

Today's Suggested Schedule—February 2026, Week 4

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
- Little People® figures
- Cotton balls

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. (*Place all the items in front of you.*) Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) is a story that Jesus shared about a shepherd (*pick up the Little People man*) and his sheep. (*Sprinkle cotton balls all around the Little People figure.*) The shepherd had so many sheep! But one day, one went missing! (*Move one of the cotton balls away from the others.*) The shepherd loved ALL of his sheep, so he went to look for the one lost sheep. (*Move the Little People figure around to find the lost sheep.*) When he found it, he was so happy! The shepherd carried the lost sheep home and celebrated with his friends and family! (*Dance all the Little People around.*)

"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:

- “Sponge Painted Sheep Label” Activity Page
- Black cardstock
- White washable paint (use paint from Week 1)
- Paper plates
- Pom-poms
- Spring-loaded clothespins
- Baby wipes
- White crayon

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Write each child’s name on their paper. Pour a little bit of paint on the plates. Pinch one pom-pom in each clothespin.

During the Activity: Encourage children to hold the clothespin and dip the pom-pom into the paint, then press it all over their paper. Dip into the paint and repeat as desired. Help children add a label to their paper. Clean hands as needed.

What You Say:

During the Activity: “Let’s paint some sheep on your paper by holding the clothespin like this (*demonstrate*) dipping it into the paint and then pressing it all over your paper. Keep going! The shepherd had lots and lots of sheep! Put your clothespins down and let’s add this label. It says **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves you!** Jesus loves you like the shepherd loved his sheep. The shepherd 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!

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