



CONSTRUCT AND CREATE | WEEK 3 | SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Preschool Lesson

King Josiah

Bible Story: *King Josiah* • God's plans are best for me • *2 Chronicles 34*

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: I am loved by God no matter what so I can trust God to guide me.

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

God made me. God loves me. And God has plans for me. That is the foundation we want to begin to construct and create for our preschoolers this month. We want them to grow up knowing God has plans for them that include good things for them to do. We want them to know they can trust God's plans and that His plans are always best. And just like we can wait for birthdays and Christmas, we can wait on God's plans too! Each of our preschoolers is building their own story with their lives. It is our hope and prayer that they will choose to build it with God by trusting that His plans are best. With God, we know they will construct and create a story that will leave a legacy of faith for generations to come.

Pre-Service Check List

- HUDDLE AS TEAM → • You're in this together! Pray together and talk about the activities for the day.
- PLAY MUSIC
- PUT OUT TOYS → • A welcoming environment is important! We want it to be obvious from the moment kids walk in that they belong HERE!
- PUT ASIDE DISTRACTIONS
- ENGAGE WITH KIDS

Morning Flow



KID CONNECT

WELCOME TIME

(VIDEO: ARRIVAL MUSIC)

Play intro music in the background as you greet preschoolers and follow the KidCity check-in procedures. Set out a few favorite theme-related toys, such as puzzles and blocks.

OPENING ACTIVITY

(No Supplies)

Kid Connect time is spent building relationships with the kids. Gather your Small Group together for some intentional connecting time before Large Group. You can do small activities while you chat together (like coloring or building with blocks) or just sit and listen to each other. Ask your kids relationship-building questions like:

- How old are you?
- Do you have a favorite stuffed animal?
- Do you have a brother, sister, or pet? What are their names?
- What do you like to play at home?
- What's your favorite food/color/animal/ice cream flavor?

Transition to Large Group...

LARGE GROUP

COUNTDOWN

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN)

Show the countdown video as the children clean up and transition to Large Group.

SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS

(CG: EXPECTATION SLIDE, BASIC TRUTHS SLIDE, MEMORY VERSE VIDEO; BIBLE)

LGL: "Hello my friends! How are you today? Come and sit with me. I am so glad you are here! My name is [your name]. I'm excited to spend time with you today! We are getting ready to sing and dance and hear a true story from the Bible. Before we do let's go over our rules and truths.

"Here in KidCity we have three rules. How many rules do we have? (*Kids respond.*) That's right! Three rules. Let's go over our rules now. (*List rules while counting on fingers*)

1. **Be kind.** We can be kind by using our indoor speaking voices, by staying on our blankets (or whatever space you have), and by obeying our leaders.
2. **Be safe.** We can be safe by walking around the classroom and keeping our hands to ourselves.
3. **Have fun!** We are going to have SO much fun, and that's because you are here!

"Can everybody follow those rules today? (*Kids respond.*) Great! KidCity is a place where we learn

about God and Jesus! And there are three big truths that we want you to know. Let's say them all together! Are you ready?

1. **I am made by God.** What is it? *(Kids repeat.)*
2. **I am loved by God no matter what.** What is it? *(Kids repeat.)*
3. **I am made for a purpose!** What is it? *(Kids repeat.)*

"It's time for our memory verse. Let's watch our memory verse motions and do it along with them!"

Show memory verse motion video and then practice without it.

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

"Ok, now let's sing and worship God!"

WORSHIP

(VIDEO: ANYTHING AT ALL, GOD'S WAY)

Sing the worship songs together.

INTRO SKETCH

(Story Box with Beginner's Bible, Stuffed Ollie the Owl and Prop for Current Week (W1 Lion Stuffed Animal/Lion Toy Figure, W2 Baby Doll Wrapped in a Blanket, W3 Kings Crown, W4 Large Star))

LGL brings the story box with the Bible to the center of the room.

"I have my story box ready. I'm SO excited to see what we are learning about God today. Let's see what I have in here..."

Pull out the Bible

"What is this? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes, it's the Bible! The Bible is God's word and God's word is always true. The Bible has many stories that make one BIG story, and we (you and me) are part of that story.

"There is something else in our story box today. Let's see what it is!

Pull out Ollie and the prop for current week

"Hello Ollie! Can everyone say 'Hello Ollie!' *(Pause for responses.)* What did Ollie bring today? *(Pause for responses.)* YES, a crown! Do you think there is a crown in our story today? *(Pause for responses.)* Let's get ready to watch our Bible story video and find out!

"Let's click on our listening ears (tug on each ear, one at a time, as you make a click, click sound), let's put on our looking eyes (bring your hands, one at a time, to your eyes like binoculars as you

say shook, shook) and let's put our hands that have been move and praising Jesus quietly in our laps.

"Now we are ready. Let's watch today's true Bible story."

WATCH THE BIBLE STORY

(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY, BOTTOM LINE)

"Wow! That was a great story! There WAS a crown in our story! Who wore the crown? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes, King Josiah! God has plans for King Josiah and all the people, and God has plans for you too!

"When I ask you, 'Who has plans for you?' I want you to say, *[Bottom Line]* 'God has plans for me!' Are you ready? *(Pause for responses.)* 'Who has plans for you?' *[Bottom Line]* 'God has plans for me!' YES! *[Bottom Line]* 'God has plans for me!'

SAY THE BASIC TRUTH

(CG: BASIC TRUTH SLIDE)

"Let's look at our Basic Truth for today. It says, 'I am loved by God no matter what so I can trust God to guide me.' **We can trust God to guide us because God made us, God loves us, and God has plans for us!**

PRAY

"Let's get our hands ready to pray. *Open them, close them, open them, close them, give a little clap. Open them, close them, open them, close them, fold them in your lap.*

"Dear God, Thank You that we can read Your words in the Bible and know Your plans. Please help us do what You say, like Josiah did, because Your plans are always best. In Jesus' name, Amen."

TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

SMALL GROUP

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FOLLOW THE KING (2's-5's)

(Toy Crown – 1 per group)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Put the crown on and ask children to join you in an open area.

During the Activity: Encourage children to follow your movements.

After the Activity: Review the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, come over here with me. Look at my head. Do you know what I'm wearing? (*Tap the crown.*) That's right! A crown. Kings and queens wear crowns. I'm going to pretend to be a king, and we can play a game of follow the king!"

During the Activity: "When I am wearing the crown, wherever I go and whatever I do, I want you to follow me and try to do the same movement I do. Ready to give it a try?"

- Follow the king, here we go! (*Clap your hands.*) Great clapping!
- Follow the King. (*Start marching around the room.*) Whoa, great marching.
- Follow the King. (*Nod your head.*) Nice nodding.
- Follow the King. (*Sit down and pat your legs.*) You did it!
- Follow the King. (*Wiggle your arms.*) Great wiggling your arms!
- Follow the King. (*Sit down and pretend to read a book.*) You are super readers!
- Follow the King. (*Tip toe.*) Awesome tip toeing!
- Follow the King. (*Spin around.*) Whoa, great spinning.
- Follow the King. (*Jump up and down.*) Excellent jumping!
- Follow the King. (*Reach your arms high in the sky then move your arms low and touch your toes.*) You did it!

That was a fun game, and you were great at following the king!"

After the Activity: "Today we learned that God had plans for a young king named Josiah. King Josiah loved God and wanted to follow God's plans. King Josiah also wanted his people to follow God's plans too so he repaired the temple so they could go and worship God. While it was being repaired, someone found a very special book that had God's words in it. When King Josiah heard God's words, he wanted all the people to hear them too! After everyone had heard God's words, King Josiah and all the people promised to follow God's plans because God's plans are best. God had big plans for King Josiah and God has plans for you too. Who has plans for you? [*Bottom*

Line] God has plans for me!"

STORY BUILDERS (2's-5's)

("Story Builders" Activity Page - 1 cut picture per group, Mondo Blocks - 6 blocks per group)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Story Builders" and cut, one cutout per Small Group. Tape the "Story Builders" picture to one block for each small group. Mix the Bible block among the other blocks, making sure the picture isn't visible.

During the Activity: Invite the children to build with you as you review the Bible Story. When the Bible block is found, say, *[Bottom Line]* God has plans for me.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Hey, friends! Come join me around this pile of blocks. (Pause.)"

During the Activity: "Let's build with these blocks while I review today's Bible Story about King Josiah. As I read each part of the story, you are going to take turns stacking the blocks. Are you ready? (Pause for responses.)"

- King Josiah loved God. (*stack the 1st block*)
- King Josiah knew that God's plans are best. (*stack the 2nd block*)
- One day, King Josiah told his workers to fix the temple so all the people could worship God there. (*stack the 3rd block*)
- While the workers were fixing the temple, they found a very special book with God's words in it! (*stack the 4th block*)
- King Josiah was so happy to hear God's words, he told all the people to come so they could hear God's words too! (*stack 5th block*)
- After everyone had heard God's words, King Josiah and all the people promised to follow God's plans because God's plans are best! (*stack the 6th block*)

Keep an eye out for the Bible block. (*Point out the Bible block if children don't bring attention to it.*) Look! You found a Bible when you were building, just like King Josiah! Everyone say *[Bottom Line]* 'God has plans for me'. Ready? (Pause for responses.) *[Bottom Line]* 'God has plans for me'.

"Great work listening to the story and building! Okay, who is ready to knock down our blocks and rebuild? (Pause for responses and allow the kids to knock down the tower.) Alright, let's sit back down. I'm going to tell the story again and we are going to stack the blocks. Remember, when we find the block with the Bible picture, we are going to say *[Bottom Line]* 'God has plans for me'. Are you ready? (Pause for responses, then begin reading the story again.)"

After the Activity: "We can read the Bible to hear God's words and hear the plans God has for us. So, when I ask, who has plans for you, I want you to say, *[Bottom Line]* God has plans for me! Who has plans for you? *[Bottom Line]* God has plans for me! God had plans for King Josiah and God has plans for you too! Who has plans for you? *[Bottom Line]* God has plans for me!"

MEMORY VERSE WITH MOTIONS

(Memory Verse Motions Poster – 1 per group)

Say the memory verse using motions from the Memory Verse Motions poster. Repeat several times and encourage children for their efforts.

“For I know *(touch head with fingertips)*
the plans I have for you,’ *(march)*
says the Lord,” *(point up)*
Jeremiah 29:11. *(Open hands like a book)*

PRAY

“Let’s pray together. *(Have kids “put both hands up in the air, clap them together once [keep hands clasped], and then lower them down to their lap.”)*

“Dear God, Thank You that we can read the Bible and hear about Your plans for us. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

PARENT PICK UP ACTIVITY – READ THE STORY

(The Beginner’s Bible)

What You Do:

- Open up the Beginner’s Bible to today’s story (Boy King Josiah, page #235) and read it to your small group.

CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

(First Look Placemats - 1 per child)

Hand out placemats and encourage parents/influencers to review the Preschool lesson with their child this week.