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Bible Story: In All Things God Works for Good • *Romans 8:28-29*

Bottom Line: God can use all things.

Conversation Starter: What do you need to trust God with?

Monthly Memory Verse: *How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well.* • Psalm 139:14 NIRV

1. Opening Activity

What You Need:

- ☐ Offering container
- ☐ “Circle Creations” Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Clipboard
- ☐ Coloring supplies

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print “Circle Creations” on cardstock, one per kid.

During the Activity:

- Welcome kids by name with a high-five, fist bump, smile, or wave as they arrive.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Give each kid a “Circle Creations” Activity Page, a clipboard, and coloring supplies.
- Point out all the empty circles on the page.
- Challenge the kids: “Your job is to turn these simple circles into something totally new and different. What can a circle become?”
- Encourage their creativity by giving a few examples: A circle could become the sun, the wheel on a car, a smiley face, a basketball, or a ladybug.
- Give them several minutes to draw and transform their circles into a page full of unique creations.
- When they’re done, invite them to share their favorite creation with the group.

What You Say:

“These are so creative! You started with just plain circles, and you turned them into all these amazing new things. That’s kind of what God does in our lives. He can take any situation—even a hard or confusing one—and turn it into something good. Today, we’re going to hear a Bible Story that reminds us **[Bottom Line]** God can use all things. Let’s go!”

EveryChild Pro-Tips:

- *Encourage kids to work with a partner to come up with ideas and decorate their page together.*

2. Video on Jellyfin

Lead the children in worship to the August worship song and then watch today's video lesson.

3. Prayer

"Let's open up today with prayer. God, thank You for the promise that You will use all things. Thank You for the good things in our lives, and we trust You with the hard things. Help us to see how You are weaving everything together to make us more like Jesus and bring good into our lives. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

4. Bible Story Cube

What You Need:

- ☐ Bible
- ☐ "Bible Story Cube" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Clear tape
- ☐ Coloring supplies

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- ☐ Print "Bible Story Cube" on cardstock, one per kid.

During the Activity:

- Open the Bible to Romans 8:28-29, and read the verses.
- Share the following key points:
 - These verses are part of a letter that Paul wrote to the followers of Jesus who lived in Rome.
 - Paul was sharing an important truth about God: In the life of a Jesus-follower, God works all things for good!
- Give each kid a "Bible Story Cube" Activity Page and some coloring supplies.
- As a group, talk about the pictures on each side of the cube.
- First, review the story of Moses, and then review the story of Paul.
 - Baby Moses in a Basket: "God saved baby Moses from the mean king of Egypt."
 - Moses Runs Away from Egypt: "Moses grew up in the king's palace. When he was older, Moses did something wrong and he ran away from Egypt."
 - Moses Leading People: "God used Moses to lead the people out of slavery in Egypt and through the Red Sea."
 - Moses Writes Books of the Bible: "Moses recorded the story of God's people and the laws God gave them to follow."

- Paul Starts to Follow Jesus. “Jesus appeared to Paul in a bright light and Paul decided to follow Him.
- Paul in Jail: “Paul traveled around the world telling people about Jesus and many times he was thrown in jail.”
- Guide them to fold along the fold lines and use tape to secure the sides of the cube.
- Once their cubes are made, let them take turns gently rolling their cube and telling you what part of the story it lands on.

What You Say:

“Great job making your story cubes! The stories of Moses and Saul/Paul had some happy parts and some really hard and scary parts. But did God use all of it? Yes! God used everything in Moses’ and Saul/Paul’s life for good.

“In our Bible Story today, we looked at two verses from the Bible that were a part of a letter Paul wrote. They are Romans 8:28-29. Romans 8:28-29 NIV says: *We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him. He appointed them to be saved in keeping with his purpose. God planned that those he had chosen would become like his Son. In that way, Christ will be the first and most honored among many brothers and sisters.*

“When we love God and choose to follow Jesus, God works in ALL things to bring good. God can use every unique situation, every frustration, and every hard thing to make you more and more like Jesus. Just like in Moses’ life, God is always, always, always working for good. That means that **[Bottom Line] God can use all things** in our lives for good. God is good, good, good!”