trust God and live His way, even when we don't know  
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