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GET IN THE MIX

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ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY (K-3rd grade)

JUNE 13, 2021

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY: Cities in Dust (Israel Captures Jericho) • Joshua 5:13–6:20

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE: God's plan is the best plan.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE: *I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Psalm 27:13 (NIV)*

MONTHLY LIFE APPLICATION: Confidence—Learning to see yourself the way God sees you.

BASIC TRUTH: I can trust God no matter what.

WHAT YOU NEED: Paper and something to draw with.

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask kids what their parents or other adults use when traveling somewhere they don't usually go on a regular basis. Do they use a map app on their phone? A GPS device in the car? Old-school paper maps printed from the internet? Encourage the kids to draw a map from where they are to their favorite place. Instruct them to write out detailed plans on where they are going and how to get there.

As kids work on their maps, use the following questions to review today's Bible story:

- How long did the Israelites wander in the wilderness? (40 years)
- Who was the leader of the Israelites when God told them to conquer Jericho? (Joshua)

- What was the name of the sacred chest where God’s presence somehow stayed among His people? (Ark of the Covenant)
- What happened when the priests stepped into the Jordan River? (God parted the waters just like He parted the waters of the Red Sea.)
- Who met Joshua and told him the plan to march around Jericho? (Commander of the Lord’s Army)
- How did God instruct His people to attack Jericho? (by marching around the city and blowing trumpets)
- How many days did God’s people march around the city? (seven days)
- How many times did they circle the city on the last day? (seven times)
- What happened on the seventh day after they marched the seventh time around the city and everyone shouted? (the walls came down)

WHAT YOU SAY:

“Have you ever tried to go somewhere new without a map or even a plan for how to get there? You probably got lost or ended up having to ask for directions! God’s plan may not always make sense. Can you imagine how the Israelites felt? Marching around a city and blowing trumpets in order to conquer it? That doesn’t really seem like the best plan, does it?”

“The awesome thing is that we can trust God, no matter what. We can be confident in God’s plans even when they don’t make sense because we know He is always working for good. [Make it Personal] (Tell kids about a time when you had to trust God’s plan even when it didn’t make sense.)

“Maybe this past year you had to do online school or you couldn’t see your friends and family as much as you’d like. No matter what God’s plans look like in our own unique worlds, we can have confidence that [Bottom Line] God’s plan is the best plan. The next time you have a hard time believing, just open the Bible to the story of Joshua and know that even the craziest of plans work out when God is the one making the plan!”

CLOSE IN PRAYER:

As you pray, lead kids to echo your prayers with today’s Bottom Line.

LEADER: “Dear God, Your plan is the best plan.” KIDS: [Bottom Line] “God’s plan is the best plan.”

LEADER: “When we’re confused, Your plan is the best plan.” KIDS: [Bottom Line] “God’s plan is the best plan.”

LEADER: “When things don’t make sense, Your plan is the best plan.” KIDS: [Bottom Line] “God’s plan is the best plan.”

LEADER: “Thank You that no matter what, Your plan is the best plan. KIDS: [Bottom Line] “God’s plan is the best plan.”

LEADER: “You are SO good. Your plan is the best plan. KIDS: [Bottom Line] “God’s plan is the best plan.”

LEADER: “We love You, Lord. Amen.”