

Today's Suggested Schedule—February 2026, Week 2

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
- "Story Pictures" Activity Pages copied on cardstock

LEADER: *(Place the picture of the single sheep face down on the floor next to you.)* "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 was teaching a crowd of people. *(Hold up the picture of Jesus teaching a crowd.)* Jesus shared a story about a shepherd *(hold up the picture of the shepherd)* and his sheep. The shepherd had so many sheep! *(Hold up the picture of lots of sheep.)* But one day, one went missing! The shepherd loved ALL of his sheep, so he went to look for the one lost sheep. *(Walk the picture of the shepherd around and then over to the singular sheep picture.)* When he found it, *(flip the picture over)* he was so happy! The shepherd *(carry the shepherd and singular sheep back in front of you)* 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. *(Hold up the picture of the heart.)* 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:

- "Add the Sheep" Activity Page
- Glue sticks
- Cotton balls
- Permanent marker

What You Do:

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

During the Activity: Encourage children to find the lost sheep near the shepherd. Rub glue in the sheep outline and ask the child to press their cotton ball in the outline.

What You Say:

During the Activity: "Jesus told a story about a shepherd (*point to the shepherd*) who had a lot of sheep. (*Point to all the sheep.*) But one day, one of his sheep went missing! The shepherd left all his other sheep to look for the lost one. I see the lost sheep near the shepherd. (*Rub some glue inside the sheep outline.*) Add this cotton ball to the sheep right here. (*Point.*) Hooray! The shepherd found the lost sheep! [**Bottom Line**] **Jesus loves you** like the shepherd loved his sheep."