

Today's Suggested Schedule—February 2026, Week 1

Monthly Bible Story: The Lost Sheep • *Luke 15:3-7*

Bible Words: *Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."* • Matthew 19:14 NLT

Bottom Line: Jesus loves you.

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:

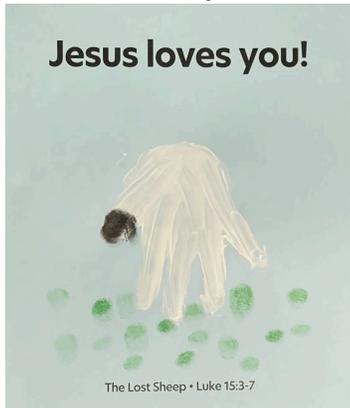
- Preschool Bible

LEADER: "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 Jesus shared a story about a shepherd and his sheep. The shepherd had so many sheep! But one day, one went missing! The shepherd loved ALL of his sheep, so he went to look for the one lost sheep. When he found it, he was so happy! The shepherd carried the lost sheep home and celebrated with his friends and family!

"Jesus told this story so everyone would know how much He loves everyone, no matter what. Jesus loves everyone just like the shepherd loved his sheep. Jesus loves me and **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves you!**"

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 grown-up.



What You Need:

- "Handprint Sheep" Activity Page
- White paint
- black washable ink pads or permanent marker
- Green dot markers
- Baby wipes
- Permanent marker

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Write each child's name on their paper.

During the Activity: Help children cover their hand with white paint, turn the paper upside down and press the child's hand, fingers spread, and the thumb tucked next to the pointer near the "top" of the page. Clean hands. Turn the paper right side up. Cover the child's thumb in the black ink and press on the handprint around where the thumbnail would be then press the side of the child's thumb on the side of the thumb print. Clean thumb. Help children use green dot markers to add green dots to the bottom of their paper.

What You Say:

During the Activity: "Today, we heard a story about a lost sheep. We're going to make a sheep from your handprint! We need to cover your hand with the white ink (*turn the paper upside down*) and then press it on your paper. (*Press their hand firmly on their paper and lift off. Clean hand. Turn the paper right side up.*) Now we need to cover your thumb with the black ink and press it on your paper to make the sheep face. (*Pause.*) Now, let's press the side of your thumb next to your thumbprint on the paper. (*Ink the side of child's thumb if needed.*) Your sheep has an ear! So cute! (*Clean thumb.*) Let's add some grass to your paper. Use the green dot marker and press it on your paper to make grass. (*Pause.*) Great job! Your sheep has a lot of grass to eat. Look how cute your sheep turned out!" (*Clean hands as needed.*) **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves you** like the shepherd in our story loved his sheep."