

Toddlers

Small Group

August — Week 5

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

→ Game It

Craft Time

→ Astronaut Headband

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
- ☐ "Story Time Cube" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Cubed tissue box
- ☐ Clear tape
- ☐ Scissors

Note

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

① What You Do

1. Copy "Story Time Cube" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.
2. Tape pictures of Day 1- Day 6 to each side of the tissue box, and leave Day 7 loose.
3. 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 He made the heavens and the whole, wide world!

"To help us tell our story today, we're going to use this story cube. It has pictures of our story on each of the sides. (**TURN THE CUBE TO LIGHT AND DARK.**) On Day 1, God made the light and called it 'day,' and called the dark, 'night.' (**TURN THE CUBE TO SKY AND WATER.**) On Day 2, God put some water way down low and the sky way up high. (**TURN THE CUBE TO LAND, PLANTS, AND SEAS.**) On Day 3, God made all the land, seas, and plants with fruits and vegetables for us to eat. (**TURN THE CUBE TO SUN, MOON, AND STARS.**) Then, on Day 4, 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, (**TURN THE CUBE TO SEA ANIMALS AND BIRDS**) God made all the sea animals and the birds that fly in the sky. (**TURN THE CUBE TO LAND ANIMALS AND PEOPLE.**) Then on Day 6, God made the land animals and God's most special creation of all—people! God looked at all He had made and saw that it was very good! (**GIVE TWO THUMBS-UP.**) And on Day 7, (**HOLD UP THE PICTURE OF THE STOP SIGN**) God rested. (**BOTTOM LINE**) God made everything. And it was very good."

Craft Time

What You Need

- ☐ "Astronaut Headband" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Sentence strips
- ☐ Dot markers
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Stapler
- ☐ Glue sticks
- ☐ Clear tape
- ☐ Baby wipes
- ☐ Permanent marker
- ☐ *Optional: Posterboard in place of sentence strips*

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 "Astronaut Headband" on cardstock and cut, one cutout per child.
2. Write each child's name on their helmet.
3. *Option: Cut posterboard width-wise in 3-inch wide strips, one per child.*

During the Activity

1. Encourage children to decorate their helmet and sentence strip.
2. Glue each child's helmet to their strip.
3. Measure the strip around each child's head and staple the ends together with the staple facing out.
4. Add a piece of tape over the staple.
5. Encourage children to wear their headbands as they're dismissed.

② What You Say

During the Activity

"Today we're going to make super-cool astronaut helmet headbands to wear. Decorate your helmet and paper strip. (PAUSE.) Great! Now they're ready for me to glue them together. (GLUE THE TOP PART OF THE HELMET TO THE STRIP, ALLOWING IT TO HANG DOWN OVER CHILD'S FACE.) Now I'll measure it around your head and secure the ends with the stapler. (STAPLE WITH THE ENDS FACING OUT AND PLACE A PIECE OF TAPE OVER THE EXPOSED ENDS OF THE STAPLE.) Here you go! A super-cool astronaut helmet to wear because God loves you to the moon and back! You can explore all the things God made because [BOTTOM LINE] God made everything."