

Aim: God has a plan for my life and it is a good plan, even if bad things happen.

Do you have any ideas of what you want to become when you grow up?

Is there anything you'd really like to do, or any places you'd really like to go?

Do you have a plan for your life?

It's nice to have an idea of what you'd like to do in the future but no one knows what will happen for sure, so sometimes, plans change.

I'm sure Joseph never dreamed he would become the ruler of Egypt, and when he told his family about his dreams, they didn't really believe them.

Joseph must have been very discouraged at times; **can you think of some times when he would have felt discouraged?** (In the pit; sold as a slave; in prison; still in prison)

Lots of bad things happened to Joseph, but you can see that God had a plan for Joseph. God allowed Joseph to be sent to Egypt. God allowed Joseph to learn to work in Egypt for Potiphar; God allowed Joseph to meet various people in jail, including the Pharaoh's butler/cup-bearer. God planned it all so that Joseph's family could live in Egypt during the famine.

Did you know that God has plans for your life too?

Read the following verses which talk about Gods plans for us.

Romans 8:38 (God works for our good)

Jeremiah 29:11 (Plans for a good future)

But how do we know what God's plans for us are?

- The first thing we need to do is have a relationship with God. **How do we build a relationship with God?** (Spending time with Him daily, praying and reading the Bible)

Did you know that if you pray *before* you read the Bible then God will help you to understand better, what you are reading?

- We have to be willing to do what God wants. Sometimes He asks us to do things we never thought of doing.
- We have to ask: Sometimes God will give us a good or a bad feeling about something; sometimes He will get friends to give us advice; sometimes He will give us a sign. But remember, God will never ask us to do something that breaks one of His commandments and Satan can also make you feel certain ways – you need to have a relationship with God. When you are following God's plans, you will experience God's peace.

Read Proverbs 3:6 (Seek His will and He will guide you)