

GOD'S PERFECT PLAN

GRADE 2 - WEEK 2

TAKE HOME

Dear Parents,

This week we used a poster to illustrate God's beautiful plan for how babies grow before they are born. His plan is perfect not only for the months before our birth; it is perfect throughout our lives. However, it is not always easy. Romans 8:28 assures us that **"God works all things together for the good of those who love Him."** We might break our leg or not feel like sharing when we should, but if we follow His plan, He will help us through the difficult times; He will bring good out of our trouble, and we will learn to love Him even more!

To illustrate this point, we read about Joni Eareckson Tada who was paralyzed when she was a young woman. Although it has not been easy, she loves the Lord and knows that He loves her and is using her for HIS plans. She paints beautiful pictures by holding the brush with her teeth, and she serves the Lord in many other powerful ways. We have included a picture similar to one of Joni's for your child to color. (It might be interesting for you and your child to try painting it while holding the brush between your teeth. If not, simple coloring will be fine.) Using the questions below, take time to talk with your child about Joni's story. Also, the brochures from last week will help you to review life before birth with your child and will help answer the questions at the bottom of the page. An understanding of this information will continue to be valuable as your child grows up.

Remember our memory verse from last week:

***"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do."
Ephesians 2:10***

What are some of the things that Joni can't do for herself and needs help doing?

Tell about some special thing Joni can do that most of us can't?

Right after her accident, it was hard for Joni to see and follow God's plan for her. Is it ever hard for you to follow God's plan? If so, when?

Joni's friends prayed for her and their prayers were answered when she decided to continue to follow God's plan even though it was not going to be easy. Stop right now and pray for someone you know who needs help to see God's plan.

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God has a very special plan for how babies grow inside their mommies before they are born. List some of the neat things that babies can do while they are inside their moms.

Did God know you and love you *before* you were born?



***"All things work together for good, for those who love the Lord."
Romans 8:28***