

Today's Suggested Schedule—January 2026, Week 4

Monthly Bible Story: Philip • Acts 8:26-35

Bible Words: *Your word is truth.* (John 17:17 NIV)

Bottom Line: God made me. God loves me. Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

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

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

What You Need:

- ☐ Preschool Bible
- ☐ Pocket Bible
- ☐ Little People® two male figures
- ☐ Toy horse
- ☐ ice cream cup- use one from play kitchen

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. I need your help telling our Bible Story today. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) is about a man named Philip. (*Hold up one of the people figures.*) Philip was friends with Jesus, and Philip loved God.

"There was a man in a chariot who was reading God's words. (*Place the ice cream cup in front of you with the other people figure inside and the horse in front of the cup. Put the pocket Bible nearby.*) God told Philip to go find the man in the chariot, so Philip ran! (*Make the Philip figure run to the chariot.*) When Philip found him, (*put the Philip figure in the cup too and open the pocket Bible*) he sat and read God's words with him. Peter told the man that Jesus wants to be his friend forever. The Bible teaches us how to do what God says and love like Jesus. **[Bottom Line] The Bible teaches you the best things.**"

Craft Time

Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. 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 adult.



What You Need:

- “Best Book” Activity Page
- Red Dot markers
- Glue sticks
- Baby wipes
- Permanent marker

What You Do:

1. Fold each child's book and write their name on their book.
2. Help children draw themselves. Encourage children to fill the heart with red dot markers. Then decorate the self-portrait. Read each page. Clean hands as needed.

What You Say:

“The Bible teaches us the BEST things! Like God made you. Glue your picture to the page in your Bible where the frame is. *(Pause.)* God loves you. Press your finger into the ink pad then press it in the heart. Fill it up with your sweet little fingerprints. *(Pause.)* And Jesus wants to be your friend forever. Decorate your picture next to Jesus.

(Pause and clean hands as needed.) **[Bottom Line] The Bible teaches you the best things.”**