

IMAGINE

LIVING YOUR DREAM

Children's Curriculum



Week 1

Bible Story: Joseph has a dream (Genesis 37:1-11)

Bottom Line: God has a dream for me

Memory Verse: Ephesians 3:20 MSG

"God can do anything, you know – far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams!"

(Preschool) "God can do anything, you know"

Welcome Time:

What is a dream?

- A Fantasy
- A Goal or Ambition
- Sometimes Unrealistic
- Sometimes God inspired

When do you dream?

- o When you are sleeping
- o When you are awake
- Daydreaming
- Inspired
- Bored, etc.

Did you know God can put a dream in your heart?

(He has a plan and a dream for every one of us)

Illustration: God is stirring things up inside – Have cake mix or something similar and show how just like we add the ingredients to make a great cake, God is adding things to our lives and we need to follow his instructions to fulfill our dreams.

Illustration: Caterpillar watching birds and butterflies and dreaming of one day flying, Then he goes into a cocoon and turns into a butterfly and praises God for making his dream come true.

Worship Songs: Nothing is Impossible, Supernatural by Hillsong, Royalty by Hillsong

Decoration ideas: Imagine sign/banner, cloud puffs hanging (white tissue) and last week's craft.

Learning Activities:

1. Opening game: "POP A DREAM" act out a "dream" being a policemen, firemen, superstar, rock star, pastor, worship leader, doctor, soccer star, football star, basketball star. The others must guess what they are (boys vs. girls).
2. Field trip: Take kids outside to look at the clouds and dream lying on the grass.
3. Video: show the part of Joseph's dream from Joseph: King of Dreams.
4. Create a list of talents, strengths, and passions
This can be done in small groups or as one large group with the leader writing a list from the children's answers.
5. Share your dream: Have kids get in groups of 3 or 4 and share their dreams with each other.
6. Crafts:
 - a. Butterfly crafts (see other attachments for week 1)
 - b. Have kids make a dream journal
 - i. The kids can put together a journal and decorate the cover so that they can have something to write their dreams in.
 - ii. When they are finished, have them write their dream on the first page inside.

Learning Activities for Preschool

1. Big Jump: Explain to kids that God has big big plans for us and we need to dream big and trust that God can make even the biggest dreams come true. Have them jump as high as they can and reinforce the concept of dreaming big just like they are making big jumps. Ask them to show you how big they are going to dream.
2. Memory Verse Chant with motions
 - a. Lead the kids in reciting their memory verse and teach them the following hand motions to help them remember.
 - b. God (Point up with one hand) can do (make two fists side to side like your holding onto handle bars and push them up and down twice) Anything (push both hands palms up outward) You Know (one finger up to your temple)
3. Craft
 - a. Draw your dream
 - b. This craft should be done early enough that kids can take their dreams into closing session so they can pray specifically for their dreams.
4. Coloring Sheet of Joseph's dream about the bales of hay
http://www.chabad.org/multimedia/browsers/imagepopup_cdo/iid/3953078/print/true

Closing Thought: Refuse to let others take away your dream.

- Believe in yourself
- Ask God to help you make your dream a reality

Prayer Time:

Does anyone have any dreams they would like us to pray for? (Most likely you will get a lot of hands raised) Wow I'm glad to see we all want to pray for our dreams. Can I get a volunteer to pray for everyone's dreams? (Pick one person to pray and let them know that after they pray, you will also pray and then close out the day)