

“Hey, God!” - LESSON 1

“Do You Have A Plan For Me?”

Main Focus:

God has an amazing plan for every person's life



Power Verse:

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- Jeremiah 29:11



Whatchagaddaknow:

“God Has A Wonderful Plan For Me!”

LEADER'S INFO

So many people, including children, walk through life aimless and scared. They feel as if they are meant to wander instead of march toward the goal and purpose for their lives.

Often, we ask the question, “God, do you have a plan for me?” Even when we believe that He does, it is not always easy to see it. God has a way of revealing His plan at just the right time and in just the right way. The problem is, we are often not able to trust Him.

In this lesson, the children will learn from the story of Moses as a baby in a basket to see that God can use the most unlikely person and unlikely circumstances to bring about His plan. Even though we may get restless and scared, we can trust God to come through just in time.



“The Spark” Intro Video

“I Have A Few Questions!”



Whatchagaddaknow Video

Wiggy Pop teaches “Whatchagaddaknow”



Character Skit

“Curi Osity”



Offering Time



Game Time!

“M&M Mix-Up”



Bible Story

“Moses Is Born”



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Call To Action

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Rewind!

Review Game



Small Group Experience

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“The Spark” Intro Video

- “Lesson 1 - The Spark” Intro Video

Whatchagaddaknow Video

- “Whatchagaddaknow Teaching” Video
- “Whatchagaddaknow Trigger” Video

Character Skit

- “Curi Osity” Theme Graphic/Music

Offering Time

- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

Game Time!

- “Game Time!” Bumper Video
- “M&M Mix-Up” Graphic
- Four Regular-Sized Bags Of M&M's
- Eight Disposable Plates
- Four Straws

Bible Story

- “Moses Is Born” Graphics

Power Verse Video

- “Lesson 1 Power Verse” Video

Call To Action

- “Do You Have A Plan For Me?” Graphics
- A Model Car
- A Medium-Sized Basket
- A Pair Of Sunglasses
- A Bike Helmet
- A Can Of Insect Repellent

Rewind!

- “REWIND!” Bumper Video
- “REWIND!” Lesson 1 Graphics

Small Group Experience

- Bible Story Print Piece
- Crayons, Pencils, Or Markers
- Where Do I Belong Game Cards Print Pieces
- Scissors
- Tape
- Jeremiah 29:11 Print Piece

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Introduction to “The Spark” Intro Video

Leader: Hey, kids! Today, we’re kicking off a brand-new series called “Hey God!” In this series, we’re going to be asking God some of the BIGGEST questions people wonder.

Have you ever wanted to ask God a question? If you could ask God ONE question and get the answer right now, what would it be? *(allow kids to respond and share some of their questions)*

Well today, we’re going ALL the way back to the book of Exodus, and we’re going to learn from the life of someone named... Moses! Ever heard of him? *(allow response)* He is one of the most famous people in the Bible. His life didn’t start off easy. In fact, from the very beginning, Moses’ life was in danger!

Let’s check out our video and see if we can learn even more about this...

(play “The Spark - Intro Video Lesson 1”)

Leader: Isn’t it awesome? God’s not afraid of our questions...even the BIG ones. I know there are times when you wonder, “God, do you have a plan for me?” The answer is - “YES!” God’s plan for you is big - just like His plan for Moses was BIG!

Today, you’re going to learn that God has a plan just for YOU! He knows your name, your future, and exactly how to get you where you need to be. Even when life feels crazy or confusing, God is protecting you and placing you right where He wants you.

We are going to learn all about that in our lesson, today. But, before we do that, we need to find out “Whatchagaddaknow.”

(play “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video)



CHARACTER SKIT

Character: “Curi Osity” *(She is an amateur detective who is always on the hunt for her next case! She always carries a magnifying glass and notepad with her to uncover clues and put together the answers she so badly seeks to find.)*

Curi: *(Enters excitedly)* Okay, team! Today, we are on a mission. We need to understand something: Does God really have a plan for our lives? Why would He care about us? I don't know, but I will find out!

Leader: Those are great questions! What's your first clue? Wait - who are you?

Curi: *(Pulling out her notepad)* My name is Curi Osity! It's great to be here. Now, back to the business at hand. I've got tons of questions! I wish there were a book that told me all the answers I was looking for.

Leader: *(Chuckling)* It would be awesome if there were! Instead, we get to explore our questions together!

Curi: Like detectives on a case! Let's dive into Moses' life! If we look at God's plan for him, maybe it could help us understand better! Think about when Moses parted the Red Sea. Why did God lead him there in the first place? Couldn't He have chosen a less splashy way?

Leader: *(Thoughtfully)* That's a good point, Curi. Sometimes, we think things are harder than they should be, but there's a perfect design. We just have to trust God.

Curi: *(Nods, scribbling notes)* Trusting God... That's good! So, it's like when you try to build a tower of blocks. If it falls over, you try again. I always knock them down when I play Jenga! I'm so bad at that game.

Leader: Exactly! And remember, Moses faced a lot of challenges on his journey.

Curi: Why? Because he forgot to check his map? Or maybe the sun was in his eyes?

Leader: *(Laughs)* Those could be valid reasons! But every challenge helped him grow, just like every tough question helps us learn!

Curi: *(Raises an eyebrow)* What if, instead of fearing them, we looked at challenges as opportunities to learn and discover?

Leader: That's wonderful! Sometimes we have to go through tough situations to understand God's plan. When Moses was confused, he kept going. So should we!

Curi: *(Clapping her hands, very excitedly)* Perseverance! I like that! How do we know what God's plan is, though?

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CHARACTER SKIT

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Leader: Well, you can ask Him! But sometimes, we just find ourselves in it! If you keep trusting, obeying, and following Him, He will keep you on the path He created for you.

Curi: *(Pausing to think)* So, asking questions is key! And trust is a part of understanding our path.

Leader: Exactly! And remember, you're not alone in this. Sharing your questions with others can also be helpful.

Curi: Right! Teamwork makes the dream work! So, what's our next step?

Leader: We can share these discoveries and help each other understand more about God's plan!

Curi: *(Claps her hands and spins in excitement)* WEEEEEEEEEEEEEE! *(To the kids)* Alright, Curious Club, let's unravel this mystery together! Remember: it's okay to ask tough questions!

Leader: That's right!

Curi: *(Raises her magnifying glass to the audience)* Welcome to the club, everyone! Let's see what we can discover! My name is Curi Osity. If I don't know the answer, I WILL find out! See ya soon!

(EXITS WHILE THEME MUSIC PLAYS)



GAME TIME

“M&M Mix-Up”

Items Needed For Game:

Four regular-sized bags of M&M's (*convenience store size*); Eight disposable plates; Four straws

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Preparation:

Choose two boys and two girls to compete in this game.

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How To Play:

Give each player a bag of M&M's, a straw, and two plates. When the leader says “Go,” they must open their bag of M&M's and empty the contents onto a plate. They then must move M&M's to their second plate and organize them into piles by color. However, they cannot use their hands. They must transfer the candies by sucking the M&M's to their straw. The first player to transfer and organize all their candies by color wins for their team.



Bible Story

“Moses Is Born”

Materials Needed:

The graphic slides for Lesson 1; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the story in Exodus 2:1-10; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

The Story:

Today’s Bible Story is found in Exodus chapter 2. This amazing person we are learning about, Moses, had a very difficult beginning to his life. Moses was born in a very terrible time. His people, the Hebrews (also known as the Israelites), were slaves in the country of Egypt. The ruler of Egypt, known as Pharaoh, was not a nice man. In fact, Pharaoh was worried that there were getting to be too many Hebrews in the land of Egypt, so he made a rule! (*show pic*) “I want all Hebrew baby boys KILLED!”



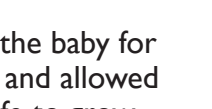
Wow! This was very mean! He ordered his soldiers to kill every single Hebrew baby boy that was born. There was a baby boy born to a Hebrew woman. It was Moses. His mother did not want him to die, so she decided to hide him. That worked for a while, but soon he was just too big to hide. (*show pic*) So, Moses’ mom made a small basket and placed the baby in it. She put the basket in the Nile River, hoping it would keep the baby safe. Moses’ older sister hid in the distance to watch and see what would happen to him.



The basket floated down the Nile River and into the place where Pharaoh’s daughter, the princess of Egypt, was washing in the river. (*show pic*) Pharaoh’s daughter saw the basket, opened it up, and discovered the baby inside. She was touched by the sweet cry of the baby boy and decided she wanted to keep the baby as her own son.



(*show pic*) Suddenly, Moses’ sister ran up and told Pharaoh’s daughter, “My mom will take care of the baby for you!” Pharaoh’s daughter thought this was a great idea. So, she gave baby Moses to the little girl and allowed her to take the baby. Soon, (*show pic*) Moses was back in the arms of his mother. He was now safe to grow and live. After a few years, his mother took Moses to Pharaoh’s palace to live.



WOW! When Moses was first born, you would have thought his life was already over. But, God had a plan for him. Even though it wasn’t obvious to see, God used some crazy circumstances and crazy situations to bring about His plan for Moses.

In your lesson today, you are going to learn that God has a plan for your life as well. God will use whatever He needs to use to make sure that HIS plan never fails!



Call To Action

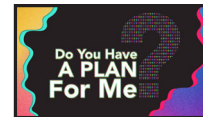
“Do You Have A Plan For Me?”

Materials Needed:

The “Call To Action” graphics; a model car (or other item with lots of pieces and an instruction sheet); a medium-sized basket (usually found at Hobby Lobby or other craft store); a pair of sunglasses; a bike helmet; a can of insect repellent

Preparation:

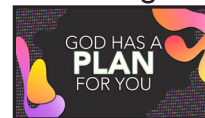
Begin with the slide titled, “Do You Have A Plan For Me?”



The Message: (title slide)

We talked earlier about how all of us have wanted to ask God a question. After all, God knows everything! He created everything! He could answer any question we ever asked Him. He could answer “How many hairs are on my head?”, “How does a caterpillar become a butterfly?”, and “How many licks does it take to get to the Tootsie Roll center of a Tootsie Pop?”

There are probably a lot of questions you would like to ask God. One question that a lot of people ask Him all the time is, “God, do you have a plan for me?” You see, so many people feel like their lives are meaningless and unimportant. They want to know if their life has any meaning or purpose to it. Well, guess what?



God Has A Plan For You (slide)

Our PowerVerse says it clearly, “‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ says the LORD. ‘They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.’” That’s God talking to you and me. He says, “Of course I have a plan for you.” Maybe you wonder why you really need to be concerned with God’s plan for your life.

(hold up the model car, demonstrate how many pieces are involved) It’s kind of like this model. As you can see, there are hundreds of pieces involved in putting this together. Now, you have two choices. You can either try to look at all these pieces and try your best to figure it out yourself OR you can read the instructions and follow them in order to put the model together. Now, which way do you think will be faster? (allow response) Of course! Trying to figure it all out by yourself is silly when you have the plans that were given by the one who created the model, right?

That’s the same with you and I. We don’t need to try to figure out our lives by ourselves. We need to go to

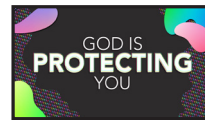
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Call To Action *(Continued)*

THE instruction book written by the one who created us (*hold up a Bible*). God’s plan for us is revealed in the Bible. He has plans for each one of our lives. We have to trust Him and follow His instructions.

Maybe you are thinking, “But, what if bad things happen to me like I get sick or something? Can God protect me?” Here’s some great news...



God Is Protecting You *(slide)*

(*hold up the sunglasses*) What do we use sunglasses for? (*to protect our eyes from sunlight*) (*hold up the insect repellent*) What do we use bug spray for? (*to protect us from insects*) (*hold up the bike helmet*) What do we use bike helmets for? (*to protect our heads when riding a bike*) If we can put our trust in a helmet, sunglasses, or bug spray to protect us from those things - how much more can we put our trust in God to protect us from the bad things that come along in this life?

God protected Moses as a baby (*hold up the basket*) in a basket. God protected him from the alligators and snakes that were lurking in the Nile River. He also protected Moses from being killed by Pharaoh’s soldiers. If God can protect Moses from those things, you can definitely trust God to protect you from sickness, disease, and harm in this life. We also learn one more important thing from this story of Moses...



God Is Placing You Right Where He Wants You *(slide)*

God made sure that Moses was in that tiny basket in the middle of the river right at the perfect time for Pharaoh’s daughter to find him. Do you think his mom knew that was going to happen when she put him in the basket. Probably not! But, God did. God guided Moses’ life through some crazy circumstances and used some crazy things (like a basket) to protect and place Moses right where he needed to be. It didn’t make sense at the time, but once God was done - it made perfect sense.

Sometimes, we go through some difficult things. Family trouble, sickness, bullies, school problems - all of these things can seem to be impossible to survive. But, God is protecting you and placing you exactly where He wants you. You have to trust His plan for your life. He will never leave you or forsake you. Trust Him! He will protect you just like He did Moses! You will never regret it!

ALTAR RESPONSE: *(play soft music)*

Pray for the children to put their trust in God’s plan for their lives. Allow God to speak to them and remind them that they mean so much to Him. He has a plan for them. He will protect them. He will use circumstances and situations that may seem impossible in order to position and place them right where He needs them in order for His plan to unfold.



REWIND!

Materials Needed:

“REWIND!” Lesson 1 Graphics; “REWIND!” Bumper Video

Preparation:

Play the “REWIND!” Bumper Video; Begin with the slide titled “REWIND!”; there is a slide for each question

1. Whatchagaddaknow today?

Answer: “God Has A Wonderful Plan For Me!”

2. What person from the Bible are we learning from in this series?

Answer: Moses

3. What did Pharaoh order to be done with the Hebrew baby boys?

Answer: They Had To Be Killed

4. What did Moses’ mom place him in before she placed him in the Nile River?

Answer: A Basket

5. Who ended up finding Moses in the basket?

Answer: Pharaoh’s Daughter

6. Who did Pharaoh’s daughter choose to be Moses’ caregiver?

Answer: Moses’ Mom

7. According to our lesson today, “God Has A _____ For You.”

Answer: Plan

8. According to our lesson today, “God Is _____ You.”

Answer: Protecting

9. According to our lesson today, “God Is Placing You Right Where He _____ You.”

Answer: Wants

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: Jeremiah 29:11