

# 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

→ Act It

## Craft Time

→ Sea Animals and Birdsy



## 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
- ☐ Little People® figures
- ☐ Toy animals
- ☐ Toy food
- ☐ Blue crepe paper streamers

## 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. **(PLACE ALL THE ITEMS IN FRONT OF YOU.)** Today's true story from the Bible **(HOLD UP THE BIBLE)** begins when there was nothing. **(REMOVE EACH ITEM AND PUT IT IN YOUR LAP AS YOU NAME IT.)** No people, no animals, no land, no ocean, no sun . . . but God was there. Then God made the heavens and the whole, wide world!

"Everyone, cover your eyes with your hands. **(PAUSE.)** It's dark. On Day 1, God said: 'Let there be light!' (Genesis 1:3, NIV). And there was light. Uncover your eyes. **(PAUSE.)** God called the light 'day' and the dark 'night.' On Day 2, God put some water way down low **(SHAKE BLUE STREAMERS IN FRONT OF YOU)** and the sky way up high. On Day 3, God made all the land, seas, and plants with fruits and vegetables for us to eat. **(HOLD UP THE TOY FOOD.)** Then, on Day 4, God made the sun to light the day, and the moon and stars to light the night. Twinkle your hands above your head, like this! **(TWINKLE YOUR FINGERS UP ABOVE YOUR HEAD.)** But God wasn't finished yet!

"On Day 5, God made all the sea animals and the birds that fly in the sky. **(FLAP YOUR ARMS.)** Then on Day 6, God made the land animals **(PUT THE TOY ANIMALS IN FRONT OF YOU)** and God's most special creation of all—people! **(PUT THE TOY PEOPLE IN FRONT OF YOU.)** God looked at all He 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

- ☐ "Sea Animals and Birds" Activity Page
- ☐ Light blue cardstock
- ☐ Dot markers
- ☐ 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 "Sea Animals and Birds" on cardstock, one per child.

### During the Activity

1. Encourage children to color their sea animals and birds.
2. Clean hands as needed.

## ② What You Say

### During the Activity

**[BOTTOM LINE]** "God made everything. On Day 5, God made all the sea animals and birds. See the sweet animals on your paper? Use the markers to make them colorful. **(PAUSE.)** Wow! You did such a good job making your sea animals and birds super-colorful! God is so creative! God made the sea animals and the birds. **[BOTTOM LINE]** God made everything."