

# Small Group Leader Guide

Crawler classrooms are one of the most unique places in the church. Between the diaper changes, snacking, and rocking, there are small windows of playtime that are an amazing opportunity to teach children about their loving Heavenly Father.

This curriculum is designed to bridge the gap as your young crawlers move from the baby room towards the twos. We have provided four playtimes to teach the monthly bottom line through one-on-one as well as small group play.

Repeat each activity as long as there is interest. Remember, crawlers LOVE repetition.

These crawler playtimes have also been produced as posters available at [www.orangestore.org](http://www.orangestore.org) for you to hang on the wall for easy reference.

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## Bible Story

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Deuteronomy 31:6 NIV

## Bottom Line

**God can help me be brave.**

## Basic Truth

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# Babies

Sing "Very Big Things" by Orange Kids Music as you rock or change the baby.

*"With You, (Point up to the sky.)*

*I (Point to yourself with your thumbs)*

*Can do very big things! (Stretch your arms out to the side, pump them twice.)"*

## Words for Baby

"Baby, God can do very big things! God loves you and God can help you be brave!"

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- ☐ Water bottles with lids
- ☐ Foam hearts
- ☐ Glitter
- ☐ Hot glue gun
- ☐ Pillows
- ☐ Music Player
- ☐ "Very Big Things" by Orange Kids Music
- ☐ Painter's tape
- ☐ Ball pit balls

## ① Hearts

### What You Do

1. Add a few foam hearts and glitter to the water bottles and close the lids. Run a bead of hot glue around the lids to secure.
2. Roll the sensory bottles, shake them, tip them back and forth, and look for the hearts.
3. Say, "Jesus loves [child's name]."
4. Continue as long as interest holds

### What You Say

"Look at this amazing bottle! It has lots of fun things in it. Look at those hearts. Can you point to a heart? Can you point to another heart? Great job. There are so many hearts. These hearts remind me that God loves [Child's name]! Yes, He does. God loves you."

## ② Obstacle Course

### What You Do

1. Create an obstacle course on the floor with several pillows.
2. Encourage children to crawl over the pillows to you.

### What You Say

"[Child's name(s)], crawl to me! Yay! You can be brave and crawl over the pillow to me. Whoa, great job! Now you can be brave and crawl over this pillow to me. (Move from pillow to pillow.) You did such a great job crawling over all those pillows! God loves you and God can help you be brave!"

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## ③ So Big

### What You Do

1. Sing and do the motions as you sing "Very Big Things" by Orange Kids Music

### What You Say

"Let's sing a song together and do the motions!"

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I know (POINT TO YOURSELF WITH YOUR THUMBS)

its true (THUMBS UP)

I can do very big things (STRETCH YOUR ARMS OUT TO THE SIDE, PUMP THEM TWICE.)

"God can do very big things! God loves you and God can help you be brave!"

## ④ So Strong

### What You Do

2. Secure several pieces of painter's tape, sticky side out, to the wall at child's height.
3. Stick the ball pit balls to the tape.

### What You Say

"Whoa these ball pit balls are stuck to the wall! Can you be brave and strong and help me take them off the wall? Yay! [Child's name], you are so strong and brave! Wow! You got [number] ball pit ball(s) off the wall! [Child's name], God can help you be brave because God love you!"