

# 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

→ Show It

## Craft Time

→ Flower Prints

THIS MONTH



## 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 NIV**

# Story Time

## What You Need

- ☐ Preschool Bible
- ☐ "Story Pictures" Activity Pages copied on cardstock
- ☐ Yellow and dark colored construction paper

## 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. (**HOLD UP THE DARK PAPER.**) No people, no animals, no land, no ocean, no sun . . . but God was there. Then He made the heavens and the whole, wide world!

"Day 1, God said, 'Let there be light!' (Genesis 1:3, NIV). And there was light. (**HOLD UP THE YELLOW PAPER.**) God called the light 'day,' and the dark, 'night.' (**HOLD UP BOTH THE DARK AND THE YELLOW PAPER.**)

"Day 2, God put some water way down low and the sky way up high. (**HOLD UP THE PICTURE OF THE SKY AND WATER.**)

"Day 3, God made all the land, seas, and plants with fruits and vegetables for us to eat. (**HOLD UP THE PICTURE OF LAND, PLANTS, AND SEAS.**)

"Day 4, God made the sun to light the day, and the moon and stars to light the night. (**HOLD UP THE PICTURE OF THE SUN, MOON, AND STARS.**) But God wasn't finished yet!

"Day 5, God made all the sea animals and birds that fly in the sky. (**HOLD UP THE PICTURE OF SEA ANIMALS AND BIRDS.**)

"Then on Day 6, God made the land animals and God's most special creation of all—people! (**HOLD UP THE PICTURE OF THE LAND ANIMALS AND PEOPLE.**) God looked at all He had made and saw that it was very good! (**GIVE TWO THUMBS-UP.**)

"On Day 7, God rested. (**HOLD UP THE PICTURE OF THE STOP SIGN.**) **[BOTTOM LINE]** God made everything. And it was very good."

# Craft Time

## What You Need

- ☐ "Flower Prints" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Washable paint in bright
- ☐ Fun colors
- ☐ Paper plates
- ☐ Empty plastic drink bottles in a variety of sizes
- ☐ Plastic tablecloth
- ☐ Smocks; 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 "Flower Prints" on cardstock, one per child.
2. Write each child's name on their paper.
3. Cover table with the tablecloth.
4. Pour a thin layer of paint on each paper plate, and set on the table with the empty bottles.

### During the Activity

1. Put a smock on each child.
2. Encourage children to dip the bottom of the bottles in the paint, then press them on their paper.
3. Repeat several times with the different bottle sizes and paint colors.
4. Clean hands as needed.

## ② What You Say

### During the Activity

"Today in our story, we learned that **[BOTTOM LINE]** God made everything. We're going to make some pretty flowers with these bottles. Press the bottom of the bottle into the paint, and then press it on your paper. **(PAUSE.)** Now let's try a different bottle and a different color. **(PAUSE.)** So pretty! Let's do one more color. **(PAUSE AND CLEAN HANDS.)** Now you have a beautiful flower garden to enjoy because **[BOTTOM LINE]** God made everything."