

Small Group Leader Guide

Today's Suggested Schedule

The toddler curriculum provides one monthly Bible Story because we understand that toddlers learn best through repetition. The toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the story and craft element that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos.

We hope that by sending home a simple toddler craft, you are cueing families to begin having conversations at home with their children.

Story Time

→ Tell It

Craft Time

→ Rocket Handprint

THIS MONTH
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Monthly Bible Story

Creation Genesis 1:3–2:3

Bottom Line

God made everything.

Bible Words

**"God saw everything he
had made. And it was
very good."
Genesis 1:31 NIrV**

Story Time

What You Need

- ☐ Preschool Bible

Note

Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

① What You Do

→ Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story.

② What You Say

"Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (**HOLD UP THE BIBLE**) begins when there was nothing. No people, no animals, no land, no ocean, no sun . . . but God was there. Then God made the heavens and the whole, wide world!

"On Day 1, (**HOLD UP ONE FINGER**) God said, 'Let there be light!' (Genesis 1:3, NIV). And there was light. God called the light 'day' and the dark 'night.' On Day 2, (**HOLD UP TWO FINGERS**) God put some water way down low and the sky way up high. On Day 3, (**HOLD UP THREE FINGERS**) God made all the land, seas, and plants with fruits and vegetables for us to eat. Then, on Day 4, (**HOLD UP FOUR FINGERS**) God made the sun to light the day, and the moon and stars to light the night. But God wasn't finished yet!

"On Day 5, (**HOLD UP FIVE FINGERS**) God made all the sea animals and the birds that fly in the sky. Then on Day 6, (**HOLD UP SIX FINGERS**) God made the land animals and God's most special creation of all—people! God looked at all God had made and saw that it was very good! (**GIVE TWO THUMBS-UP.**) Then God rested. (**BOTTOM LINE**) God made everything. And it was very good."

Craft Time

What You Need

- ☐ "Rocket Handprint" Activity Page
- ☐ Light blue cardstock
- ☐ Red or orange washable ink pads
- ☐ Baby wipes
- ☐ Permanent marker

Notes

Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times.

Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

① What You Do

Before the Activity

1. Copy "Rocket Handprint" on light blue cardstock, one per child.
2. Write each child's name on their paper.

During the Activity

1. Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time.
2. Help children press and cover their hand with the ink, and press it at the base of the rocket for the flare.
3. Clean hands as needed.

② What You Say

During the Activity

"Look! There's a rocket on your paper! It's flying high up in the air. Let's give the rocket some blast off flare with your handprint! We need to cover your whole hand with the ink from the ink pad, then press it right here at the bottom of your rocket. **(PAUSE.)** Say: 'Blast off!' **(REPEAT WITH CHILDREN. CLEAN HANDS.)** Your rocket looks super-cool! It's blasting off and traveling to see all the amazing things God made because **[BOTTOM LINE]** God made everything!"