



WEEK 3

ELEMENTARY AT HOME

BLUEPRINTS

THE BIG IDEA

Jesus said yes to God's plans.

THE BIBLE

Jesus Brings Glory to God: John 12:20-33;
(Hebrews 5:7-9)

MUSIC | Plan for Praise

- This month, we've been talking about Blueprints and God's plan for our lives! It's not so hard to follow someone's plan for you when you know that you can trust them.
- Let's sing some song loudly and declare that we can trust God's plan for us!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Sing some worship songs with your family! (e.g., "[I Believe In Jesus](#)").

ACTIVITY | Which Plans?

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play a game of deciding "which plans" kids would choose to do if they absolutely had to. Feel free to add your own to the list. Have kids sit in a circle. For each question, have kids who choose option 1 to move to the middle of the circle, and anyone who chooses option 2 to move to the outside.*
- **If you had to choose one of these plans, would you . . .**
 - 1) Brush your teeth with soap, or 2) drink sour milk?
 - 1) Eat a whole raw onion, or 2) a whole lemon?
 - 1) Have an elephant-sized cat, or 2) a cat-sized elephant?
 - 1) Eat broccoli-flavored ice cream, or 2) meat-flavored cookies?
 - **PRETEEN HACK:** *Have kids write out a bunch of their own "plans" on slips of paper and add them to a bucket. You can read out their questions in addition to the ones above.*
 - **SPECIAL NEEDS HACK:** *To accommodate kids with limited mobility, have kids answer the poll with simple gestures such as holding up one finger for option 1 and two fingers for option 2, smiling or frowning, or pointing to the right or to the left.*



- These were silly plans to follow and chances are you won't ever have to do any of these! But there will be times that have to do things that don't seem so great at first, but if it's part of God's plan, we can trust that it will be awesome!

VIDEO | Blueprints, Episode 3

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's Bible story video with Pastor Robin and Mr. Harrison!*

SCRIPTURE | John 12:20-33

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Open your Bibles together to John 12:20-33 and review the story together.*
- Time was drawing nearer to the moment when Jesus would have to give his life – the part of God's plan no one really likes thinking about. But Jesus knew it was coming and he wanted his friends to be ready. He also wanted his friends to understand that following God would not always be easy.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Read John 12:20-33.*
 - **PRETEEN HACK:** *Tell the kids to open their Bible and find John 12:20-33. Once they have found it, have them find a partner and read the scripture together.*
- People from all over the world heard about Jesus and wanted to meet him.
- **How would you feel if people from everywhere knew your name? What would you do? What would you say about yourself?**
- Even though he easily could have, Jesus didn't talk about how great he was. Rather, Jesus wanted everyone to know how great God was. Jesus said that by giving his life to save us from sins, it would bring glory to God, meaning everyone would know just how powerful and loving God is.
 - To help explain this, Jesus used the example of a seed. **Can a seed do anything on its own?**
 - Without being planted, watered, and nurtured, the seed would just stay a seed and not become anything more. But if a seed follows the right plan, it can grow to become a fruitful tree! However, this path to becoming a tree would mean that the seed would "die" – it wouldn't be a seed anymore.
- Jesus knew that this part of saving us — giving his life for our lives — was part of God's plan all along. The Bible tells us how much sadness it caused in his heart. But Jesus knew that it would be worth it, even though it was going to be a difficult journey.
- Jesus trusted that love was the reason for the plan and trusted God to take care of everything and bring Jesus back to life as God promised. God was so pleased with how Jesus obeyed and brought glory to God.

STORY | Saying Yes

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Tell a story about a time when you said yes to something that you weren't sure about, but everything turned out great. Why did you not want to say yes at first? What changed your mind? What happened as a result?*



- What is something that you have said yes to that you weren't sure about? How did it turn out?

BONUS SCRIPTURE | Hebrews 5:7-9

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Read Hebrews 5:7-9.*
- **How do you think Jesus felt knowing that his life would end in a painful way?**
- From what we read in the Bible, we can see that Jesus was really concerned or maybe even afraid dying. But even though it would be extremely hard, Jesus was willing to obey God's plan no matter what.
- **Why do you think Jesus was so dedicated to this difficult plan?**
- Jesus knew that saying yes to God's plan was just like saying yes to you. You mean that much to him! Jesus could see every person who would be reconnected to God and forgiven because of his choice. Because of love, **Jesus said yes to God's plans.**

REFLECTION | Jesus Gave it All for You

- Jesus was willing to give up life for everyone — even those who didn't know or love Jesus!
- **What are some thoughts you might have if you knew you had to die for other people?**

DISCUSSION

- **Where did people come from to talk to Jesus?**
- **What kind of seed/grain did Jesus talk about?**
- **What did Jesus say yes to?**
- **Read John 12:32. Who did Jesus say would be drawn to Jesus if Jesus was lifted up?**
- **What is something God wants you to say yes to this week?**
- **Is it difficult for you to say yes to God's plan when you're not completely sure what it is?**
- **What is something you will do this week because you said yes to God's plan?**

ACTIVITY | Your Yes!

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print and cut this week's printable and hand one out to each kid. On the back of the card, tell kids to write something that they are going to say yes to this week. These things may be hard to do, but they can do it because of love (e.g., help around the house, give someone a genuine compliment, make someone smile). After they have written their idea down, play twenty questions using only yes or no questions only to guess what they wrote!*
- There are a lot of things we can do to say yes to. But remember you can't just say yes — you need to follow through with action. **Jesus said yes to God's plans** then obeyed



God every step of the way. We can follow Jesus' example and say yes to God's plans for us!

MEMORY VERSE | Peek-a-Verse

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Write Jeremiah 29:11 on butcher or blueprint paper so that each word can be covered up with a sticky note. As you review the verse, cover up words at random to help the kids memorize the words.*
 - **PRETEEN HACK:** *Recruit preteens to learn the memory verse with signs we've provided in advance. Give preteens the opportunity to lead kids in learning the verse during this activity to help the rest of the group with recall.*

PRAYER

- Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to Earth to save us. Help us to always be willing to follow Jesus' example and say yes to your plan for our lives! Amen.