

LESSON 5

GOD'S PLAN FOR MY LIFE

OBJECTIVES

1. To understand how faithful and God-fearing Joseph was despite everything he went through.
2. To understand that God has a plan for us and that we need to trust Him.
3. To serve God and the church by using the talents God has given us.

MEMORY VERSE

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."

(Romans 8:28)

PRAYER

1. Thank You, God, for gathering us here to worship and learn more about Your word.
2. Lord, please help us understand Your plan for us.
3. Please help us understand Your purpose in our lives.
4. Please help us stayed focused in class and apply its teachings to our lives.



Overview

1. God's Plan for My Life

- God has a plan for me.
- God's plan for me is good.
- God is faithful and He will guide me.
- How can I know God's plan for me?
- Live like Joseph

3. Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs—One True God

4. Life Application—Our Plans, God's Plans

- To understand that God's plan is good and that He will not harm us.

5. Activity—Encouragement Game

- Using our talents/abilities to encourage one another.



Background Knowledge for Teachers

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." (Jer 29:11)

God truly desires us to walk with Him and to communicate the plans He has for us. It is His wish for each of us to ask Him to come into our lives. This gives us a purpose in life! We have been redeemed from sins, so we cannot simply live our lives the way we want. So, how then can we find out what God has planned for our lives?

Knowing God's plan for us through prayers and Bible-reading

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you" (Jas 4:8). He promises always to come to those who search for Him with all their heart. The best way to know God's plan is by reading His word to find out what God's teaching is. God is the source of all wisdom; He will grant us wisdom if we ask and seek after His ways.

We should also spend time with Him daily in prayer. Just like in any friendship, you have to invest time and effort to get to know God intimately. It is only then that God will reveal His plans to you.

Through reading the word of God, going to church, listening to sermons, and praying to Him daily, we can find out what God's plan is for our lives. We can also learn how to work in accordance with God's purpose for our lives, and how to successfully develop the talents He has given to us.



Reaching Out to Your Students

Your students have possibly wondered about life, especially when studying about the origins of the universe. It's important for children at this age to understand that God has a plan and a purpose for them. At this age, most children do not make life-changing decisions. Their parents or guardians are usually the ones who make decisions for them. But eventually, they will start asking: "How do I discover what God's purpose is for me?" Even though they don't really think about long-term planning, the concept that God has a plan and a purpose still needs to be taught to your students.

God's purpose is revealed in more incremental ways. Discovering God's purpose is like following a treasure map, first receiving one clue and then another, with understanding building over time. Going through life in this way—asking, praying, and waiting to receive the answer—builds faith, courage, strength, and trust, and opens within us a passageway to God. Remind our students that our end goal is to reach heaven. How do we go about that and make the right, God-fearing decisions at each point? We do that by praying and walking in God's word every step of the way, just as Joseph did.

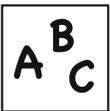


Opener

5 Minutes

The students will be learning about the story of Joseph and how God had a plan for his life. Joseph suffered many difficulties and hardships, but they all happened for a reason. God meant for everything to happen and, thus, his life had a **purpose**.

Ask the students if they know what the word "purpose" means. Explain to them that having purpose means having meaning. Explain to them that if you are living a life with purpose, then your life is meaningful. You know exactly what you should be doing. Next, ask them if they have a plan for their lives. Do they know what they want to do for the rest of their lives, or do they know what they are supposed to be doing for the rest of their lives? Reassure them that, at their age, they do not need to know what the plan or purpose for their life is yet. However, remind them that God has a purpose and plan for each and every one of them, and that one day, like Joseph, they will find out what that purpose is.



Vocabulary

purpose: intent; the reason something happens or the reason something is done



Bible Discovery & Spiritual Teaching

30-35 Minutes

FOR TEACHERS

Give Bible Discovery Worksheet #1 to the students now. The students will reference it and fill it out during the lesson. The answers have been underlined.

In the last few lessons, we learned about how God guided Jacob's family and about the wondrous plan He had for Joseph. Before Joseph became the governor over the land of Egypt, he suffered and went through a lot of difficult times. He was hated by his brothers, sold to Egypt as a slave, wrongfully accused of a crime, put in prison, etc. But at no point did Joseph ever complain to God or question what his purpose was for being put in that land.

Now, let's move the focus to you: What about you? What about God's plan for your life?

Let's open our Bibles to Jeremiah 1:5. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations." Before you were born, God had a plan for you.

I. God has a plan for me.

"Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them" (Ps 139:16).

You were born not as a random act, but as a result of a plan of God. Before you even took a breath in this world, every day, every step, and every circumstance in your plan had already been recorded. God's plan uses your strengths as well as your limitations. We all have strengths—they are part of the plan. We should discover for ourselves what we are good at, and develop these areas so we can use them for God's work.

We all have limitations—they, too, are part of the plan. So, we should not feel discouraged if we have limitations, whether in our physical bodies, or intellectual or emotional abilities. When we think of the limitations in our lives, we may be tempted to conclude, "God could never use me." But God is never limited by our limitations. God has given us the power of the Holy Spirit; the power comes from God and not from us. It is in our weaknesses that God can claim glory!

Let's read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10. "And He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

FOR TEACHERS

Ask students to fill in Section I of Bible Discovery Worksheet #1.

II. God's plan for me is good.

Now that we have established that God has a plan for us, if we are willing, let's now try to understand that God's plans for us are always good. Let's read an important verse: "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope" (Jer 29:11).

Isn't that wonderful? God not only has a plan for you and me, but His plan is to prosper us, not to harm us. He plans to give us a hope and a future. Think back again to the story of Joseph. God's plan for him was to prosper him. God certainly gave him and his family a hope and a future.

The Requirements to Knowing God's Plan

To know God's plan for us, we need to work towards it. There are some requirements we need to fulfill.

a. I must love God.

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose" (Rom 8:28). **The teaching is that we must love Him.** God loves us and wants to give us a hope and future, but if we do not return His love by praying to Him, worshiping Him, serving Him, and

praising Him, we are not glorifying God. Therefore, we must do the right things to show our love for Him.

b. I must surrender.

Think about the story of Jacob wrestling with God. "Just as he crossed over Peniel the sun rose on him, and he limped on his hip" (Gen 32:31). While they were wrestling, God dislocated Jacob's hip and his thigh was damaged; as a result, Jacob walked with a limp for the rest of his life. What is so significant about that? This was God's way of reminding Jacob to surrender. Do you know that the upper part of our thigh contains the biggest muscle in your body? It is the most powerful, enabling us to stand up and to walk. **When God touched Jacob, He disabled this part of his body; He wanted Jacob to surrender to Him. Surrendering means to depend on God and not on your own strength. It's a very good teaching for us to remember. We must surrender ourselves to God.** That is what the Lord requires of those who walk in His plan and in His will! Those who see that God has the best plan are those who turn from their plan to go with His plan. God's plan is always the best plan!

c. I must obey.

For God's plan to succeed, Jacob had to also obey. If we want to see the Lord's best for our lives, then it will require obedience to His plan on our part. Obedience is important to the Lord (1 Sam 15:22)! It is His command for each of us: "Bondservants, be obedient [...] not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart" (Eph 6:5a-6).

God's Plan Requires Steadfastness of Faith

In addition to Jacob's example, let's consider another incident where relying on God led to victory. Let's recall the story of how Gideon defeated a whole camp of Midianites with only three hundred men following him (Judg 7).

Gideon and his army experienced victory because they humbled themselves under God's hand, surrendered to His plan, obeyed His will, and proceeded in faith! It took great faith for 300 men to go out against thousands! It took great faith for them to go into battle without weapons! It took great faith for them to blow their trumpets, break those pitchers, and shine those torches, but God answered their faith by giving them a resounding victory!

If we want to see God's plan for our lives, it, too, is going to require faith! God is going to ask us to take some steps along the path of life that will be difficult and uncertain. But, the path to God's best is always the path of faith! God always honors faith, because faith always pleases Him (Heb 11:6)!

The Results of God's Plan

A. God's Enemies Are Vanquished (Judg 7:21-22)

The Midianites and the Amalekites turned on one another in fear and fled the scene. Israel saw their enemies defeated because Israel followed God's plan!

God has a plan for our lives. However, don't you think that His enemy Satan may also have a plan for our lives? The enemy wants us to be defeated, unhappy, and miserable! But, when we choose to walk in the Lord's plan, we can be confident that it is the best plan and that it gives God and us victory over Satan!

B. God's People Are Victorious (Judg 7:23)

Israel enjoyed a great victory because they chose the best plan! Furthermore, they already had the victory before the battle was ever engaged (Judg 7:7-8)!

God's plan for our lives is for us to walk in victory (Rom 8:37; 2 Cor 2:14; 1 Cor 15:57). But, victory will only truly be our experience when we walk in His plan and not our own! If you walk in His plan, the best plan, you will never walk in defeat!

C. God's Name Is Venerated (Judg 7:2, 15-23)

Because the victory was won without a great army and without a fierce battle, God got all the glory for the victory! Neither Gideon nor his army could go home and boast about what they did on the battlefield.

When we turn away from our own plans and embrace His, we are assured of the victory and we are assured that He will receive all the glory for all that happens in our lives. After all, that's what life as a believer is all about anyway (1 Cor 10:31; Mat 5:16)! Our lives and our obedience should point towards Him and not to ourselves!

FOR TEACHERS

Ask students to fill in Section II of Bible Discovery Worksheet #1.

III. God is faithful and He will guide me.

"He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it" (1 Th 5:24).

If God calls upon you to do something, He will empower you and help you do it. When God gives us a plan, He also provides every resource that we will need to accomplish that plan.

Even if a situation seems impossible for you, know that it's not impossible for God.

FOR TEACHERS

Ask students to fill in Section III of Bible Discovery Worksheet #1.

IV. How can I know what is God's plan for me?

We can know God's plan for us by spending time with the plan maker—our God in heaven. We do this by filling our daily lives with His truth and continually having conversations with Him through prayer. We don't just pray when there is an upcoming test or for the Holy Spirit, but simply because we love and long to speak with Him, like a best friend. When we spend time with Him, His plan naturally unfolds as we take the "next step" in obedience.

We need to let God show us His plan, one step at time. When we take a step, God will often show us the next step. However, we can't simply make a bunch of plans and expect God to fulfill them when we don't pray. It's important for us to PRAY first before making plans, because trusting and loving God means including Him in our planning, not just presenting to Him our plans after we've made them.

For example, a high school student is deciding where to go for college. He really wants to go to a certain university, so, he tells God, "I've decided I want to go to this university; I want to be accepted to this university no matter what." This is actually not praying for God's plan. Instead of making a decision and asking God to bless it, he should pray for God's will to be done. He should tell God, "If this is Your will and plan, please show me the way. If not, I will be glad to accept whichever university You want me to attend."

When we build up a good prayer life and a daily prayer schedule, we will draw closer to God and have a deeper understanding of what He wants us to do with our lives.

FOR TEACHERS

Ask students to fill in Section IV of Bible Discovery Worksheet #1.

Living like Joseph

1. Joseph had faith in God despite difficult circumstances.

2. Joseph trusted God even during hardships.

Joseph remained faithful and entrusted his life into God's hands despite everything that happened to him.

To live a victorious life such as Joseph's, we must also trust that our lives are in God's hands. Our lives are often directed by the decisions we make. Does God care about

the decisions in our lives? Absolutely! Does God provide resources to help us make decisions? Yes, He does!

To understand God's plan and His will for us, it is very important that we understand this passage. Let's read Romans 12:1-2:

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

God's plan and will is for us to glorify Him in all decisions. For example, even though Joseph didn't always understand God's will, he feared God and always made decisions that would honor Him. God's will for us is to do the same.

Through all the trials, especially when Potiphar's wife tempted him, Joseph presented his body as a living sacrifice and he transformed himself by renewing his mind. Even as a prime minister in Egypt, Joseph's life involved a constant, daily series of choices, but always with God in mind.

Imagine that God is asking us, "Do you want to know how I lead your life? Do you want to understand how I lead you in your life?"

Just as described in Isaiah, He is ready and willing to lead us. The Scripture says, "He will feed His flock like a

shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young" (Isa 40:11).

Was God in Joseph's life during the most difficult situations? Absolutely!

Likewise, God tenderly cares for us, guides us, and leads us, too. A loving shepherd will never abandon his sheep. In every situation, Joseph remained a God-fearing person and he made decisions, sometimes difficult ones, that pleased and honored God. And, God did not let him down.

Ephesians 5:15-17 says, "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is." This verse tells us that we need to be careful of how we walk—not as unwise but as wise, making the best of our time. We should not be foolish, but instead understand what the will of God is.

May God help us to continue to grow into the kind of person He wants us to be—God-fearing, faithful, honest, upright, and trustworthy. God will surely reveal His plan for us in due time.

FOR TEACHERS

Hand out Bible Discovery Worksheet #2 and ask the students to fill it out while you provide guidance. The answers have been provided after the Activity.



Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs

2-5 Minutes

One True God

Our God is true and living. He had a plan for us before we were even born, before we even knew Him. As children of God, we are able to communicate with Him through prayer. Through prayer, we can discover what God has in store for us—where He wants us to go and what He wants us to do.



Check for Understanding

5 Minutes

- 1. According to Jeremiah 29:11, what is God's promise to us?** God has a plan for us, to give us a future and a hope.
- 2. God loves us and wants to give us a hope and a future, but according to Romans 8:28, what is the condition?** We must love God. God loves us and wants to give us a hope and a future, but if we do not return His love by praying to Him, worshiping Him, serving Him, and praising Him, then we are not glorifying God.
- 3. What is the simplest thing we can do to know what is God's plan for us?** Spend time in prayer and in His word.
- 4. What should we do before making plans?** We should first pray, read the word of God, and ask God to guide us and show us the way.
- 5. "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as _____, redeeming the _____, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the _____ of the Lord is" (Eph 5:15-17).** (wise, time, will)



Life Application

10 Minutes

Our Plans. God's Plans.

Objective: To understand that God's plan is beneficial and never brings harm.

Read each scenario and answer the questions.

The Main Teaching	Scenario	Questions
<p>God's plan is revealed to those who seek Him.</p>	<p>Peter and Jane owned a motel by the shore. They were thinking about selling it, because even though they enjoyed the beach, business was tough. They wanted to move on, but they didn't know if it was a good idea. They decided to pray about it. They prayed that if it were God's will, they would be able to sell the motel quickly and smoothly. Sure enough, after two and a half weeks, they met a potential buyer. The transaction went smoothly and the motel was sold. The next summer, there was a lot of pollution in the ocean, so fewer people visited the beaches. As a result, beach businesses suffered. Peter and Jane were glad that God guided them to sell the business the previous year.</p>	<p>Do you think Peter and Jane did the right thing by inquiring of God? Why?</p> <p><i>Yes, because we don't know what the future holds, but God does. We need to ask God for guidance in making decisions.</i></p>
<p>God's plan is experienced by submitting to Him.</p>	<p>Greg was accepted to two out of the six colleges to which he applied. College A was in a remote area where there were church members but no church. He had applied to College A only because his parents asked him to. College B was in a large city. Most of his school friends and some of his church friends attended College B. Greg's parents encouraged him to pray about the decision. He prayed every day for 3 weeks. Later, College B requested that Greg submit grades for his final year in high school. In the end, College B rescinded their admissions offer, citing the reason that he did poorly in one class. Greg was forced to choose College A. He was really upset and didn't understand why God would send him to College A. Several months after starting college, he realized that his talents were needed in the remote area. The members there needed a good pianist and RE teacher and had prayed for help. God answered their prayers by guiding Greg there.</p>	<p>At first, Greg prayed to God to guide him in the decision process, but then became upset at the turnout. Do you think this is the right or wrong attitude? Why?</p> <p><i>It is the wrong attitude, because if you want to rely on God to help you decide or plan, then you must submit to God's will. It was clear that God wanted him to go to College A.</i></p> <p>Later, God reveals why Greg was sent to College A. Has God ever guided you or your family in a similar way?</p>
<p>God's plan is to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God every day.</p>	<p>Every day at school, Mark always hears his classmates and friends say bad words and mean things during lunch and recess. They tell him that it's the cool thing to do, but he resists joining them by reading a Bible verse every day. He has resolved to memorize one verse before he leaves for school each day to give him strength. So, when he hears his classmates and friends use bad words, he can use the word of God to remind himself not to sin.</p>	<p>Do you think Mark did the right thing by turning to the word of God for help?</p> <p><i>Yes, because the word of God can give us the strength to resist worldly temptations, such as the urge to do what our friends are doing.</i></p>



Activity

Encouragement Game

10-15 Minutes

Objective: To think about your talents and abilities and how you might use them to help God and the church members.

God has planned to give each and every one of us certain talents and gifts. Our talents are a gift from God. Using our talents to help others is our gift back to God. Let's spend some time to think about what our talents are and how we can utilize them for God's kingdom.

Materials

- A ball, stuffed animal, or anything small enough to be passed around in a circle

Instructions

1. Have the students sit and form a circle on the floor.
2. Use an object to designate which student has a turn to speak.
3. Model the game by sitting in the circle with the students.
4. Have them complete this sentence and then pass the object to the student they were talking about.
"You are really good at _____ and I can imagine that God might plan to use you as/to _____."
5. The student who receives the object will go next. Instruct them not to repeat students until everyone has had a turn.
6. It creates a little surprise to see whom the students are talking about. You may need to redirect the comments if they become redundant or negative.

Examples

- One student says, "You are really good at explaining things and I can imagine that God plans to use you as a good teacher one day," then hands the object to Michael.
- Michael continues, saying to Sara, "You have a lot of compassion. I can imagine God using you as a doctor or a nurse," then hands the object to Sara.

HOMEWORK ANSWER KEY

1. formed, born
2. unformed, book
3. thoughts, peace, hope
4. True
5. True
6. We must love God. God loves us and wants to give us a hope and a future, but we first need to love God by praying to Him, worshipping Him, and serving Him with all our hearts.
7. I should first pray, and then plan. God wants us first to love and trust in Him.

BIBLE DISCOVERY WORKSHEET #2 ANSWER KEY

1. Genesis 37:4; He was hated by his brothers who did not speak kindly to him.
2. Genesis 37:23-24; His brothers ripped off his coat and threw him into a pit.
3. Genesis 37:28; He was sold to Midianite traders by his brothers.
4. Genesis 37:36; He was sold as a slave to Potiphar.
5. Genesis 39:7-10; He was tempted by Potiphar's wife.
6. Genesis 39:11-17; He was wrongfully accused by Potiphar's wife.
7. Genesis 39:19-20; He was thrown in prison for a crime he did not commit.
8. Genesis 40:21, 23; He was forgotten and taken for granted by the chief cupbearer.
9. Genesis 41:1-36; Joseph was the only one who could interpret Pharaoh's dream.
10. Genesis 41:37-57; Joseph was put in charge of Egypt.
11. Genesis 46; Joseph brought the rest of his family to Egypt and gave them land in Goshen.
12. Genesis 47:13-26; Joseph dealt with the famine and saved many lives.
13. Genesis 49:29-33; 50:1-14; Jacob died and was buried.
14. Genesis 50:15-26; Joseph reassured his brothers that he would not take revenge. Joseph died at the age of 110.

How did Joseph react to each event?

He remained faithful and God-fearing. He knew that God knew the truth and did not question God's plan. He trusted that God would guide him in every step.

God's Plan for My Life

Follow along with the teacher and fill in the blanks.

I. God has a plan for me.

"Your eyes saw my substance, being yet _____. And in Your book they all were _____, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them" (Ps 139:16).

You were born as a result of a _____ of God. Your life is not random to God.

II. God's plan for me is good.

"For I know the _____ that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of _____ and not of evil, to give you a future and a _____." (Jer 29:11).

"And we know that all things work together for _____ to those who _____ God, to those who are the called according to His purpose" (Rom 8:28).

There is one condition for God's plans: We must _____ Him.

III. God is faithful and He will guide me.

"He who calls you is _____, who also will do it" (1 Thess 5:24).

If God calls upon you to do something, He will _____ you and help you do it.

IV. How can I know what is God's plan for me?

I need to fill my daily life with His _____ and continually turn my heart to _____.

It's important for me to _____ first, and then plan.



How did God use Joseph in every event of his life to bring out His plan?

Let's review the life of Joseph and how God guided him. Fill in the blank sections.

Verse	Event	God used every event to fulfill His plan in Joseph's life
Gen 37:4		<p>How did Joseph react to each event?</p> <p>He remained _____</p> <p>and _____.</p> <p>He believed that God knew what was best and did not question God's plan.</p> <p>He _____ that God would guide him in every step.</p>
Gen 37:23-24		
Gen 37:28		
Gen 37:36		
Gen 39:7-10		
Gen 39:11-17		
Gen 39:19-20		
Gen 40:21, 23		
Gen 41:1-36		
Gen 41:37-57		
Gen 46		
Gen 47:13-26		
Gen 49:29-33; 50:1-14		
Gen 50:15-26		

In Genesis 15:13-16, it records a prophecy given by God to Abram:

"Then He said to Abram: 'Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.'"

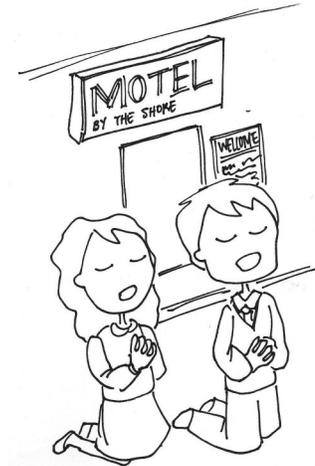
After studying Joseph's life, we now know that this prophecy was actually fulfilled through him. This passage also prophesies how the Israelites' future generations would be enslaved.



Our Plans. God's Plans.

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Do you think Peter and Jane did the right thing by inquiring of God? Why?



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1. At first, Greg prayed to God to guide him in the decision process, but then became upset at the turnout. Do you think this is the right or wrong attitude? Why?
2. Later, God reveals why Greg was sent to College A. Has God ever guided you or your family in this way?

Every day at school, Mark always hears his classmates and friends say bad words and mean things during lunch and recess. They tell him that it's the cool thing to do, but he resists joining them by reading a Bible verse every day. He has resolved to memorize one verse before he leaves for school each day to give him strength. So, when he hears his classmates and friends use bad words, he can use the word of God to remind himself not to sin.

Do you think Mark did the right thing by turning to the word of God for help?



E2 Year 1 Book 3 Lesson 5—God's Plan for My Life

Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Bible Reading: Please put a check mark in the space when you complete the reading each day.

Prayer: Please put a check mark in the space on the days you prayed to God.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

2. _____

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. **(Romans 8:28)**

Fill In the Blank

1. Jeremiah 1:5 – “Before I _____ you in the womb I knew you; Before you were _____ I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”
2. Psalm 139:16 – “Your eyes saw my substance, being yet _____. And in Your _____ they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them.”
3. Jeremiah 29:11 – “For I know the _____ that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of _____ and not of evil, to give you a future and a _____.”

True or False

4. You were born as a result of a plan of God. _____
5. If God calls upon you to do something, He will empower you and help you do it. _____

Short Answer

6. God loves us and wants to give us a hope and a future. But, according to Romans 8:28, what must we do first in order to receive these blessings?
7. Before you do any planning, what should you do first?