

Does God Have A Purpose For Me

PRESCHOOL LESSON PLAN

Theme: God has a plan for us.

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11

Memory Verse: For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. - Jeremiah 29:11

The Children's Sermon

Good morning, everyone! Today, I have something very special to show you. What is it? It's an empty box! But wait, it's not just any box. This box is going to help us learn something amazing today.

So, what can an empty box teach us? Well, sometimes, our lives might feel a little like this empty box. We might feel like we don't have what we want or need, or like we're missing something important. But guess what? God has a plan for us, just like He had plans for His people in the Bible.

One of those plans is talked about in Jeremiah 29:11. God says, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Isn't that amazing? God has plans for us, and they are good plans!

Now, let's think about this box again. Imagine if we could fill this box with all the good things God has planned for us. What do you think would be inside? Maybe there would be moments of happiness, new friends, adventures, and lots of learning. God's plans are like invisible gifts waiting for us in the future.

But how do we get these gifts? How do we make God's plans come true? First, we need to trust God. Just like when you're playing a game and you trust your friends to follow the rules, trusting God means believing He will do what He says.

We also need to talk to God. You can tell Him anything - your wishes, your worries, and even your secrets. Praying is like sending God a letter, and guess what? He always reads them!

Listening is important too. Sometimes, God talks to us in quiet ways - through other people, in our thoughts, or even in our dreams. So, we need to be good listeners to hear God's plans for us.

Following God's way means doing what He teaches us, like being kind, sharing, and helping others. When we live like this, we are walking on the path God has set for us.

Now, let's imagine our empty box again. Every time we trust, talk, listen, and follow God, it's like we're putting a piece of His plan into our box. Bit by bit, our box gets filled with all the good things God has in store for us.

But remember, sometimes we might have to wait for God's plans to happen. Waiting can be hard, but it's part of the adventure. It's like when you plant a seed and wait for it to grow. You water it, give it sunlight, and one day, you see a little green shoot coming up from the ground. God's plans grow in a similar way.

And while we wait, we can help others with their boxes too. Maybe your friend is feeling sad or left out. You can share a smile, lend a hand, or say kind words. Helping others is part of God's plan for us. It's like adding sparkles to their box and ours too.

So, even when things don't go the way we want, we can remember Jeremiah 29:11 plans. God has something good in store for us. We just need to trust Him, talk to Him, listen, and follow His way.

Let's pray together. "Dear God, thank you for having good plans for us, plans for our happiness and future. Help us to trust You, talk to You, listen, and follow Your way. And help us to be patient and help others while we wait for Your plans to happen. Amen."

Alright, kids, let's keep our hearts open for God's Jeremiah 29:11 plans and fill our boxes with faith, love, and kindness. Remember, God's plans are the best plans!

Bible Memory Verse

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. -

Jeremiah 29:11

You Will Need:

- Colored construction paper
- Child-safe scissors
- Glue sticks
- Stickers or glitter

Get Ready:

-Cut the construction paper into large, simple puzzle piece shapes ahead of time, one per child.

-Write a single word from the memory verse on each puzzle piece.

Do This:

1. Give each child a puzzle piece with a word from the memory verse on it.
2. Help the children work together to arrange the puzzle pieces in order to form the memory verse correctly.
3. Once the puzzle is complete, go over the memory verse together. Then, allow the children to decorate their puzzle piece with stickers or glitter. As they do, talk to them about how God has a special plan for each of them, just like each puzzle piece has its own special place to make the picture complete.

Snack Activity: God's Plan Path Mix

You'll Need:

- Pretzel sticks
- Raisins
- Small paper cups or bowls

Get Ready: Pour pretzel sticks and raisins into separate bowls for easy access.

Do this:

1. Talk to the children about Jeremiah 29:11 and explain that God has a plan for each of us, just like we have a plan to make a special snack.
2. Let each child fill their cup with pretzel sticks and raisins. Explain that the pretzel sticks represent the paths we may take in life, and the raisins represent the sweet moments God has planned for us along the way.

3. As they enjoy their snack, remind them that even when things don't seem to make sense, God has a beautiful plan for us, full of hope and a future.

Game Activity: Pathway to Promise

You'll Need:

- Large sheets of paper or cardstock
- Markers or crayons
- Tape

Get Ready: Before the activity, write down simple, age-appropriate tasks on each sheet of paper, such as 'Hop on one foot,' 'Sing your favorite song,' or 'Say something you're thankful for.' These represent steps in God's plan. Arrange these sheets in a path across the room and use tape to secure them to the floor.

Do this:

1. Explain to the children that just like in Jeremiah 29:11, God has a plan for each of us. Our game today will show us that sometimes we see the path, and sometimes we need to trust as we go step by step.
2. Have the children line up at the start of the path. Each child takes a turn to move from one sheet to the next, completing the task written on the sheet before moving on.
3. As they complete the path, celebrate with them and remind them that God's plan is good, and He guides us through each step of our lives.

Craft Activity: God's Plan Pathway

You'll Need:

- Construction paper (various colors)

- Markers or crayons
- Stickers or stamps
- Glue stick

Get Ready: Cut the construction paper into large footprints. Write Jeremiah 29:11 on a separate piece of paper to display during the activity.

Do this:

1. Show the children the verse Jeremiah 29:11 and explain that God has a special plan for each of us, just like He had a plan for Jeremiah.
2. Give each child a footprint and ask them to decorate it with markers, crayons, stickers, or stamps. They can draw or write things they enjoy or things they are thankful for.
3. Help the children glue their footprints in a path on a larger piece of construction paper or on the floor (if temporary) to show that each step we take is part of God's plan for us.

Prayer Activity: God's Plan for Me Prayer Path

You'll Need:

- A roll of butcher paper
- Crayons or markers
- Stickers with themes of love, stars, animals, etc.

Get Ready: Roll out a length of butcher paper on the floor, long enough for a few children to stand or sit on at once. Draw a simple path with branches leading off to the side, ending in a large cross at the end. Along the path, write simple prompts related to

Jeremiah 29:11, like 'God loves me', 'God has plans for me', and 'God's plans are to give me hope'.

Do this:

1. Gather the children around the prayer path and explain that God has a special plan for each of them, just like He promised in Jeremiah 29:11. Tell them that today, they will walk the path and talk to God about His plans for them.
2. Let each child take a turn to walk along the path. As they reach each prompt, encourage them to say a simple prayer related to the prompt. For example, at 'God loves me', they might say, 'Thank you, God, for loving me.' Provide assistance as needed for the younger children to understand and articulate their prayers.
3. When they reach the end of the path, at the cross, encourage them to thank God for His love and plans. Offer them stickers to decorate the path or cross as a way of marking their prayer journey. Conclude by reminding them that God's plan is always good, and He is always with them.