

GAME PLAN (P/O)

WEEK 4 (Sept 28 2025)

BIG IDEA

Forgiveness is always God's game plan.

BIBLE

David and Nathan: 2 Samuel 11:26–12:13

ABOUT THIS WEEK

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CHECK-IN/PLAYTIME (15 MIN)

Check- In Opens 15 min before the Experience begins and closes 15 min after it begins

Kids will play until check-in closes

Start countdown 5 minutes before check-in closes (9:40am, 11:20am, 1:20pm)

Whoever is doing check-in should stay there and welcome all kids. An Adult (18years or older) must drop kids off and check for name-tag with phone number on it.

Welcome Time!

Welcome (5 MIN)

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Rules (5 MIN)

1. Be Kind (make heart with hands)
2. Use Listening Ears (Cup ear with hand)
3. Use walking feet (walk in place)
4. Keep hands and feet to yourself (hold up hands then point to feet)
5. Help Clean up (pretend like your using a broom)
6. HAVE FUN!

Worship (8 MIN)

- INSTRUCTIONS: Play Videos loaded on the Sunday playlist on Youtube
 - **1st Experience:** [Jesus is Alive \(Freeze Dance\)](#) (**motions**) by Kids Spring
 - **2nd Experience:** [My BFF \(Motions\)](#) by Bible Adventure Worship (Life Way)
 - (other Locations: Click the song title to access youtube video's)

ACTIVITY | Dot The Basketball (10 MIN)

PRE SUNDAY PREP: Purple – Print a copy of a basketball outline like [this](#); one per child; **Orange** – On a large piece of butcher paper, draw a large circle and hang the paper up at kid height (you will need 3 of these one per experience); Have Orange dot stickers in the room

- **INSTRUCTIONS:**
 - **ORANGE:** Provide a orange dot marker or orange stickers and have kids come up, wear a blindfold, and then stick a [dot sticker](#) inside the circle. The objective is to try to cover the entire basketball with orange dots. Feel free to have kids try multiple times and allow them to see where they want to put their sticker before putting on their blindfolds. After everyone is done, cut the ball out of the paper to show that even with the mistakes, there's a way to fix it!
 - **PURPLE:** Toddlers may not want to take turns or like wearing a blindfold. Instead, give

the toddlers their own paper with a basketball outline to put the orange circle stickers onto or color with dot markers.

- **Did you know that you need forgiveness when you play sports?** Like basketball. It's easy to make mistakes. You could drop the ball, miss the hoop, or even throw it to somebody on the other team!
- Sometimes, it's hard to forgive. We might want to stay mad for a little while. But we can talk to God. God helps us let go of those big feelings and helps us forgive. We can forgive just like God forgives us! **Forgiveness is always God's game plan.**

ACTIVITY | Basketblocks (5 MIN)

PRE SUNDAY PREP: Have 2 baskets or boxes in orange room and one in purple room (they can use the plastic blocks already in each room)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *For this activity, provide light plastic or foam blocks, and a basket to throw them into. Spread them around the room in messy heaps. Lead the kids to race to get the blocks in the basket as fast as they can together.*
 - **ORANGE:** *Create separate teams and baskets for larger groups of kids. Play a few rounds together.*
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- **How did it feel when all of the blocks were in the baskets?** It felt good! The room is clean again.
- God's plan is always forgiveness! No matter what kind of mess we make, God can clean it up and forgive. In today's Bible story, King David made a huge mess. But God forgave him. God always wants to forgive us!

Story Time

BIG IDEA | Forgiveness is always God's game plan. (5 MIN)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play an upbeat sports-themed track ([like this](#)) and have kids chant the Big Idea by repeating small chunks after you while doing the hand motions below.*
- In any sports game, players need to follow the coach's game plan. We all have the best coach—God! God has the best game plan!
- Let's find out what's in God's game plan for us. Drumroll please ... *(Lead the kids in a drumroll.)*
 - **Forgiveness** ([Sign language for "forgive"](#) or have kids hug themselves.)
 - **is always** (*Spin your hands around each other in a small circle.*)
 - **God's** (*Point up.*)
 - **game plan.** (*Open palms like a book.*)

VIDEO | Game Plan, Episode 4 (8 MIN)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's episode of [Cali's World](#).*

- Other campuses: you can use the video linked above or download the videos for this month [here](#)

Bathroom (10 MIN)

- Line Kids up (Lead Teacher in front/assistant in back)
- Exit room to left and walk kids to the kids bathroom
- Allow 4 girls at a time or 4 boys (boys and girls should never go in at the same time)
- Lead teacher stands at the door with foot in door so they can hear if there are any problems
- Assistant helps keeps the kids waiting entertained, quiet and in their spots against the wall
- Make sure to ask if they washed their hands when done
- Once all kids are done and out of the restroom, lead teacher checks to make sure it looks ok, toilets have been flushed and nothing has been placed in toilets.
- Then walk back to class
- We never assist with anything other than buttoning pants and lead teacher should be in view of assistant at all time.
- If a child needs assistance other than buttoning pants the parent/guardian must be contacted

Sharing Time

Prayer (5 MIN)

- Maybe select a different child each week to pray over the snack
- Give them pointers on praying like how to start..."Dear Jesus" thanking Him for something, praying for anything we might need and then thanking Him for the food.
- Dear God, thank you for always forgiving us. Sorry for the times we have made you sad. Help us to forgive others who make us sad, too. Amen.

SNACK | Goldfish (10 min)

- Have kids sit at table and pass out Goldfish and water

ONLY ONE SERVING OF GOLDFISH PER CHILD

YOU MAY GIVE AS MUCH WATER AS YOU WANT KEEPING IN MIND RESTROOM BREAKS

ACTIVITY | Circle Time (during snack)

- **PRE SUNDAY PREP: Print the Bible Story Images [here](#). (they are labeled by episode EX. eps1image1)**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Use Bible Story Cards to have kids help you retell the Bible

story and answer the following questions

- **Who came to tell David a story about a rich man and a poor man?** *The prophet Nathan.*
- **What did the rich man have a lot of? What did the poor man only have one of?** *Sheep.*
- **How did David feel when he heard this story?** *David felt angry.*
- **What did God do when David felt sorry for what he did wrong?** *God forgave David.*
- **Forgiveness is always whose game plan?** *God!*

MEMORY VERSE | Psalm 33:11 (NIV) (5 MIN)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Help kids learn this month's memory verse by setting the words to the tune of "Old MacDonald Had a Farm." You can also have kids repeat the verse after you in small chunks, say them using silly voices, or create simple hand motions for keywords.*
- **"But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations."**

ACTIVITY | Sheep In God's Hands (10 MIN)

PRE SUNDAY PREP: Have black construction paper, cotton balls, glue and scissors in each room

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *For this craft, trace each kid's hands on black construction paper and help them cut it out using safety scissors. Turn the hand upside down and have them glue cotton balls onto the palm area of the hand to look like [sheep](#), drawing a face on the thumb. Consider letting the kids make several sheep since their hands are small.*
 - **PURPLE:** *Have one of the teachers trace and cut out the kids hands as they are getting dropped off so you can just help them glue on the cotton balls. You could do both their hands so they have 2 sheep. If you finish the activity early and have some extra time you can have the kids act/sound like sheep and pretend to be the shepherd*
- Just like the man in the story loved his sheep, God loves you and me! We are precious to God and that is why God is always ready to forgive us when we ask.
- **Forgiveness is always God's game plan.**

Play Time

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page (at home)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print and distribute [this coloring page](#) along with crayons or markers. You can review today's Bible story, Big Idea, and memory verse as the kids color.*