

Memory Verse IPEAR

Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

Introduction: Who is someone you trust? (*Allow response.*) Maybe that person is your mom, your best friend or a teacher at school. When you trust someone, it is usually because you know that they care about you and would not do anything to hurt you on purpose. The Bible helps us know we can trust God and His plan for us.

Listen as I read our memory verse from God’s true Word, the Bible. (*Read Jeremiah 29:11 from Bible.*) Jeremiah was a prophet. That means God gave him a very important message to tell the people. This book was written by Jeremiah. God gave him the words to write. It is in the Old Testament part of the Bible which was written many years before Jesus came to Earth. This verse is found in chapter 29 of the book of Jeremiah and verse 11. Read it with me. (*Show visual and read the verse with children.*)

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord—God is speaking here. He wants His people to know His plans for them. These words were first given to God’s people in the land of Israel.

Thoughts of peace, and not of evil to give you an expected end—God’s plan for His people is not an evil plan but a good one because God knows what is best. God’s plan is to take care of His people and not abandon them. God knows the future and will work out everything for good in His perfect time and plan. God’s people can have hope because God is in control and He knows what is ahead. We can trust God’s plan because we trust Him!

Application: Saved: If you have believed on the Lord Jesus as your Savior, this verse is for you. You can trust that God is with you and is for you. God is always good and His plans for you are good. Say with me, **“Word up: God Has Plans for Me!”** (*Say with children.*) It might not always seem that way but you can’t see what is ahead. God can and you can hope in Him.

Unsaved: If you have not believed on Jesus, God has thoughts for you too. You can trust that God has thoughts of love toward you. He wants you to have your sins forgiven so you can be with Him always. But you must believe on Jesus as your Savior. Will you trust in Jesus today?

“Erase a Word”

(Say the verse together a few times then pick a child to “erase” a word by covering it using dark colored sticky notes. Say the verse again, including the covered word. Repeat, continuing to cover a new word each time.