2017-18 Caravan Theme:
The PLAN

Key Memory Verse:
Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Focus:
God's Plan to Prosper You . . . God's Plan to Give You Hope . . . God's Plan for a Future

Having celebrated Caravan's 70th anniversary it is a good time to be reminded that God still has a plan for each of us, and our future. In the Bible we are reminded of a letter Jeremiah sends to the exiles in Babylon. It is found in the book of Jeremiah chapter 29. Verses 10-13 state: **10** This is what the LORD says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. **11** 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 hope and a future. **12** Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. **13** You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

God still has a plan for our lives and our future when we seek Him with all of our heart. In Jeremiah the travelers on the journey were exiles in Babylon. In Caravan the travelers on the journey are children who as Christians sometimes feel like exiles. The journey for children is an exciting one that leads them to new insights about themselves, their world, other people, their church, and God.

Verse 11 reminds us of the plan: ***God's Plan to Prosper You . . . God's Plan to Give You Hope . . .*** and ***God's Plan for a Future.***

God's Plan to Prosper You: God wants every boy and girl to prosper by growing in their faith, learning about Him each day. He wants them to learn through reading their Bible, praying and developing their faith. Caravan provides children ways to prosper through *Spiritual Formation*, the learning of *Core Values*, and the learning of *Life Skills*.

God's Plan to Give You Hope: God gives us hope through our relationship with Him each day. Caravan reinforces that hope by teaching about our Christian heritage, developing self-esteem, discovering and using essential skills, and experiencing positive relationships and a sense of belonging.

God's Plan for a Future: God knows our future and wants what is best for us. Caravan helps every child develop future skills for whatever direction their life may take. Essential *Spiritual Formation* takes place through the learning of *Core Values,* and participating in ministry opportunities including outreach and service projects. The development and use of essential *Life Skills* also provides experiences every Caravan child can use throughout life.

For 70 years Caravan has taught and trained thousands of children in *Spiritual Formation* and *Life Skills*. Since 1912 Nazarene Publishing House has fulfilled a mission to share the truth that living a holy life is possible. As we look to the future God has gifted Nazarene Publishing House with a new beginning. With this fresh start comes a unique opportunity. In February 2018 NPH will become The Foundry Publishing and our children's products will become The Foundry Kids. Continue to look to the future with us as we seek to create new tools for kids that help them discover God's love and explore God's Word through the important ministry of Caravan.