



Crèche Material for 0-4 years

God's Big Plan

God has a big plan for every one of us. He decided when we should be born and even where we should live. No child is a mistake, each one was planned and destined by God.

This month we are thinking about the plans that God has for every human being. The seed that we are sowing is the very foundation for Christian life and living.

Do not weary in praying for your children. God is the one who has chosen their destinies, he is the one who will bring them into that point.

I am so excited by all that God can do through these young lives and by the foundation we are giving to the next generation.

Every blessing,

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Aim: To show the children that God has a big plan for their life.

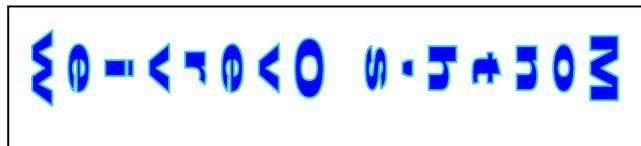
Month Overview:

Story: The life of Paul

Bible passage: Acts 9

Memory verse: Jeremiah Chapter 29 verse 11: "I know the plans I have for you,"

	Week 1 - Come to Jesus	Week 2 - Jesus makes you happy	Week 3 - we can do things for Jesus	Week 4 - We should be Jesus' friend
Ways of telling story	Puppets	Stand-sit-lie	Children act it out	Teddy tell
Worship	At the cross	Lift hands to God	DVD	Teddy worship
Warfare	At the cross	Lay hands on	Airplane message	Pray for each other
Activity	Colouring picture	Handy picture	Make a megaphone	Friend of Jesus balloon
Resources Provided	Story, colouring picture	Story, picture template	Story, megaphone template.	Story
Resources Needed	Bible, Puppets, cross, crayons	Bible, paint, aprons, water, towels.	DVD, airplane, glue, glitter, etc.	Teddies, balloons, paper, crayons, etc.



Week 1

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Word: Acts 9

Theme: God's got a big plan for you.

Teaching point: Paul decided to follow Jesus.

Aim: To give the children an opportunity to follow Jesus.

Way of telling the story: Use puppets.

The Story: The life of Paul.

Saul was a very nasty man. He hated all of Jesus' friends. First Saul saw Stephen get hurt. Then he tried to hurt all of Jesus' friends. One day Saul was on his way to a city called Damascus. He wanted to hurt anybody who loved Jesus in Damascus. Saul was walking down the road and was getting very near to the city.

Suddenly a bright light came from heaven. Saul fell to the ground. A voice said "Saul, Saul. Why are you being so nasty to me?"

Saul said "Who are you Lord?"

The voice replied "I am Jesus. The one you keep trying to hurt. Now go into the city and I will tell you what to do."

The men who were with Saul looked at him lying on the ground. They had heard Jesus speaking but could not see him. The men helped Saul get up. But when Saul opened his eyes he could not see.

For three days Saul did not eat and food. He did not drink and drink. He could not see.

Then one of Jesus' friends, called Ananias, came to him. God has told me to come and pray for you so that you can see. Ananias was scared because he knew that Saul hated Jesus' friends. But God had an important job for Paul to do. So Ananias went anyway. He wanted Jesus to use him.

Ananias found Saul and prayed for him to see again. Immediately something fell from Saul's eyes and he could see. Saul knew that Jesus was a good man. He was sorry that he had tried to hurt Jesus' friends.

From that day on Saul traveled around telling everybody about Jesus. Because of Saul many people became Jesus' friends.

After telling the story

Ask them questions like the ones below to see if they were listening to the story. Focus on the teaching point that God wants people to be saved.

1. Why was Saul going to Damascus? **To hurt Jesus' friends.**
2. What did Saul see on the road to Damascus? **A bright light.**
3. Who spoke to Saul from the light? **Jesus.**
4. Could Saul see? **No.**
5. What did Ananias do? **He let God use him to pray for Saul.**
6. How did Saul change? **He started telling people about Jesus instead of trying to hurt them.**

Ask the children if they have ever done things wrong. (All children have been told off by their mummies and so have done things wrong!).

Explain that Jesus died on the cross to take away our naughty things.

Worship & Warfare: At the cross

Make a cross and let the children sit around it as they pray and worship. They can stick picture prayers to the cross, as they remember what Jesus did.

Activity: Colouring

Colour the picture in the extra resources section.

Memory Verse:

Don't forget to teach the memory verse

Jeremiah Chapter 29 verse 11: "I know the plans I have for you,"

Learn the verse as a rap.

Week 2

Word: Acts 9

Theme: God's got a big plan for you.

Teaching point: Jesus made Paul better by taking away his blindness and his hate.

Aim: To allow God to take away the hurts from the children.

Way of telling the story: As you tell the story stand up, sit down and lie down as directed and get the children to follow you.

The Story: The life of Paul.

SIT Saul was a very nasty man. He hated all of Jesus' friends. First Saul saw Stephen get hurt. Then he tried to hurt all of Jesus' friends. **STAND** One day Saul was on his way to a city called Damascus. He wanted to hurt anybody who loved Jesus in Damascus. Saul was walking down the road and was getting very near to the city.

Suddenly a bright light came from heaven. Saul fell to the ground. **LIE** A voice said "Saul, Saul. Why are you being so nasty to me?"

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The voice replied "I am Jesus. The one you keep trying to hurt. Now go into the city and I will tell you what to do."

The men who were with Saul looked at him lying on the ground. They had heard Jesus speaking but could not see him. The men helped Saul **STAND** get up. But when Saul opened his eyes he could not see.

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Ask the children if they have brothers and sisters, or if not friends. If they do then ask them if they ever fight or argue with their brothers and sisters. Tell them God does not want us to get cross with our siblings and friends.

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Worship: Lifted hands

As you worship God together let the children lift their hands to God.

Warfare: Lay on hands

Lay hands on each of the children and pray for God to take away any hurts or sad parts of their lives. Allow this to be a time of Holy Spirit ministry.

Activity: Handy hands

Using the children's hands and hand prints, allow them to complete the finger painting activity.

Don't forget to make sure you have aprons, water and towels readily available.

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Week 3

Word: Acts 9

Theme: God's got a big plan for you.

Teaching point: Paul went to tell people about Jesus.

Aim: To encourage the children to tell their friends about Jesus.

Way of telling the story: Ask some children to help you act it out.

The Story: The life of Paul.

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From that day on Saul traveled around telling everybody about Jesus. Because of Saul many people became Jesus' friends.

After telling the story

Ask them questions like the ones below to see if they were listening to the story. Focus on the teaching point that God wants us to tell people about him.

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Ask the children to share some news with you about their lives. Go on to encourage them that it is good to share things. God wants us to share about him with other people.

Worship: DVD

Use a DVD to help support the worship time in pre-cell this week.

Warfare: Airplane message

Make some paper airplanes. Pretend that the room is like the whole world and the plane is like the good news about God. Tell the children to pray for people around the world as they send the good news there. If there is a part of the room where no planes have flown call out to the children to 'share the word' in that part of the world too.

Activity: Make a meagaphone

Using the material in the extra resources section make a megaphone to share the Gospel.

Week 4

Word: Acts 9

Theme: God's got a big plan for you.

Teaching point: Paul wanted to be Jesus' friend for ever.

Aim: To encourage the children to be Jesus' friend.

Way of telling the story: Give each child a teddy bear. The teddy can represent Paul and they can play the part of Ananias as you tell the story.

The Story: The life of Paul.

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Ask the children to tell you about their friends. Tell them that God wants to be their friend too.

Worship: Teddy

Let the children lead their teddies in worship.

Warfare: Pray for each other

Lead the children to lay hands on each other and pray for each other in small groups.

Activity: Balloons

Give each child a balloon. Create a streamer with the words 'Jesus is my friend' to hang from the balloon. Let them take their balloons home.

Memory Verse:

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