

Today's Suggested Schedule—February 2026, Week 3

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
- Dry Erase Markers

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 was teaching people (*draw stick figure Jesus and lots of stick people*) about God and God's love. (*Draw a heart around Jesus and the people.*) Jesus told those people a story about a shepherd (*draw a picture of a stick figure shepherd*) and his sheep. (*Draw lots of loopy sheep next to the shepherd.*) The shepherd had so many sheep! But one day, one went missing! The shepherd loved ALL of his sheep, (*draw a heart around the sheep then draw one loopy sheep a little bit away from the other drawings*) so he went to look for the one lost sheep. (*Draw the stick shepherd next to the sheep.*) When he found it, the shepherd was so excited! He 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. (*Draw a great big heart then say the child's name as you draw a smiley face for that child.*) 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:

- “Headband Sheep” Activity Page
- “Headband Sheep Label” Activity Page
- Sentence strips
- Self-inking heart stamps
- Stapler and Staples
- Glue sticks
- Permanent marker

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Write each child’s name on their sentence strip.

During the Activity: Rub glue on the back of each child’s sheep cutout. Encourage children to press their cutout on the sentence strip then add heart stamps to their strip. Measure the strip around each child’s head and staple with the bend closures facing out. Help children place their label over the stapled area. Encourage children to wear their headbands.

What You Say:

During the Activity: “Today we’re going to make a sheep headband to wear. *(Rub glue on the back of the sheep cutout.)* Press your sheep picture to the sentence strip. *(Pause.)* Super! Now add some heart stamps. *(Pause.)* Hearts make us think of love. Now I’m going to measure the strip around your head and staple the ends together. *(Secure the ends together after measuring it around each child’s head.)* Now put this label over the staples. *(Pause.)* Okay! Your headbands are ready to wear! Friends, **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves you** like the shepherd loved his sheep.”