



Theme: God has a plan

Book: **Whatever Next** by Jill Murphy

**Theme Introduction:**

It is amazing that God, the creator of all things, the one who designed the stars and the galaxies, the one who is all-knowing, all-powerful and always there, has designed a plan for our lives. That includes the families who attend your provision.

We have to listen to God each day to know what he wants us to do. We are not here just to get through life. God has a plan to give us all a purpose, a future and hope (John 10:10).

**Theme exploration:**

Baby Bear couldn't have carried out his journey without planning what he needed - having a plan was important. The Bible says that God has a plan for us. I wonder what God's plan for you is?

**Free play suggestion:**

**Link with book:**

- Set up a picture treasure hunt from a door to a window to the first aid box to the bin etc.
- Have some big cardboard boxes – big enough for the children to sit in. Encourage the children to use their imagination to make the box into whatever they like – e.g. aeroplane or train.



I wonder what you are imagining the box is.  
I wonder what you might need to take on your journey.

**Craft ideas:**

**Link with book:**

- Have maps printed maybe of your local area, children could colour in the route to group or their favourite park – google maps may help with this.
- Make paper aeroplanes or space rockets.



I wonder where your favourite place is to go.  
I wonder how you would get there fastest.  
I wonder which route you might take, could include stars, planets, roads or via grandmas.  
I wonder what you would like to become and how you would do this.



**Faith in action:** Plan a trip to the park or the moon – What might you need to take with you?

**Reflection on last week's faith in action, with the families.**

**What** was last week's action?

**How** did that make you feel?

**Why** did that make a difference?



**Prayer time**

Father God, thank you for caring for each one of us, help us to make plans for our lives but listen to you so we can know your plan for us. Amen.



**Inspiration ...**

**Biblical References:**

**Jeremiah 13:1**

'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.'

**SNACK TIME**

**Rocket ice lollies**

Fruit sliced and added to a skewer to look like a rocket.

**SONGS**

**Use musical instruments**

Zoom, zoom, zoom,  
we're going to the moon.

3 little men in a flying saucer.

**Additional resources:**

A re-telling of the story on Youtube

[https://youtu.be/Za-g9y0\\_Y1s](https://youtu.be/Za-g9y0_Y1s)