



WEEK  
**THREE**  
OCTOBER 2022

SMALL GROUP  
**3-5** YEAR  
-OLDS

PRELUDE      SOCIAL      WORSHIP      STORY      **GROUPS**      HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

## MADE TO THINK

an advanced activity specifically designed for older preschoolers



## 3. JOSEPH'S CRAZY JOURNEY

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Joseph Maze" Activity Page, copy paper, and washable markers

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy the "Joseph Maze" on paper, one per child. Place a "Joseph Maze" at each spot and the markers in the center of the table.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Point out Joseph on the left-hand side of the page. Instruct the children to complete the maze by drawing a line from the start to the finish. Point out the four different "spots" along the maze that highlight some events from Joseph's crazy journey. Encourage them to keep working, even if the maze is hard!

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Talk about how even when it was hard, Joseph trusted God's plans.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Friends, come find a spot at the table!"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "What do you see on the page in front of you? (Pause.) Yes! It's Joseph. We need to get him from the start of his journey on the left side of the maze to the end on the right side! Along the way, you'll see some events from his journey that were hard to face. Use your marker to complete the maze. If it gets hard, keep going! You can do it, friends."

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "You made it! Great job, friends. (Point to these events as you talk about them.) Joseph had ELEVEN brothers! They were jealous of his special coat so took it and put Joseph in a hole. Then he was sent to Egypt to work, and it was FAR away from home. Joseph was a good worker, and he was given a bigger job. But then someone said Joseph did something wrong that he didn't do, and they put him in jail! But Joseph trusted God's plan. Joseph's journey isn't finished, yet! We'll hear more about it next week. God had a plan for Joseph, and He has plans for you, too! **Who has plans for you? God has plans for me.**

### BIBLE STORY

I can trust God's plans even when they are hard.

**JOSEPH'S JOURNEY**  
**GENESIS 37; GENESIS 39-40**

### MEMORY VERSE

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord."

**JEREMIAH 29:11, NLT**

### KEY QUESTION

Who has plans for you?

### BOTTOM LINE

God has plans for me.

### BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.



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## MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



## 6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Paperclipped "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Jeremiah 29:11; journal; and a fun-shaped pen

### BIBLE STORY

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Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.*)

"Today, we'll make a list of things that make us sad. We will use our list when we pray and talk to God. So when I say your name, tell me one thing that makes you sad. (*Write down what each child says beside their names. Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

"It can be hard to talk about what makes us sad, so thank you for making this list with me. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

(*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*)

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### PRAYER

**SGL:** "Dear God, sometimes things are hard, and it makes us feel sad. [Child's name] feels sad when [what child said], and [child's name] feels sad when [what child said]. (*Continue with each child.*) 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."

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