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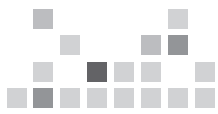
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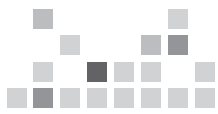
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# John the Baptist Prepares the Way for Jesus Mark 1:1-8

Time is a concept infants and toddlers aren't yet able to grasp. But young children can understand anticipation and wanting things to happen now. As you explore this lesson together, express your anticipation for Jesus' arrival. Little ones will join in your excitement as you get ready for the celebration of Jesus' birth.

## INFANT

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Listen to praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Ready?</b> Cover and find the picture of Jesus.	cloth, several toys <b>Teacher Pack:</b> "Baby Jesus" teaching picture (from Poster Set 1)	
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Closer to Jesus</b> Watch as a picture of Jesus moves closer and closer.	<b>Teacher Pack:</b> "Baby Jesus" teaching picture (from Poster Set 1)	
	<b>Here Comes Jesus!</b> Sit on the teacher's lap and play a game with a napkin.	napkin	
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 1 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

*Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.*



**Bible Point**  
We get ready for Jesus.


**Key Verse**  
"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11).

**Weaving Faith Into Life**  
Children will learn that they can get their hearts ready for Jesus.





## TODDLER



LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Get Ready to Celebrate!</b> Search for a picture of Jesus, and then play a Peekaboo game.	Bible, cloth, one 3x3-inch sticky note per child, 1 copy per child of the "Little Jesus" handout (at the end of the lesson), CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD, "Baby Jesus" teaching picture (from Poster Set 1) 	Hide the picture somewhere in the room.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Pass It On</b> Play a whisper game to remind children that Jesus is coming.		
	<b>Something Special</b> Prepare a baby bed and learn a rhyme about a special baby.	blocks, several blankets, dolls or stuffed animals, baby items	
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 1 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

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**2-YEAR-OLD**

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Let's Get Ready!</b> Make a Peekaboo game to remember that Jesus is coming.	Bible, one 3x3-inch sticky note per child, My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Little Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson), glue, sand or gold glitter, bowl <b>Teacher Pack:</b> "Baby Jesus" teaching picture (from Poster Set 1), "John Preaches About Jesus" poster (from the Big Bible Poster Pack)  	Remove the Lesson 1 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Put sand or gold glitter into a small bowl.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Get Ready for Baby</b> Go on a hunt for hidden baby items around the room.	baby items	Hide baby items around the room where 2-year-olds can find them.
	<b>Clay Crib</b> Make a manger for baby Jesus using modeling dough.	modeling dough, wax paper	
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	

*Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.*







**INFANT**

**1** GETTING  
STARTED



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# Sing and Celebrate

## What You'll Do

Sing "Jesus Is With Us" (track 3 on the CD) to the tune of "Ten Little Indians" anytime during the lesson. Sing as you play the suggested games, as you change infants, and as you hold and rock them. Infants enjoy hearing your voice, and they'll begin to become familiar with the word *Jesus*.

**Where, oh where, oh where is Jesus?  
Where, oh where, oh where is Jesus?  
Where, oh where, oh where is Jesus?  
Jesus is with us.**

**Let's get ready, get ready for Jesus.  
Let's get ready, get ready for Jesus.  
Let's get ready, get ready for Jesus.  
He is coming soon.**

*(Repeat first verse.)*

Afterward, say: ► **WE GET READY FOR JESUS.**

Sing "Thank You for Jesus!" (not on the CD) to the tune of "Did You Ever See a Lassie?" Give babies gentle hugs and tell them Jesus was born. Tell babies that we thank God they were born, too!

**Thank you, God, for baby Jesus,  
Baby Jesus, baby Jesus.  
Thank you, God, for baby Jesus.  
We're glad he was born!**

Afterward, say: ► **WE GET READY FOR JESUS.**



## Sing and Celebrate Supplies

- CD player
- Teacher Pack**
- CD: "Jesus Is With Us" (track 3)





### Ready? Supplies

cloth  
several toys

#### Teacher Pack

“Baby Jesus” teaching picture (from Poster Set 1)

### Closer to Jesus Supplies

#### Teacher Pack

“Baby Jesus” teaching picture (from Poster Set 1)

### Here Comes Jesus! Supplies

napkin

## 2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

### Ready?

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

As crawlers are playing on the floor or as you hold an infant, set the picture of baby Jesus nearby.

Say: **This is Jesus.** ► **WE GET READY FOR JESUS.** Cover the teaching picture with a cloth. **Where's Jesus? Let's get ready for him.** Lift up other toys or stuffed animals. **Is this Jesus? Is Jesus here?** Uncover the picture. **Here's Jesus!** ► **WE GET READY FOR JESUS.**

## 3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

### Closer to Jesus

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Lay a baby on the floor on his or her tummy. Move a short distance away, and hold the “Baby Jesus” teaching picture on the floor for the baby to see. Move the picture closer and closer while repeating the following chant:

**Let's get ready; here he comes!**  
**Baby Jesus shows God's love!**

Pick up the baby, and hug him or her.

For crawlers, hold the picture on the floor. Say: **Come to Jesus,** [name of infant]. Then recite the chant, and hug the baby when he or she comes within your reach. Say: ► **WE GET READY FOR JESUS.**

### Here Comes Jesus!

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Have the baby sit on your lap, facing you. Place a napkin over your head, partially covering your face. Say: **Get ready for Jesus.** Pull the napkin off your head. **He's coming to love** [name of infant]!



For added fun, let the baby pull the napkin off your head while you say: **Jesus is coming to love** [name of infant]!

► **WE GET READY FOR JESUS.**

## Weaving Faith at Home

Have children take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages. Encourage parents to do the activities with children to help them grow with Jesus. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

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### TODDLER

## 1 GETTING STARTED



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## Sing and Celebrate

### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Sing “Jesus Is With Us” (track 3 on the CD) to the tune of “Ten Little Indians” anytime during the lesson. As toddlers sing, have them clap their hands. Each time you repeat the song, lead them in another rhythmic motion, such as patting your legs or stomping your feet.

**Where, oh where, oh where is Jesus?  
Where, oh where, oh where is Jesus?  
Where, oh where, oh where is Jesus?  
Jesus is with us.**

**Let’s get ready, get ready for Jesus.  
Let’s get ready, get ready for Jesus.  
Let’s get ready, get ready for Jesus.  
He is coming soon.**

*(Repeat first verse.)*

Afterward, say: ► **WE GET READY FOR JESUS.**



### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)

### Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player  
**Teacher Pack**  
CD: “Jesus Is With Us” (track 3)






### Get Ready to Celebrate! Supplies

Bible  
cloth  
one 3x3-inch sticky note per child  
1 copy per child of the “Little Jesus” handout (at the end of the lesson)  
CD player  
**Teacher Pack**  
CD: “Jesus Is With Us” (track 3)  
“Baby Jesus” teaching picture (from Poster Set 1)

Sing “Thank You for Jesus!” (not on the CD) to the tune of “Did You Ever See a Lassie?” You may want to provide rhythm instruments for children to shake, beat, or bang together as they sing. Tell toddlers that we can celebrate because Jesus was born.

 **Thank you, God, for baby Jesus,  
Baby Jesus, baby Jesus.  
Thank you, God, for baby Jesus.  
We’re glad he was born!**

Afterward, say: ► **WE GET READY FOR JESUS.**

## 2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

### Get Ready to Celebrate!

#### What You’ll Do

Cover the “Baby Jesus” teaching picture with a cloth. Gather a few toddlers away from the picture, and open your Bible to Mark 1:1-8. Show children the words, and tell them the Bible is God’s special book.

Say: **In the Bible, a man named John told people to get ready for Jesus. We can get ready for Jesus, too. We have a picture of Jesus in this room. Let’s find Jesus.** As you’re looking for the picture, play “Jesus Is With Us” (track 3 on the CD). When children find the picture, lead toddlers in cheering for Jesus, and say: ► **WE GET READY FOR JESUS.**

Distribute copies of the “Little Jesus” handout and 3x3-inch sticky notes. Help each child cover the picture of baby Jesus with a sticky note. Lead children in saying, “Where is Jesus? Let’s get ready to meet him!” Then help children lift the flap to see Jesus.

## 3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

### Pass It On

#### What You’ll Do

Have toddlers sit near you on the floor. Touch each toddler, and then whisper the following into his or her ear.

Whisper: [Name], **Jesus is coming. Let’s get ready! Jesus is coming. Let’s get ready!** Move among the children and whisper this over and over again.





Say: **Let's pass the message about Jesus to everyone!** Let children whisper the message to each other. ► **WE GET READY FOR JESUS.**

## Something Special

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Help toddlers build a baby bed with blocks. Place blankets, dolls or stuffed animals, and other baby items in the bed. Then lead children in this finger play:

**We can get ready,** (*pat the baby bed*)  
**For a special little one.** (*pretend to rock a baby*)  
**A baby named Jesus,** (*continue rocking the baby*)  
**He's God's own Son!** (*point up*)

## Weaving Faith at Home

Have children take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages. Encourage parents to do the activities with children to help them grow with Jesus. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

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### 2-YEAR-OLD

## 1 GETTING STARTED

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## Sing and Celebrate

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sing "Jesus Is With Us" (track 3 on the CD) to the tune of "Ten Little Indians" anytime during the lesson. Lead 2-year-olds in the following actions as you sing.

**Where, oh where, oh where is Jesus?** (*shade eyes; look around*)  
**Where, oh where, oh where is Jesus?** (*make binocular hands around eyes*)  
**Where, oh where, oh where is Jesus?** (*shrug shoulders*)  
**Jesus (hands up) is with us.** (*hug self*)



### Something Special Supplies

blocks  
several blankets  
dolls or stuffed animals  
baby items

### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)

### Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 1 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

### Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player  
**Teacher Pack**  
CD: "Jesus Is With Us" (track 3)





### Let's Get Ready! Supplies

Bible  
one 3x3-inch sticky  
note per child  
My Bible Snuggles or 1  
copy per child of the  
"Little Jesus" page (at  
the end of the lesson)  
glue  
sand or gold glitter  
bowl  
**Teacher Pack**  
"Baby Jesus" teaching  
picture (from Poster  
Set 1)  
"John Preaches About  
Jesus" poster (from  
the Big Bible Poster  
Pack)

### Let's Get Ready! Easy Prep


Remove the Lesson 1  
pages from each My  
Bible Snuggles student  
book. Put sand or gold  
glitter into a small bowl.

Let's get ready, get ready for Jesus.  
Let's get ready, get ready for Jesus.  
Let's get ready, get ready for Jesus.  
He is coming soon.

*(Repeat first verse.)*

Afterward, say: ► **WE GET READY FOR JESUS.**

Sing "Thank You for Jesus!" (not on the CD) to the tune of "Did You Ever See a Lassie?" You may want to provide rhythm instruments for children to shake, beat, or bang together as they sing. Tell children that we can celebrate because Jesus was born.

 Thank you, God, for baby Jesus,  
Baby Jesus, baby Jesus.  
Thank you, God, for baby Jesus.  
We're glad he was born!

Afterward, say: ► **WE GET READY FOR JESUS.**

## 2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

### Let's Get Ready!

#### What You'll Do

Gather a group of children, and open your Bible to Mark 1:1-8. Show children the words, and tell them the Bible is God's special book. Set out the "John Preaches About Jesus" poster.

Say: **The Bible tells us that a man named John told people to get ready for Jesus. John wanted people to be ready for Jesus. People came to see John in the desert. The desert is hot and full of sand.** Squeeze lines of glue on the poster, and have children sprinkle some sand or gold glitter onto the glue. **The people in the desert listened to John talk about Jesus.**

Hold up the "Baby Jesus" teaching picture.

Say: **This is baby Jesus. We're getting ready to celebrate his birthday. Let's play a fun game to help people get ready for Jesus.**

Set out 3x3-inch sticky notes, and give each child a copy of the "Little Jesus" page. Help each child place a sticky note over the picture of baby Jesus. Lead children in saying: **Where is Jesus? Let's get ready to meet him.** Then let them lift the flap to show the picture of Jesus. Say: ► **WE GET READY FOR JESUS.**



**3**

**WEAVING FAITH  
INTO LIFE**

## Get Ready for Baby

**What You'll Do** ■■■■■■

Lead children on a scavenger hunt to find things for a baby. When they find the items, talk about how you use the items. Let children take turns hiding the items again while others close their eyes if they remain interested.

Say: **Jesus came to earth as a baby. ► WE GET READY FOR JESUS.**

## Clay Crib

**What You'll Do** ■■■■■■

Talk with kids about getting ready for baby Jesus, and ask where he'll sleep. Let children use modeling dough to make a manger for Jesus. Show them how to roll a handful of dough into a ball and then press a thumb into the dough. Set the mangers aside on wax paper in a safe place to dry.

Say: **► WE GET READY FOR JESUS.**

## Weaving Faith at Home

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**Get Ready for Baby  
Supplies**

.....  
baby items

**Get Ready for Baby  
Easy Prep**

.....  
Hide baby items around the room where 2-year-olds can find them.

**Clay Crib  
Supplies**

.....  
modeling dough  
wax paper

**Weaving Faith  
at Home  
Supplies**

.....  
My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)



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# Growing With Jesus



## Anticipation

Young children don't understand the concept of time. So don't be discouraged if your child doesn't demonstrate building anticipation for Christmas yet. Rather, help your child enjoy the many aspects of the Christmas traditions your family celebrates by involving him or her as much as possible in each individual event. Plus, talk about your own excitement for the coming celebration of Jesus' birth.

Your child learned that we get ready for Jesus (from Mark 1:1-8). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

### INFANT

#### Here Comes Jesus!

Have your baby sit on your lap, facing you. Place a napkin over your head, partially covering your face.

Say: **Get ready for Jesus.** Pull the napkin off your head. **He's coming to love** [name of infant]!

For added fun, let your baby pull the napkin off your head while you say: **"Jesus is coming to love** [name of infant]!"

### TODDLER

#### Something Special

Help your toddler build a baby bed with blocks. Place blankets, dolls or stuffed animals, and other baby items in the bed. Lead your child in this finger play:

**We can get ready,** (*pat the baby bed*)  
**For a special little one.**  
*(pretend to rock a baby)*  
**A baby named Jesus,**  
*(continue rocking the baby)*  
**He's God's own Son!**  
*(point up)*

### 2-YEAR-OLD

#### Get Ready for Baby

Hide baby items around the room.

Lead your child on a scavenger hunt for things you might need for a baby. Once your child finds the items, talk about how you use the items.

Say: **Jesus came to earth as a baby. We get ready for Jesus.**

#### Use these ideas to help your child become a FaithWeaver:

- Include your child each day in your preparations for celebrating Jesus' birth.
- Sing this verse from "Jesus Is With Us" (to the tune of "Ten Little Indians"):  
**Let's get ready, get ready for Jesus.**  
**Let's get ready, get ready for Jesus.**  
**Let's get ready, get ready for Jesus.**  
**He is coming soon.**
- Get out your child's baby book, and talk about how you got ready for his or her birth.

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# Little Jesus



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# God Dwells With Us

John 1:1-14

Helping little ones comprehend that “God is with us” presents a difficult challenge, because small children don’t understand abstract concepts. Likewise, helping children understand that Jesus is God can be tough; there are plenty of adults who find the concept thought-provoking. As you work with young children, focus on keeping the concept simple. At this age, all they need to begin learning is simply “Jesus is God.” Establishing this understanding now will help them as they gain understanding about the important relationship Jesus shares with God—and with us.

## INFANT

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Listen to praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Shine It On!</b> Look at a picture of Jesus.	flashlight <b>Teacher Pack:</b> “Baby Jesus” teaching picture (from Poster Set 1)	
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Jesus Loves You, Little One</b> Listen to a song to remind them that Jesus is God’s Son.	flashlight	
	<b>A Baby Like You</b> Snuggle with a doll and hear that Jesus was a baby just like them.	baby doll	
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 2 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

*Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.*



### ► Bible Point

Jesus is God.

### Key Verse

“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:10-11).


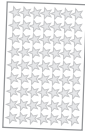
### Weaving Faith Into Life

Children will learn that even though they can’t see Jesus, he’s always with them.





**TODDLER**

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Where Is Jesus?</b> Search the room for a picture of Jesus.	Bible, small flashlight <b>Teacher Pack:</b> “Baby Jesus” teaching picture (from Poster Set 1) 	Hide the picture somewhere in the room.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Stuck on Jesus</b> See how a star sticker holds on to the paper.	glue sticks, several shakers of glitter, My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Jesus Is the Light” page (at the end of the lesson) <b>Teacher Pack:</b> glow-in-the-dark star stickers 	Remove the Lesson 2 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.
	<b>Shadow Play</b> Make shadow shapes in the light.	large flashlight	
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)	

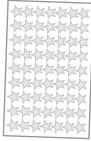
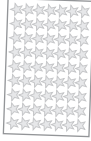
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**2-YEAR-OLD**

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Find the Light</b> Learn what it means that Jesus is the light.	Bible, scissors, flashlight <b>Teacher Pack:</b> glow-in-the-dark star stickers 	Cut apart the glow-in-the-dark star stickers. Keep the adhesive backing attached, and scatter the stickers around the room.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Shimmery Stars</b> Attach star stickers to handouts, and then add glittery reminders that Jesus is the light.	glue sticks, several shakers of glitter, My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Jesus Is the Light" page (at the end of the lesson) <b>Teacher Pack:</b> glow-in-the-dark star stickers 	Remove the Lesson 2 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.
	<b>Light Sticks</b> Make stars on sticks and move with them.	yellow poster board, scissors, glue sticks, glitter, 1 straw per child, tape	Cut out stars from yellow poster board. Tape each star to the end of a straw.
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	

*Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.*








**INFANT**

**1 GETTING  
STARTED**

# Sing and Celebrate

## What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sing or listen to “Jesus Is With Us” (track 3 on the CD) to the tune of “Ten Little Indians.” Sing as you rock, feed, or play with the infants. Use the music time as an opportunity to pick up each infant and move with him or her while singing.


 **Where, oh where, oh where is Jesus?**  
**Where, oh where, oh where is Jesus?**  
**Where, oh where, oh where is Jesus?**  
**Jesus is with us.**

**Let's get ready, get ready for Jesus.**  
**Let's get ready, get ready for Jesus.**  
**Let's get ready, get ready for Jesus.**  
**He is coming soon.**

*(Repeat first verse.)*

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS IS GOD.**

As you sing “Thank You for Jesus!” (not on the CD) to the tune of “Did You Ever See a Lassie?” give babies gentle hugs and tell them Jesus was born. Tell babies that we thank God that they were born, too!

 **Thank you, God, for baby Jesus,**  
**Baby Jesus, baby Jesus.**  
**Thank you, God, for baby Jesus.**  
**We're glad he was born!**

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS IS GOD.**



## Sing and Celebrate Supplies

.....  
CD player

### Teacher Pack

CD: “Jesus Is With Us”  
(track 3)





### Shine It On! Supplies

flashlight

#### Teacher Pack

“Baby Jesus” teaching picture (from Poster Set 1)

### Jesus Loves You, Little One Supplies

flashlight

### A Baby Like You Supplies

baby doll

## 2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

### Shine It On!

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

As crawlers are playing on the floor or as you hold an infant, show the “Baby Jesus” teaching picture. Shine a flashlight onto the picture.


Say: **Where’s Jesus?** Help children touch the picture. **Here’s baby Jesus. Jesus is a special baby because ► JESUS IS GOD.**

## 3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

### Jesus Loves You, Little One

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Hold a baby on your lap, and shine a flashlight on his or her toes. Sing the following song to the tune of “Jesus Loves Me”:

 **Jesus loves your little toes.** (*shine the flashlight on baby’s toes*)  
**Jesus loves your little nose.** (*touch baby’s nose*)  
**Jesus is God’s special Son.**  
**Jesus loves you, little one.** (*hug baby close*)

### A Baby Like You

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Face a baby, and hold the doll behind your back.

Say: **Jesus was a baby.** Slowly bring out the doll. **Jesus was a baby like you.**

► **JESUS IS GOD.** As you speak, bring the doll closer to the baby, and “snuggle” it into the infant’s tummy. Repeat the statement, and then bring the doll forward to gently tickle the baby, kiss the baby, or rub noses with the baby.



# Weaving Faith at Home

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## TODDLER

### 1 GETTING STARTED

## Sing and Celebrate

### What You’ll Do

Sing or listen to “Jesus Is With Us” (track 3 on the CD) to the tune of “Ten Little Indians.” As toddlers sing, have them walk around as if they’re trying to find Jesus.

**Where, oh where, oh where is Jesus?**  
**Where, oh where, oh where is Jesus?**  
**Where, oh where, oh where is Jesus?**  
**Jesus is with us.**

**Let’s get ready, get ready for Jesus.**  
**Let’s get ready, get ready for Jesus.**  
**Let’s get ready, get ready for Jesus.**  
**He is coming soon.**

*(Repeat first verse.)*

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS IS GOD.**

You may want to provide rhythm instruments for children to shake, beat, or bang together as they sing “Thank You for Jesus!” (not on the CD) to the tune of “Did You Ever See a Lassie?” Tell toddlers we’re happy because Jesus was born.

**Thank you, God, for baby Jesus,**  
**Baby Jesus, baby Jesus.**  
**Thank you, God, for baby Jesus.**  
**We’re glad he was born!**

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS IS GOD.**



### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)

### Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 2 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

### Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player  
**Teacher Pack**  
CD: “Jesus Is With Us” (track 3)





### Where Is Jesus? Supplies

Bible  
small flashlight  
**Teacher Pack**  
“Baby Jesus” teaching  
picture (from Poster  
Set 1)

### Where Is Jesus? Easy Prep

Hide the picture  
somewhere in the room.

### Stuck on Jesus Supplies

glue sticks  
several shakers of  
glitter  
My Bible Snuggles or 1  
copy per child of the  
“Jesus Is the Light”  
page (at the end of the  
lesson)  
**Teacher Pack:**  
glow-in-the-dark star  
stickers

### Stuck on Jesus Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson  
2 pages from each  
My Bible Snuggles  
student book.

## 2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

### Where Is Jesus?

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Gather a group of toddlers together. Open your Bible to John 1:1-14. Show children the words, and tell them the Bible is God's special book.

Say: **Our Bible says that ► JESUS IS GOD and that Jesus came to live with us. Let's see if we can find a picture of baby Jesus in our room. If you find the picture, bring it to me.** Help toddlers find the picture by shining the flashlight near it.

When children find the picture, hold it up.

Ask: **Where is Jesus?** Shine the flashlight on the picture.

Say: **This is a picture of Jesus. ► JESUS IS GOD.**

As you say the next statement, shine the flashlight on the specified child's legs or hands.

Say: **Jesus came to be the light for [name] and [name].** Do this for each toddler you're working with. **Thank you, God, for being with us and for sending Jesus.**

## 3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

### Stuck on Jesus

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Give each toddler a “Jesus Is the Light” page. Help each toddler attach one glow-in-the-dark star sticker to the handout. If your group is small, give out more star stickers.


Say: **The stars stick to the paper. Jesus sticks to us, too.** Have children rub glue sticks on some of the stars on their handouts. Then let children shake glitter from the shakers on the glue. Say: **The glitter sticks to the paper. And Jesus sticks to us. ► JESUS IS GOD.**



# Shadow Play

## What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Place a large flashlight on a desk or table so it shines onto a blank wall. Demonstrate how to stand in front of the light and see your shadow on the wall. Encourage toddlers to make movements that show on the wall. Lead children in singing "Jesus Is the Light" to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell" as they move.

 **Jesus is the light,**  
**Jesus is the light.** (*clap hands*)  
**Love the Lord with all your might** (*hug self*)  
**'Cause Jesus is the light.**

Say: ► **JESUS IS GOD, and he's always with us, just like our shadows.**

# Weaving Faith at Home

Have children take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages. Encourage parents to do the activities with children to help them grow with Jesus. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

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## 2-YEAR-OLD

### 1 GETTING STARTED

# Sing and Celebrate

## What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sing or listen to "Jesus Is With Us" (track 3 on the CD) to the tune of "Ten Little Indians." As your 2-year-olds sing, have them do the actions suggested in the parentheses.

 **Where, oh where, oh where is Jesus?** (*shade eyes; look around*)  
**Where, oh where, oh where is Jesus?** (*make binocular hands around eyes*)  
**Where, oh where, oh where is Jesus?** (*shrug shoulders*)  
**Jesus (hands up) is with us.** (*hug self*)

**Let's get ready, get ready for Jesus.**  
**Let's get ready, get ready for Jesus.**



## Shadow Play Supplies

.....  
large flashlight

## Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

.....  
My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)

## Sing and Celebrate Supplies

.....  
CD player  
**Teacher Pack**  
CD: "Jesus Is With Us" (track 3)






**Let's get ready, get ready for Jesus.  
He is coming soon.**

*(Repeat first verse.)*

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS IS GOD.**

Provide rhythm instruments or noisemakers for children to shake, beat, or bang together as they sing "Thank You for Jesus!" (not on the CD) to the tune of "Did You Ever See a Lassie?" Tell children we celebrate because Jesus was born.

 **Thank you, God, for baby Jesus,  
Baby Jesus, baby Jesus.  
Thank you, God, for baby Jesus.  
We're glad he was born!**

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS IS GOD.**


## **2** BIBLE EXPLORATION

### Find the Light

#### **What You'll Do**

Open your Bible to John 1:1-14. Show children the words, and tell them the Bible is God's special book.

Say: **Our Bible tells us that ► JESUS IS GOD and that he is with us. Jesus is like a light that shines in the darkness. Let's see what that's like.** Turn on the flashlight, and turn off the room light. Ask the children to find the stars around the room and bring them to you. Point out that children can find you by following the light of the flashlight. Ensure that all kids find stars, and then have them hold up their star stickers and sing this song to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star":

 **Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
God has come to where we are.  
Jesus shines so very bright.  
He has come to be our light.  
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
God has come to where we are.**

Say: ► **JESUS IS GOD. Jesus is with us, just like I was still here even when you couldn't see me. I'm glad that Jesus is with us all the time.** Collect the star stickers for use later in the lesson.

#### Find the Light Supplies

Bible  
scissors  
flashlight  
**Teacher Pack**  
glow-in-the-dark star  
stickers

#### Find the Light Easy Prep

Cut apart the glow-in-the-dark star stickers. Keep the adhesive backing attached, and scatter the stickers around the room.





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WEAVING FAITH  
INTO LIFE

# Shimmery Stars

## What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Give each child a "Jesus Is the Light" page and one glow-in-the-dark star sticker. If your group is small, give out more star stickers. Help children attach the stars to the bottom portion of their pages. Then let children dab glue sticks on the other stars on their pages. Provide shakers of glitter for 2-year-olds to shake over the stars.

Say: **Jesus is our light. ► JESUS IS GOD.**

# Light Sticks

## What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Give each child a star that you prepared beforehand. Help children put glue on the stars and then sprinkle the stars with glitter.

Let children move and wave their stars as they sing this song to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star":



**Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
God has come to where we are.  
Jesus shines so very bright.  
He has come to be our light.  
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
God has come to where we are.**

Afterward say: **► JESUS IS GOD.**

# Weaving Faith at Home

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## Shimmery Stars Supplies

glue sticks  
several shakers of glitter  
My Bible Snuggles or 1  
copy per child of the  
"Jesus Is the Light" page  
(at the end of the lesson)

### Teacher Pack:

glow-in-the-dark star  
stickers

## Shimmery Stars Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson  
2 pages from each  
My Bible Snuggles  
student book.

## Light Sticks Supplies

yellow poster board,  
scissors, glue sticks,  
glitter, 1 straw per  
child, tape

## Light Sticks Easy Prep

Cut out stars from  
yellow poster board.  
Tape each star to the  
end of a straw.

## Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1  
copy per child of the  
"Growing With Jesus"  
page (at the end of the  
lesson)





# Growing With Jesus



## A Special Gift

The concept of the Trinity is difficult for adults to understand, so don't expect your child to grasp that Jesus is God for some time. Help your child understand that Jesus truly is a special gift from God and that he came to be with us. Emphasize that Jesus is always with us and that Jesus is God.

Your child learned that Jesus is God (from John 1:1-14). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

### INFANT

#### Jesus Loves You, Little One

Hold your baby on your lap, and shine a flashlight on his or her toes. Sing the following song to the tune of "Jesus Loves Me":

**Jesus loves your little toes.** (*shine the flashlight on baby's toes*)

**Jesus loves your little nose.** (*touch baby's nose*)

**Jesus is God's special Son.**

**Jesus loves you, little one.** (*hug baby close*)

### TODDLER

#### Shadow Play

Place a large flashlight on a desk or table so it shines onto a blank wall. Demonstrate how to stand in front of the light and see your shadow on the wall. Encourage your toddler to make movements that show on the wall. Sing or play a familiar worship song as your child moves.

Say: **Jesus is God and he's always with you, just like your shadow.**

### 2-YEAR-OLD

#### Light Sticks

Cut out a star from yellow construction paper, and tape it to the end of a straw. Help your child put glue on the star and then sprinkle it with glitter.

Let your child move and wave the star as you sing this song to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star":

**Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
God has come to where we are.  
Jesus shines so very bright.  
He has come to be our light.  
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
God has come to where we are.**



#### Use these ideas to help your child become a FaithWeaver:

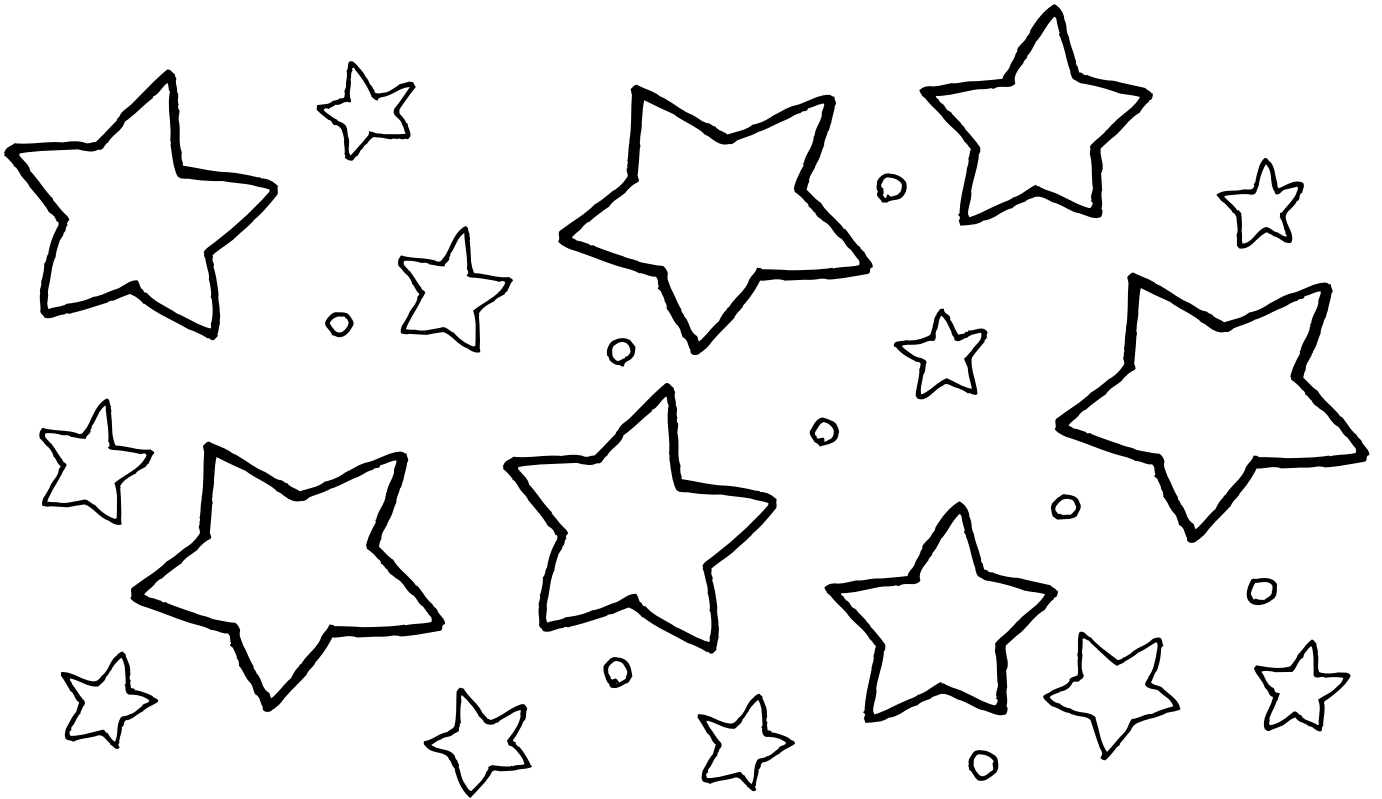
- Take time each day to acknowledge God's presence in your home and with your family.
- Play Hide-and-Seek with your child. Explain that even when someone is hiding, that person is still there—the same way God is always there even though we can't see him.
- As you put your child to bed, place a night light in the room, and remind your child that Jesus is with him or her during the night.

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# Jesus Is the Light



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# Jesus Is Born

Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-20

**P**retend play begins in children between ages 1 and 2. You'll find your toddlers rocking a baby doll, putting a baby to bed, or pretending to make and serve meals. To understand the relationships around them, young children mimic what they see at home by acting it out. As you talk about baby Jesus, encourage young children to have fun playacting the various roles involved in his birth.

## INFANT

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Listen to praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Jesus Was a Baby, Too!</b> Enjoy being cuddled and rocked just as Mary might have done to baby Jesus.		
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Manger-Bed Rock</b> Lie in a "manger" and listen to animals and to someone singing.	laundry basket, several blankets	
	<b>Baby's on a Roll</b> Play with a noisemaker.	coffee can, various pictures of babies, glue, several jingle bells	Cover a coffee can or oatmeal container with magazine pictures of babies. Then drop a handful of jingle bells or keys into the cylinder, and seal with the lid.
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 3 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

*Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.*



### ► Bible Point

Jesus was born.

### Key Verse

"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11).


### Weaving Faith Into Life

Children will celebrate the birth of Jesus.





**TODDLER**

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player, dolls <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Rock-a-Bye Baby</b> Practice rocking a baby, and then listen to a song	Bible, CD player, scissors, baby Jesus from the “Nativity Finger Puppets” page (at the end of the lesson), tape <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD, “Baby Jesus” teaching picture (from Poster Set 1) 	Copy and cut out the baby Jesus from the handout. Tape the ends together to create a puppet.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Finger-Play Fun</b> Learn a finger play about Jesus’ birth.	scissors, tape, My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Nativity Finger Puppets” page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 3 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut apart the “Nativity Finger Puppets.” Tape the ends of each puppet together, so it will easily slide onto children’s fingers. Make a set of puppets for each child.
	<b>Baby Blankies</b> Talk about how babies need soft, warm blankets, and then glue a tissue over a picture of baby Jesus.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Nativity Finger Puppets” page (at the end of the lesson), 1 facial tissue per child, glue sticks	
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)	

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**2-YEAR-OLD**

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player, dolls or stuffed animals <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Bethlehem Baby</b> Learn about Jesus' birth, and do a finger play to remember what happened.	Bible, My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Nativity Finger Puppets" page (at the end of the lesson), scissors, tape	Remove the Lesson 3 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut apart the "Nativity Finger Puppets." Tape the ends of each puppet together, so it will easily slide onto children's fingers. Make a set of puppets for each child.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Manger Makers</b> Make a dough baby and rock it.	modeling dough, CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
	<b>Taking Care of Baby</b> Cover a picture of baby Jesus with a soft "blanket."	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Nativity Finger Puppets" page (at the end of the lesson), facial tissues, glue sticks	
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	

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**INFANT**

**1** GETTING  
STARTED

# Sing and Celebrate

**What You'll Do** ■■■■■■


Sing "Mary Had a Baby Boy" (track 4 on the CD) to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb" anytime during the lesson. Sing as you rock the infants in your arms as Mary would have rocked the baby Jesus.

 **Mary had a baby boy,  
Baby boy, baby boy.  
Mary had a baby boy.  
She named him baby Jesus.**

**Mary rocked her baby boy,  
Baby boy, baby boy.  
Mary rocked her baby boy.  
His name was baby Jesus.**

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS WAS BORN.**

Sing "Thank You for Jesus!" (not on the CD) to the tune of "Did You Ever See a Lassie?" anytime during the lesson. Give babies gentle hugs and tell them Jesus was born. Tell babies that we thank God that they were born, too!

 **Thank you, God, for baby Jesus,  
Baby Jesus, baby Jesus.  
Thank you, God, for baby Jesus.  
We're glad he was born!**

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS WAS BORN.**

**2** BIBLE  
EXPLORATION

# Jesus Was a Baby, Too!

**What You'll Do** ■■■■■■

Say: [Baby's name] is a special baby. Another special baby was born, too. His name



## Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player

**Teacher Pack**

CD: "Mary Had a Baby  
Boy" (track 4)





### Manger-Bed Rock Supplies

laundry basket  
several blankets

### Baby's on a Roll Supplies

coffee can  
various pictures of babies  
glue  
several jingle bells

### Baby's on a Roll Easy Prep

Cover a coffee can or oatmeal container with magazine pictures of babies. Then drop a handful of jingle bells or keys into the cylinder, and seal with the lid.

### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)

### Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 3 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

was Jesus. **Jesus' mommy rocked him like this.** Rock the baby back and forth. **Jesus' mommy kissed him like this.** Kiss the baby on the cheek or on the nose. **Jesus' mommy held him up like this.** Lift the baby. ► **JESUS WAS BORN, just like** [baby's name].

## 3

## WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

### Manger-Bed Rock

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Bring in a sturdy laundry basket, and line it with blankets to create a "manger." Place an infant in the manger.

Say: **There were lots of animals around when baby Jesus was sleeping. There may have been a cow. Cows say "moo." There may have been a donkey. Donkeys say "heehaw." Maybe there was a sheep. Sheep say "baa." Jesus probably heard his mommy singing, too.** Sing a soft lullaby such as "Jesus Loves Me" to the infant.

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS WAS BORN.**

### Baby's on a Roll

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Have a baby sit or lie a few feet away from you.

Say: **Hooray! ► JESUS WAS BORN! Let's make noise to show we're glad that Jesus was born!** Roll the cylinder and encourage the baby to touch the pictures and push the cylinder back to you.

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**TODDLER**

**1** GETTING  
STARTED

# Sing and Celebrate

**What You'll Do** ■■■■■■


Sing "Mary Had a Baby Boy" (track 4 on the CD) to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb" anytime during the lesson. As toddlers sing, have them hold a doll or a pretend baby and rock it in their arms.

 **Mary had a baby boy,  
Baby boy, baby boy.  
Mary had a baby boy.  
She named him baby Jesus.**

**Mary rocked her baby boy,  
Baby boy, baby boy.  
Mary rocked her baby boy.  
His name was baby Jesus.**

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS WAS BORN.**

Sing "Thank You for Jesus!" (not on the CD) to the tune of "Did You Ever See a Lassie?" anytime during the lesson. You may want to provide rhythm instruments for children to shake, beat, or bang together as they sing. Tell toddlers we celebrate because  
► **JESUS WAS BORN.**

 **Thank you, God, for baby Jesus,  
Baby Jesus, baby Jesus.  
Thank you, God, for baby Jesus.  
We're glad he was born!**

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS WAS BORN.**

**2** BIBLE  
EXPLORATION

# Rock-a-Bye Baby

**What You'll Do** ■■■■■■

Open your Bible to Luke 1. Show children the words, and tell them the Bible is God's special book. Hang the "Baby Jesus" teaching picture on a wall at toddlers' eye level. Point to the picture.



## Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player

**Teacher Pack**

CD: "Mary Had a Baby Boy" (track 4)

## Rock-a-Bye Baby Supplies

Bible

CD player

scissors

baby Jesus from the

"Nativity Finger

Puppets" page (at the

end of the lesson)

tape

**Teacher Pack**

CD: "We Are Thankful" (track 5)

"Baby Jesus" teaching picture (from Poster Set 1)

## Rock-a-Bye Baby Easy Prep

Copy and cut out the baby Jesus from the handout. Tape the ends together to create a puppet.





### Finger-Play Fun Supplies

scissors  
tape  
My Bible Snuggles or  
1 copy per child of  
the “Nativity Finger  
Puppets” page (at the  
end of the lesson)

### Finger-Play Fun Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson  
3 pages from each  
My Bible Snuggles  
student book. Cut apart  
the “Nativity Finger  
Puppets.” Tape the ends  
of each puppet together,  
so it will easily slide  
onto children’s fingers.  
Make a set of puppets  
for each child.

### Baby Blankies Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or  
1 copy per child of  
the “Nativity Finger  
Puppets” page (at the  
end of the lesson)  
1 facial tissue per child  
glue sticks

Say: ► **JESUS WAS BORN. Pretend you’re holding baby Jesus and rocking him gently.** Use the baby Jesus figure from the “Nativity Finger Puppets” page, and let each toddler have a turn to gently rock the baby. **We’re so glad ► JESUS WAS BORN because he shows how much God loves us. Thank you, God, that Jesus was born! Let’s show how happy we are that Jesus was born.** Play “We Are Thankful” (track 5 on the CD), allowing children to move and rock pretend babies.

## 3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

### Finger-Play Fun

#### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Give each child a set of the nativity finger puppets. Help children put the puppets on their fingers. Put the donkey on their thumbs, the cow on their index fingers, the sheep on their middle fingers, the camel on their ring fingers, and baby Jesus on their pinkies.

Say: **Lots of animals were nearby when ► JESUS WAS BORN. Let’s hold up our hands and see which animals might have seen baby Jesus.**

**This little donkey traveled up hill and down** (*move your thumb up and down*)  
**To carry the baby’s mother to Bethlehem town.**

**This mooing cow shared her hay** (*hold up your index finger*)  
**So baby Jesus would have a place to lay.**

**This woolly sheep saw the star’s light** (*hold up your middle finger*)  
**And came to visit baby Jesus at night.**

**This camel saw the shining star** (*hold up your ring finger*)  
**And traveled with kings from afar.**

**Jesus is born! Jesus is born!** (*hold up your pinkie finger*)  
**Jesus is born on Christmas morn.**

### Baby Blankies

#### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Give each toddler a copy of the “Nativity Finger Puppets” handout.

Say: **Baby Jesus needs something warm and soft to cover him.** Give children each a facial tissue, and have them rub the tissues against their cheeks. **This is something soft to cover baby Jesus! Let’s use these little blankets to keep baby Jesus warm.** Let



children use glue sticks to attach the tissue “blankies” to their pictures of baby Jesus.  
▶ **JESUS WAS BORN.**

## Weaving Faith at Home

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### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)


### 2-YEAR-OLD

## 1 GETTING STARTED

## Sing and Celebrate

### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■


Sing “Mary Had a Baby Boy” (track 4 on the CD) to the tune of “Mary Had a Little Lamb” anytime during the lesson. Encourage 2-year-olds to clap while you sing the first verse. Then have children hold a doll or stuffed animal and rock it in their arms during the phrase “Mary rocked her baby boy.”

 **Mary had a baby boy,  
Baby boy, baby boy.  
Mary had a baby boy.  
She named him baby Jesus.**

**Mary rocked her baby boy,  
Baby boy, baby boy.  
Mary rocked her baby boy.  
His name was baby Jesus.**

Afterward, say: ▶ **JESUS WAS BORN.**

Sing “Thank You for Jesus!” (not on the CD) to the tune of “Did You Ever See a Lassie?” anytime during the lesson. You may want to provide rhythm instruments for children to shake, beat, or bang together as they sing. Tell children we celebrate because  
▶ **JESUS WAS BORN.**

 **Thank you, God, for baby Jesus,  
Baby Jesus, baby Jesus.  
Thank you, God, for baby Jesus.  
We’re glad he was born!**

Afterward, say: ▶ **JESUS WAS BORN.**

### Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player  
dolls or stuffed animals  
**Teacher Pack**  
CD: “Mary Had a Baby Boy” (track 4)





### Bethlehem Baby Supplies

Bible  
My Bible Snuggles or  
1 copy per child of  
the "Nativity Finger  
Puppets" page (at the  
end of the lesson)  
scissors  
tape

### Bethlehem Baby Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson  
3 pages from each  
My Bible Snuggles  
student book. Cut apart  
the "Nativity Finger  
Puppets." Tape the  
ends of each puppet  
together, so it will easily  
slide onto children's  
fingers. Make a set of  
puppets for each child.

## 2

### BIBLE EXPLORATION

## Bethlehem Baby

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Open your Bible to Luke 1. Show children the words, and tell them the Bible is God's special book.

Say: **Jesus' mommy and daddy had to stay in a place like a barn because there was no room anywhere for them to sleep. So when ► JESUS WAS BORN, there were lots of animals around! Let's use these finger puppets to remember what happened when Jesus was born.**

Give each child a set of finger puppets. Help children put the donkey on their thumbs, the cow on their index fingers, the sheep on middle fingers, the camel on ring fingers, and baby Jesus on pinkie fingers. Lead children through the following finger play:

Say: **This little donkey traveled up hill and down** *(move your thumb up and down)*  
**To carry the baby's mother to Bethlehem town.**

**This mooing cow shared her hay** *(hold up your index finger)*  
**So baby Jesus would have a place to lay.**

**This woolly sheep saw the star's light** *(hold up your middle finger)*  
**And came to visit baby Jesus at night.**

**This camel saw the shining star** *(hold up your ring finger)*  
**And traveled with kings from afar.**

**Jesus is born! Jesus is born!** *(hold up your pinkie finger)*  
**Jesus is born on Christmas morn.**

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS WAS BORN.**





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WEAVING FAITH  
INTO LIFE

## Manger Makers

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Say: **Now that Jesus is born, let's make a little baby.** Hand out modeling dough, and let 2-year-olds make "babies." While children are working, play "Mary Had a Baby Boy" (track 4 on the CD). Let children gently rock the dough babies in their hands and then set the items aside to dry. Say: **Just like you, ► JESUS WAS BORN.**

## Taking Care of Baby

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Give each child a copy of the "Nativity Finger Puppets" page and a facial tissue. Point to the picture of baby Jesus on the page.

Ask: **What things do babies need?**

Say: **Little babies need lots of things—especially families to take care of them. God gave baby Jesus a good mommy and daddy to take care of him. Let's give our picture of baby Jesus a little baby blanket.** Help children use glue sticks to attach the facial tissue to the picture of baby Jesus. Point out that babies need blankets to keep them warm and families to give them love. Say: **► JESUS WAS BORN.**

## Weaving Faith at Home

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### Manger Makers Supplies

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modeling dough  
CD player

#### Teacher Pack

CD: "Mary Had a Baby Boy" (track 4)

### Taking Care of Baby Supplies

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My Bible Snuggles or  
1 copy per child of  
the "Nativity Finger  
Puppets" page (at the  
end of the lesson)  
facial tissues  
glue sticks

### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

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My Bible Snuggles or 1  
copy per child of the  
"Growing With Jesus"  
page (at the end of the  
lesson)





# Growing With Jesus



## Let's Play!

Young children understand relationships and learn through play and exploration. Don't underestimate the importance of playing with your child. Make talking about God a natural part of your playtime with your child. It will make talking about God a natural part of your child's life.

Your child learned that Jesus was born (from Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-20). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

### INFANT

#### Baby's on a Roll

Cover a coffee can or oatmeal container with magazine pictures of babies. Next, drop a handful of jingle bells or keys into the cylinder, and seal with the lid.

Have your baby sit or lie a few feet away from you.

Say: **Hooray! Jesus was born! Let's make noise to show that we're glad that Jesus was born!**

Roll the cylinder, and encourage your baby to touch the pictures and push the cylinder back to you.

### TODDLER

#### Baby Blankies

Place a baby doll in a crib or cardboard box.

Say: **Baby Jesus needs something warm and soft to cover him.** Give your child a soft blanket, and have your child rub the blanket against his or her cheek. **This is something soft to cover baby Jesus! Let's use this blanket to keep baby Jesus warm.** Have your child wrap the blanket around the baby doll.

### 2-YEAR-OLD

#### Taking Care of Baby

Place a baby doll in a crib or cardboard box.

Ask: **What things do babies need?**

Say: **Little babies need lots of things—especially families to take care of them. God gave baby Jesus a mommy and daddy to take care of him. Let's give our baby a little blanket.**

Let your child wrap the baby doll in a soft baby blanket. Point out that babies need blankets to keep them warm and families to give them love.



#### Use these ideas to help your child become a FaithWeaver:

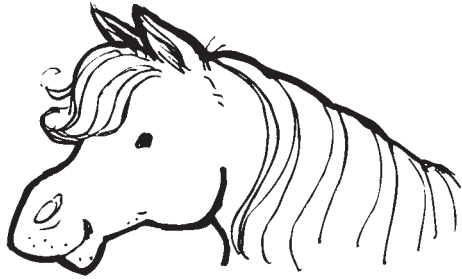
- Help your young child go through the toys in your house and find a toy to give away to a needy child during the Christmas season.
- Use unbreakable figures from a nativity, and give each family member at least one to hold. Use the figures to portray Jesus' birth.

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# Nativity Finger Puppets



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Illustrated by Nancy Munger.








# Faithful People Thank God for Jesus

Luke 2:22-40

Small children begin to learn manners at home. Requesting things in a polite way and learning to say “thank you” are new concepts to toddlers, while very young children benefit from seeing good manners being modeled by those around them. This is a key developmental time to also learn to express appreciation to God. When young children learn spiritual concepts and life skills together, the concept of to God will be a natural part of their lives.

## INFANT

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Listen to praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Grateful Goo-Goos!</b> Touch pictures of special people.	scissors, tape or glue <b>Teacher Pack:</b> “Peekaboo! I Love You!” teaching picture (from Poster Set 1) 	Cut on the solid lines, separating the two parts of the teaching picture. Cut the windows on the solid lines. Place the page with the windows over the page with the people, and tape or glue around the edge of the entire teaching picture.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>On the Way to Church</b> Act out Jesus’ journey to church where people were thankful.		
	<b>Baby Bubbles</b> Reach and touch bubbles, as people touched Jesus.	bubble wand and solution	
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 4 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

*Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.*



**Bible Point**  
We thank God for Jesus.


**Key Verse**  
“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:10-11).

**Weaving Faith Into Life**  
In this lesson children will learn that people are thankful for Jesus.





**TODDLER**


LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>T'anks, God!</b> Touch special people in a picture and say thank you to God.	Bible, tape or glue, scissors <b>Teacher Pack:</b> "Peekaboo! I Love You!" teaching picture (from Poster Set 1) 	Cut on the solid lines, separating the two parts of the teaching picture. Cut the windows on the solid lines. Place the page with the windows over the page with the people, and tape or glue around the edge of the entire teaching picture.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Jesus Goes to Church</b> Act out the Bible passage using dolls or stuffed animals.	dolls or stuffed animals	
	<b>Fingerprint Fun</b> Make fingerprints and learn that they are special—and so was baby Jesus.	washable marker, wet wipes, My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "We Are Thankful" page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 4 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	

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**2-YEAR-OLD**

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Hooray for Jesus!</b> Open windows to find special people who thank God for Jesus.	Bible, tape or glue, scissors <b>Teacher Pack:</b> "Peekaboo! I Love You!" teaching picture (from Poster Set 1) 	Cut on the solid lines, separating the two parts of the teaching picture. Cut the windows on the solid lines. Place the page with the windows over the page with the people, and tape or glue around the edge of the entire teaching picture.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Body Builders</b> Roll a ball and praise God.	ball	
	<b>Fancy Fingers</b> Make colorful fingerprints and learn that Jesus was a special baby who we're thankful for.	washable markers, wet wipes, My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "We Are Thankful" page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 4 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	

*Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.*








**INFANT**

**1** GETTING  
STARTED

# Sing and Celebrate


**What You'll Do** ■■■■■■

Sing "We Are Thankful" (track 5 on the CD) to the tune of "This Old Man" anytime during the lesson. Take the infants' hands and move them in time with the music. As you sing the words "Jesus' love," give the babies gentle hugs.

 **We thank God, we thank God.  
We thank God for Jesus' love!  
Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you, God.  
Thank you, God, for Jesus' love!**  
*(Repeat.)*

Afterward, say: ► **WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS.**

Sing "Thank You for Jesus!" (not on the CD) to the tune of "Did You Ever See a Lassie?" anytime during the lesson. As you sing, rock the infants in your arms as Mary would have rocked baby Jesus.

 **Thank you, God, for baby Jesus,  
Baby Jesus, baby Jesus.  
Thank you, God, for baby Jesus.  
We're glad he was born!**

Afterward, say: ► **WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS.**

**2** BIBLE  
EXPLORATION

# Grateful Goo-Goos!

**What You'll Do** ■■■■■■

As crawlers are playing on the floor, or as you hold an infant, show the "Peekaboo! I Love You!" teaching picture.

Say: **Jesus had a mommy, a daddy, and others who said thank you to God for him. This is a picture of a mommy, a daddy, a grandma, and a grandpa. Let's touch**



## Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player  
**Teacher Pack**  
CD: "We Are Thankful" (track 5)

## Grateful Goo-Goos! Supplies

scissors  
tape or glue  
**Teacher Pack**  
"Peekaboo! I Love You!" teaching picture (from Poster Set 1)

## Grateful Goo-Goos! Easy Prep

Cut on the solid lines, separating the two parts of the teaching picture. Cut the windows on the solid lines. Place the page with the windows over the page with the people, and tape or glue around the edge of the entire teaching picture.





**the mommy.** Help the infant open the window and touch the mommy. **Let's touch the daddy. Let's touch the grandpa. Let's touch the grandma.**

Open the center window to show the picture of the baby.

Say: **And here's a baby just like [name of baby]. When you were born, people were thankful for you. ► WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS.**

### 3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

## On the Way to Church

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Gently bounce a baby on your knees as you say the following chant.

**This is the way that Jesus rode, Jesus rode, Jesus rode.  
This is the way that Jesus rode  
On his way to church!**

**This is how his mommy walked, his mommy walked, his mommy walked.** (*move baby's legs slowly, one leg at a time, as if walking*)  
**This is how his mommy walked  
As she went into church.**

**This is how the people thanked, the people thanked, the people thanked.** (*hug baby, and rock back and forth*)  
**This is how the people thanked.  
Thank you, God, for Jesus!** (*lift up baby's arms*)

Say: ► **WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS.**

## Baby Bubbles

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Have an infant sit on your lap.

Say: **Some people were glad to see Jesus at church. They reached out to touch Jesus because they loved him. Let's reach out to touch these bubbles.** Use a bubble wand to blow a few bubbles in the baby's direction (but not in baby's face), and guide his or her hand to touch and pop the bubbles. Each time the baby touches a bubble, say: ► **WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS.**

### Baby Bubbles Supplies

.....  
bubble wand and  
solution





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## TODDLER

### 1 GETTING STARTED

## Sing and Celebrate


### What You’ll Do

Sing “We Are Thankful” (track 5 on the CD) to the tune of “This Old Man” anytime during the lesson. As toddlers sing the phrase, “Thank you, God, for Jesus’ love,” help them cross their arms over their chests like a hug. Explain that one way we show love is by giving hugs and that God loved us so much that he sent Jesus to be with us.

 **We thank God, we thank God.  
We thank God for Jesus’ love!  
Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you, God.  
Thank you, God, for Jesus’ love!**  
*(Repeat.)*

Afterward, say: ► **WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS.**

Sing “Thank You for Jesus!” (not on the CD) to the tune of “Did You Ever See a Lassie?” anytime during the lesson. You may want to provide rhythm instruments for children to shake, beat, or bang together as they sing.

 **Thank you, God, for baby Jesus,  
Baby Jesus, baby Jesus.  
Thank you, God, for baby Jesus.  
We’re glad he was born!**

Afterward, say: ► **WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS.**



### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)

### Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 4 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

### Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player  
**Teacher Pack**  
CD: “We Are Thankful” (track 5)





**T'anks, God!  
Supplies**

- Bible
- tape or glue
- scissors
- Teacher Pack**
- “Peekaboo! I Love You!” teaching picture (from Poster Set 1)

**T'anks, God!  
Easy Prep**

Cut on the solid lines, separating the two parts of the teaching picture. Cut the windows on the solid lines. Place the page with the windows over the page with the people, and tape or glue around the edge of the entire teaching picture.

**Jesus Goes to Church  
Supplies**

- dolls or stuffed animals

**2 BIBLE  
EXPLORATION**

**T'anks, God!**

**What You'll Do** ■■■■■■

Gather a few toddlers and open your Bible to Luke 2. Show children the words, and tell them the Bible is God's special book. Say: **Our Bible says that when Jesus was a baby, his parents took him to church, just like you're at church. Some people at church hugged Jesus and thanked God for him. ► WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS.**

Hold up the “Peekaboo! I Love You!” teaching picture.

Say: **This is a picture of special people who thank God for Jesus and for you. Jesus' daddy was thankful for him. Let's find a daddy on our special picture.** Open the window that hides the daddy, and invite children to touch or point to the daddy. **Some older people were thankful for Jesus. Let's find a picture of a grandpa and grandma.** Open the window that hides the grandparents, and invite children to touch or point to them. **Jesus' mommy loved him, too. Let's see if we can find a picture of a mommy.** Open the window that hides the mommy, and invite children to touch or point to the mommy.

Say: **Just as special people thanked God for Jesus, all these people thank God for...(open the window hiding the baby) you! ► WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS. Let's say thank you to God for Jesus.** Lead children in a simple prayer of thankfulness.

**3 WEAVING FAITH  
INTO LIFE**

**Jesus Goes to Church**

**What You'll Do** ■■■■■■

Have each toddler hold a doll or stuffed animal, and then lead the following rhyme.

**Jesus and his family went to church one day** (*hold doll, and walk in place*)  
**To worship God and sing and pray.** (*bow head*)  
**Some people inside saw Jesus there.** (*point across room*)  
**They picked up baby Jesus and held him in the air.** (*hold up doll*)  
**Thank you, God, for sending your Son!**  
**Thank you for this special one!** (*hug doll*)

Say: ► **WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS.**





# Fingerprint Fun

## What You'll Do

Set out copies of the “We Are Thankful” page. Rub each child’s index finger with a washable marker, and show children how to press their fingerprints onto the page. Guide children to touch the fingers, toes, eyes, and nose of the child in the picture.

Say: **God made your fingers and toes and your eyes and nose! Jesus had fingers and toes and eyes and a nose, too! ► WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS. Jesus was a special baby.**

When children are finished, wipe their fingers with wet wipes.

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## 2-YEAR-OLD

# 1 GETTING STARTED

# Sing and Celebrate

## What You'll Do

Sing “We Are Thankful” (track 5 on the CD) to the tune of “This Old Man” anytime during the lesson. Repeat the song many times with your 2-year-olds until you sense they’re learning the words. Then encourage them to clap with the beat as you sing the song together. When they know the song well, add movements such as raised hands, swaying bodies, and twirling around.

 **We thank God, we thank God.  
We thank God for Jesus’ love!  
Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you, God.  
Thank you, God, for Jesus’ love!**  
*(Repeat.)*



## Fingerprint Fun Supplies

- washable marker
- wet wipes
- My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “We Are Thankful” page (at the end of the lesson)

## Fingerprint Fun Easy Prep

- Remove the Lesson 4 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

## Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

- My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)

## Sing and Celebrate Supplies

- CD player
- Teacher Pack**
- CD: “We Are Thankful” (track 5)





### Hooray for Jesus! Supplies

Bible  
tape or glue  
scissors

#### Teacher Pack:


“Peekaboo! I Love You!”  
teaching picture (from  
Poster Set 1)

### Hooray for Jesus! Easy Prep

Cut on the solid lines,  
separating the two parts  
of the teaching picture.  
Cut the windows on the  
solid lines. Place the  
page with the windows  
over the page with the  
people, and tape or glue  
around the edge of the  
entire teaching picture.

Afterward, say: ► **WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS.**

Sing “Thank You for Jesus!” (not on the CD) to the tune of “Did You Ever See a Lassie?” anytime during the lesson.

 **Thank you, God, for baby Jesus,  
Baby Jesus, baby Jesus.  
Thank you, God, for baby Jesus.  
We're glad he was born!**

Afterward, say: ► **WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS.**

## 2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

# Hooray for Jesus!

### What You'll Do

Gather a group of 2-year-olds together, and open your Bible to Luke 2. Show children the words, and tell them the Bible is God's special book.

Say: **Our Bible says that when Jesus was a baby, his parents took him to church. Some people at church hugged Jesus and thanked God for Jesus.** Lay the “Peekaboo! I Love You!” teaching picture on the floor. **This is a picture of special people who thank God for Jesus and for you.**

Say: **Let's find a mommy in the picture.** Let one child open the windows until he or she finds the mommy. **Mommies thank God for Jesus, and they thank God for you!**

Say: **Let's find a daddy in the picture.** Let one child open the windows until he or she finds the daddy. **Daddies thank God for Jesus, and they thank God for you!**

Say: **Let's find a grandma and grandpa in the picture.** Let one child find the grandparents. **Grandmas and grandpas thank God for Jesus, and they thank God for you!**

Say: **Let's find a baby in the picture.** Let one child find the baby. Say: **We are thankful Jesus came as a baby. ► WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS.**



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WEAVING FAITH  
INTO LIFE

## Body Builders

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Have kids form a circle, and roll a ball to a child across the circle. Encourage the child who catches the ball to hug it and say ► **WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS.** Then have that child roll the ball to a different person, and encourage that child to do the same. Continue until each child has had a chance to hug the ball.

## Fancy Fingers

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Give each child a copy of the “We Are Thankful” page. Rub a washable marker over the tip of each child’s index finger, and then show children how to press their fingers on the pages to make fingerprints. Two-year-olds may wish to have another color rubbed on their thumbs or pinkie fingers.

Say: **God made you special—no one else is just like you! I’m thankful for you. Jesus was special, too. ► WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS.**

When children are finished, wipe their fingers with wet wipes.

## Weaving Faith at Home

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### Body Builders Supplies

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ball

### Fancy Fingers Supplies

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washable markers  
wet wipes  
My Bible Snuggles or 1  
copy per child of the  
“We Are Thankful”  
page (at the end of the  
lesson)

### Fancy Fingers Easy Prep

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Remove the Lesson  
4 pages from each  
My Bible Snuggles  
student book.

### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

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“Growing With Jesus”  
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lesson)



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# Growing With Jesus



## A Thankful Heart

You can teach your child to have a thankful heart during his or her earliest years. Take time with your child every day to slow down and thank God for the gifts he gives us. Rather than continually getting new things for your child, work to fix old ones. Show your son or daughter how to take care of the things he or she already has. Most importantly, make sure your child hears you thanking God for the things he's given you.

Your child learned that we thank God for Jesus (from Luke 2:22-40). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

### INFANT

#### Baby Bubbles

Say: **Some people were glad to see Jesus at church. They reached out to touch Jesus because they loved him. Let's reach out to touch these bubbles.** Use a bubble wand to blow a few bubbles in your baby's direction (but not his or her face), and guide the child's hand to touch and pop the bubbles. Each time your baby touches a bubble, say: **We thank God for Jesus.**

### TODDLER

#### Jesus Goes to Church

Have your toddler hold a doll or stuffed animal as you say the following rhyme.

**Jesus and his family went to church one day** (*hold doll, and walk in place*)  
**To worship God and sing and pray.** (*bow head*)  
**Some people inside saw Jesus there.** (*point across room*)  
**They picked up baby Jesus and held him in the air.** (*hold up doll*)  
**Thank you, God, for sending your Son!**  
**Thank you for this special one!** (*hug doll*)

### 2-YEAR-OLD

#### Body Builders

Sit on the floor across from your child, and roll a ball to him or her. When your child catches the ball, have him or her hug the ball and say: **We thank God for Jesus.** Then have your child roll the ball back to you (or another person if others have joined you). Hug the ball when you receive it and say: **We thank God for Jesus.** After you've played for a while, clap and cheer together: **We thank God for Jesus!**

#### Use these ideas to help your child become a FaithWeaver:

- Set out a basket in a busy pathway in your house. Ask family members to put items they are especially thankful for in the basket. At one meal during the day, look through the basket together and thank God for those items.
- Have the family hold a child between them in a big hug and say thank-you prayers for the child and for Jesus.

**OK**  
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# We Are Thankful



**OK  
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Illustrated by Nancy Munger.









# Wise Men Find Jesus


Matthew 2:1-12

When you encourage young children to worship Jesus, be ready to set tradition aside and join in on the fun! Little ones may express worship by jumping, clapping, singing, or praying spontaneously without closing their eyes or folding their hands. No matter what form it comes in, encourage children to express their praise for God. Use this lesson to have fun while helping little ones discover that they can worship Jesus!



**Bible Point**  
We worship Jesus.

## INFANT

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Listen to praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Give Him Gifts!</b> Give gifts to Jesus.	removable adhesive, scissors <b>Teacher Pack:</b> "Worship Jesus" teaching picture (from Poster Set 1), scratch-and-sniff sticker 	Cut out the "Worship Jesus" teaching picture from Poster Set 1, along with the individual gift pictures. Attach the sticker to 1 gift. Place removable adhesive on the back of each gift. (If you have more than 5 children, cut squares of gift wrap to use as additional gifts.) You'll need 1 gift per child.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>A Gift You Can Hear</b> Play with noisy boxes.	several small boxes, securely taped closed, filled with noisy items such as jingle bells, baby rattles, and spoons	
	<b>Come and Worship</b> Stack blocks and pretend they're gifts for baby Jesus.	box of blocks, doll or stuffed animal	
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 5 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

*Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.*


**Key Verse**  
"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

**Weaving Faith Into Life**  
Children will worship Jesus.



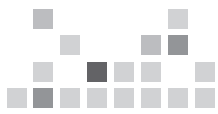


**TODDLER**


LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player, scarves <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Kings Worship the King</b> Touch and smell gifts for Jesus.	Bible, scissors, removable adhesive <b>Teacher Pack:</b> “Worship Jesus” teaching picture (from Poster Set 1), scratch-and-sniff sticker 	Cut out the “Worship Jesus” teaching picture from Poster Set 1, along with the individual gift pictures. Attach the sticker to 1 gift. Place removable adhesive on the back of each gift. (If you have more than 5 children, cut squares of gift wrap to use as additional gifts.) You’ll need 1 gift per child.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>A Gift for Jesus</b> Attach “gifts” to their handouts.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Three Magi” page (at the end of the lesson), glue sticks, wrapping paper, scissors	Remove the Lesson 5 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut wrapping paper into a variety of shapes, each about 3 inches across.
	<b>Worship Wander</b> Take “gifts” across the room, and then worship by singing.	CD player, colorful blocks <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)	

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**2-YEAR-OLD**

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player; scarves, streamers, or musical instruments <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>We Worship and Adore Him</b> Give gifts to Jesus and sing a song of praise.	Bible, CD player, scissors, removable adhesive, gift wrap <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD, scratch-and-sniff sticker, "Magi Worship Jesus" poster (from the Big Bible Poster Pack) 	Cut small squares of gift wrap (1 per child). Place the scratch-and-sniff sticker on 1 gift. Put removable adhesive on the back of each gift.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Present-Pass Praises</b> Play a pass-the-gifts game.	gift bags with bows, CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
	<b>Worship Jesus</b> Create gift-wrap presents.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Three Magi" page (at the end of the lesson), scissors, wrapping paper, glue sticks, CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	Remove the Lesson 5 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut wrapping paper into a variety of shapes, each about 3 inches across.
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	

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# Wise Men Find Jesus

Matthew 2:1-12



BIBLE BACKGROUND  
FOR LEADERS

## The Magi Journey to Worship Jesus

The wise men, or Magi, were likely religious leaders from Persia or Babylon. They were likely either astronomers or some type of astrologers. They apparently weren't followers of the Jewish religion and had little or no knowledge of God. Yet God somehow made it clear enough to them that a special king was being born—after all, the men were willing to travel hundreds of miles over dangerous desert wilderness to investigate and worship that new king. All nations had their own objects of worship and usually thought their own gods were better than others' gods. So the Magi's journey to worship Jesus in a lowly colony of the Roman Empire was very significant.

## A Star Leads the Magi to Judea and to King Herod

Some suggest that the "star" was actually the result of the alignment of planets that happened sometime between 7 and 4 B.C. Others say it was a special, localized phenomenon provided by God specifically to guide the Magi to Jesus. Whatever it was, its timing and movement were used by God to let people outside Israel know about the miraculous birth of Jesus.

Herod's suspicious response was typical of this paranoid man who had put to death his own wife and sons. He not only intended to kill the baby Jesus, but also schemed to use the innocent Magi to lead him to the right baby.

## The Magi Find Jesus in Bethlehem and Present Gifts

When the Magi arrived in Bethlehem, they found Jesus in a house. Though Christmas programs often depict the Magi visiting the stable on the night of

Jesus' birth, that time frame is quite likely wrong. It's more likely the Magi arrived some months after the birth.

Since the gifts were costly, they indicate the wealth and prominence of the visitors. But the fact that there were three gifts doesn't necessarily mean there were three gift-givers. And the Magi weren't kings as the song says—though they may have been representing a king.

## The Jesus Connection

Jesus is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. He is worthy of our worship and praise. And he's our best friend. How cool is that?

The Magi recognized the importance of Jesus when they saw the signs in the sky. Worshipping this young king was so important that they traveled for many days over many miles to find him. How important is worshipping Jesus to you? You don't need to travel anywhere; you can worship him anywhere and anytime. Tell Jesus why you worship him. You can write your prayer here.

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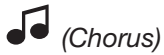
**INFANT**

**1** GETTING  
STARTED

# Sing and Celebrate

## What You'll Do

Sing or listen to “Oh, How I Love Jesus” (track 7 on the CD) anytime during the lesson. Sing as you rock, feed, or play with infants. Gently sing near the babies’ ears during the verse.



*(Chorus)*

**Oh, how I love Jesus.  
Oh, how I love Jesus.  
Oh, how I love Jesus.  
Because he first loved me.**

*(Verse)*

**There is a name I love to hear;  
I love to sing its worth.  
It sounds like music in my ear,  
The sweetest name on earth.**

*(Repeat chorus 2x.)*

“Oh, How I Love Jesus” by Frederick Whitfield.

Afterward, say: ► **WE WORSHIP JESUS.**

Sing “Come and Worship Jesus” (track 6 on the CD) to the tune of “Row, Row, Row Your Boat.” As you sing, hold babies’ hands up to point to the star and gently clap their hands.



**Look, look, see the star  
Shining up above.  
Come and worship Jesus now!  
Praise him for his love.**

**Oh, the Lord is good.  
Look at all he does!  
Come and worship Jesus now!  
Praise him for his love.**

*(Repeat from the beginning.)*

Afterward, say: ► **WE WORSHIP JESUS.**



## Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player

### Teacher Pack

CD: “Oh, How I Love  
Jesus” (track 7),  
“Come and Worship  
Jesus” (track 6)





### Give Him Gifts! Supplies

removable adhesive  
scissors

#### Teacher Pack

“Worship Jesus”  
teaching picture (from  
Poster Set 1)  
scratch-and-sniff sticker

### Give Him Gifts! Easy Prep

Cut out the “Worship Jesus” teaching picture from Poster Set 1, along with the individual gift pictures. Attach the sticker to 1 gift. Place removable adhesive on the back of each gift. (If you have more than 5 children, cut squares of gift wrap to use as additional gifts.) You’ll need 1 gift per child.

### A Gift You Can Hear Supplies

several small boxes,  
securely taped closed,  
filled with noisy items  
such as jingle bells,  
baby rattles, and  
spoons

### Come and Worship Supplies

box of blocks  
doll or stuffed animal

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### BIBLE EXPLORATION

## Give Him Gifts!

### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Set the “Worship Jesus” teaching picture on the floor, and point out the wise men.

Say: **These men followed a bright star to find Jesus. They wanted to tell how much they loved Jesus. They gave Jesus presents. Some of the presents smelled nice.**

Show babies the gifts, scratch the sticker, and show babies how to smell the sticker. Show babies as you attach the gifts on the teaching picture near Jesus. **We love Jesus, and we want to worship him. ► WE WORSHIP JESUS.** Help babies clap their hands to worship Jesus.

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### WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

## A Gift You Can Hear

### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Give the boxes to babies to hold and shake.

Say: **Jesus got special presents from some kings. We can show Jesus we worship him by making happy noise! ► WE WORSHIP JESUS.**

## Come and Worship

### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Have a baby sit on the floor, and set a box of blocks and a doll or stuffed animal nearby.

Say: **Kings brought Jesus presents to show how much they loved him. Let’s move these blocks and pretend we’re giving gifts to baby Jesus.** Help the baby take the blocks from the box and stack them in front of the doll or stuffed animal. Each time you set a block down, say a simple praise phrase such as “Jesus takes care of us” or “Thank you, God, for [baby’s name].”

Say: **► WE WORSHIP JESUS.**



# Weaving Faith at Home

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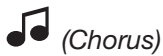
## TODDLER

### 1 GETTING STARTED

## Sing and Celebrate

### What You’ll Do

Sing or listen to “Oh, How I Love Jesus” (track 7 on the CD) anytime during the lesson. As you sing, bring out scarves or streamers and lead children in swaying to the music.



*(Chorus)*

**Oh, how I love Jesus.**

**Oh, how I love Jesus.**

**Oh, how I love Jesus.**

**Because he first loved me.**

**There is a name I love to hear;**

**I love to sing its worth.**

**It sounds like music in my ear,**

**The sweetest name on earth.**

*(Repeat chorus 2x.)*

“Oh, How I Love Jesus” by Frederick Whitfield.

Afterward, say: ► **WE WORSHIP JESUS.**

Sing “Come and Worship Jesus” (track 6 on the CD) to the tune of “Row, Row, Row Your Boat.” As you sing, have children reach and point to the sky and wiggle their fingers to represent the shiny star.



### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)

### Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 5 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

### Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player

scarves

#### Teacher Pack

CD: “Oh, How I Love Jesus” (track 7), “Come and Worship Jesus” (track 6)





### Kings Worship the King Supplies


Bible  
scissors  
removable adhesive

#### Teacher Pack

“Worship Jesus” teaching picture (from Poster Set 1)  
scratch-and-sniff sticker

### Kings Worship the King Easy Prep

Cut out the “Worship Jesus” teaching picture from Poster Set 1, along with the individual gift pictures. Attach the sticker to 1 gift. Place removable adhesive on the back of each gift. (If you have more than 5 children, cut squares of gift wrap to use as additional gifts.) You’ll need 1 gift per child.

 **Look, look, see the star  
Shining up above.  
Come and worship Jesus now!  
Praise him for his love.**

**Oh, the Lord is good.  
Look at all he does!  
Come and worship Jesus now!  
Praise him for his love.**

*(Repeat from the beginning.)*

Afterward, say: ► **WE WORSHIP JESUS.**

## 2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

# Kings Worship the King

### What You’ll Do

Stick all the gifts onto the wise men’s hands. Gather a group of toddlers together. Open your Bible to Matthew 2:1-12. Show children the words, and tell them the Bible is God’s special book.

Say: **Our Bible says important kings followed a star to worship Jesus.**

Hold up the “Worship Jesus” teaching picture.

Say: **This is a picture of kings bringing presents to Jesus. They heard about Jesus and came to worship Jesus. They brought presents to Jesus—some of the presents smelled nice!**

Remove the gifts from the wise men’s hands, and hand them to the toddlers.

Say: **Let’s give these gifts to Jesus.** Call the children by name, and ask them to each put a gift on the teaching picture near Jesus. Let toddlers smell the gift that has the sticker attached. Lead children in a simple prayer of adoration, and then say: ► **WE WORSHIP JESUS.**





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WEAVING FAITH  
INTO LIFE

## A Gift for Jesus

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Set out the wrapping paper shapes, glue sticks, and the "Three Magi" pages.

Say: **The wise men brought special gifts to Jesus. They worshipped Jesus. We can worship Jesus, too.** Invite toddlers to rub the glue sticks on their pages near the wise men and then press the wrapping-paper shapes onto their handouts. Each time a child attaches a gift, encourage him or her to say, "I worship Jesus."

Say: ► **WE WORSHIP JESUS.**

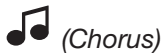
## Worship Wander

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Place a variety of colorful blocks (or gift-wrapped boxes) in one corner of the room.

Say: **The wise men traveled a long way to worship Jesus. Let's pretend we're the wise men, traveling to worship Jesus.** Have toddlers help you move all the "gifts" from one corner to the other.

When children have delivered all the gifts, have them sing "Oh, How I Love Jesus" (track 7 on the CD).



(Chorus)

**Oh, how I love Jesus.  
Oh, how I love Jesus.  
Oh, how I love Jesus.  
Because he first loved me.**

**There is a name I love to hear;  
I love to sing its worth.  
It sounds like music in my ear,  
The sweetest name on earth.**

(Repeat chorus 2x.)

"Oh, How I Love Jesus" by Frederick Whitfield.

Afterward, say: ► **WE WORSHIP JESUS.**



### A Gift for Jesus Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Three Magi" page (at the end of the lesson)  
glue sticks  
wrapping paper  
scissors

### A Gift for Jesus Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 5 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut wrapping paper into a variety of shapes, each about 3 inches across.

### Worship Wander Supplies

CD player  
colorful blocks  
**Teacher Pack**  
CD: "Oh, How I Love Jesus" (track 7)





### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)

### Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player  
scarves, streamers, or musical instruments

#### Teacher Pack

CD: “Oh, How I Love Jesus” (track 7),  
“Come and Worship Jesus” (track 6)

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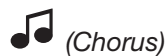
### 2-YEAR-OLD

## 1 GETTING STARTED

## Sing and Celebrate

### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Sing or listen to “Oh, How I Love Jesus” (track 7 on the CD) anytime during the lesson. Guide children in swaying to the music, using scarves, streamers, or musical instruments to show praise and worship.



*(Chorus)*

**Oh, how I love Jesus.  
Oh, how I love Jesus.  
Oh, how I love Jesus.  
Because he first loved me.**

**There is a name I love to hear;  
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It sounds like music in my ear,  
The sweetest name on earth.**


*(Repeat chorus 2x.)*

“Oh, How I Love Jesus” by Frederick Whitfield.

Afterward, say: ► **WE WORSHIP JESUS.**

Sing “Come and Worship Jesus” (track 6 on the CD) to the tune of “Row, Row, Row Your Boat.” As you sing, lead children in the italicized motions.



 **Look, look, see the star** (*point to the sky*)  
**Shining up above.** (*wiggle fingers*)  
**Come and worship Jesus now!** (*clap hands*)  
**Praise him for his love.** (*hug self*)

**Oh, the Lord is good.** (*nod head*)  
**Look at all he does!** (*hold hand above eyes*)  
**Come and worship Jesus now!** (*clap hands*)  
**Praise him for his love.** (*hug self*)

*(Repeat from the beginning.)*

Afterward, say: ► **WE WORSHIP JESUS.**

## **2** BIBLE EXPLORATION

# We Worship and Adore Him


### What You'll Do

Set out the “Magi Worship Jesus” poster. Gather a group of children, and open your Bible to Matthew 2:1-12. Show children the words and tell them the Bible is God’s special book.

Say: **Our Bible says important kings followed a star and came to worship Jesus. They bowed down to show they loved Jesus.**

Point to the poster.

Say: **This is a picture of the kings. Attach the gifts to the poster. The kings are bringing pretty presents to Jesus. Some of their presents smelled pretty.** Let children smell the gift with the sticker. **The kings heard about Jesus and came to worship him.** Let each child take a gift from the poster. **Let’s give these gifts to Jesus.** Call the children by name, and ask each child to put a gift near Jesus. **Jesus is God’s Son, and God is happy when ► WE WORSHIP JESUS. Let’s worship Jesus.** Lead children in a simple prayer, and then sing “We Are Thankful” (track 5 on the CD) to the tune of “This Old Man.” When children know the song well, add movements such as raised hands, swaying bodies, and twirling around. Remind children that ► **WE WORSHIP JESUS** with our movements and voices.

 **We thank God; we thank God.**  
**We thank God for Jesus’ love!**  
**Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you, God.**  
**Thank you, God, for Jesus’ love!**  
*(Repeat.)*



### We Worship and Adore Him Supplies

- Bible
- CD player
- scissors
- removable adhesive gift wrap
- Teacher Pack**
- CD: “We Are Thankful” (track 5)
- scratch-and-sniff sticker
- “Magi Worship Jesus” poster (from the Big Bible Poster Pack)

### We Worship and Adore Him Easy Prep

Cut small squares of gift wrap (1 per child). Place the scratch-and-sniff sticker on 1 gift. Put removable adhesive on the back of each gift.





### Present-Pass Praises Supplies

gift bags with bows  
CD player

#### Teacher Pack:

CD: "We Are Thankful"  
(track 5)

### Worship Jesus Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1  
copy per child of the  
"Three Magi" page (at  
the end of the lesson)

scissors  
wrapping paper  
glue sticks  
CD player

#### Teacher Pack

CD: "We Are Thankful"  
(track 5)

### Worship Jesus Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 5  
pages from each My  
Bible Snuggles student  
book. Cut wrapping  
paper into a variety of  
shapes, each about 3  
inches across.

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## WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

# Present-Pass Praises

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Set out the gift bags with bows, and have children sit in a circle.

Say: **The kings brought presents to Jesus when Jesus was just a little boy. They brought special presents because they wanted to show how much they loved Jesus. Let's practice giving presents. ► WE WORSHIP JESUS by singing and giving him presents.**

Play "We Are Thankful" (track 5 on the CD), and have 2-year-olds pass the gifts to each other. Remind children that people brought gifts to Jesus in order to worship him.

# Worship Jesus

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Set out the wrapping paper shapes, glue sticks, and the "Three Magi" handouts. Lead children in singing, "We Are Thankful" (track 5 on the CD).

**We thank God; we thank God.**

**We thank God for Jesus' love!**

**Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you, God.**

**Thank you, God, for Jesus' love!**

*(Repeat.)*

Say: **Let's put presents on our papers to remember that the wise men worshipped Jesus and brought him special gifts.** Invite 2-year-olds to rub the glue sticks on their handouts near the wise men and then press the wrapping-paper shapes onto their handouts. Each time a child attaches a gift, encourage him or her to say, "I worship Jesus."

Say: ► **WE WORSHIP JESUS.**





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lesson)





# Growing With Jesus



## Aim to Please

Young children love to please others. Give your child an opportunity to please (and even delight) others by creating gifts or pictures for them. You might have your child create personalized thank-you cards for Christmas presents or pictures of love and appreciation for a parent or grandparent. Involve your child as much as possible in the delivery of the gift.

Your child learned that we worship Jesus (from Matthew 2:1-12). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

### INFANT

#### Come and Worship

Have your baby sit on the floor, and set a box of blocks and a doll or stuffed animal nearby.

Say: **Kings brought Jesus presents to show how much they loved him because we worship Jesus. Let's move these blocks and pretend we're giving gifts to baby Jesus.** Help your baby take the blocks from the box and stack them in front of the doll or stuffed animal. Each time you set a block down, say a simple praise phrase such as "Jesus takes care of us" or "Thank you, God, for [baby's name]."

### TODDLER

#### Worship Wander

Place a variety of colorful blocks (or gift-wrapped boxes) in one corner of a room.

Say: **The wise men traveled a long way to worship Jesus. Let's pretend we're the wise men, traveling to worship Jesus. We worship Jesus.** Have your toddler help you move all the "gifts" from one corner to the other.

When your child is finished, say a simple prayer of praise to Jesus, and end by saying: **We worship Jesus.**

### 2-YEAR-OLD

#### Present-Pass Praises

Gather blocks or small boxes.

Say: **Kings brought presents to Jesus when Jesus was just a little boy. They brought the special presents because they wanted to show how much they loved Jesus. Let's practice giving presents while we tell Jesus we love him.**

Pass the gifts to each other as you say a simple prayer of praise to Jesus. Remind your child that people brought gifts to Jesus to worship him. Say: **We worship Jesus.**

### Use these ideas to help your child become a FaithWeaver:

- Just before going to bed, step outside with your child to look at the stars. Remind your child that people followed a star to worship Jesus.
- Make a special gift together that expresses your love for Jesus. Deliver the gift to someone, and explain that you want to worship Jesus by sharing his love.

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# John Baptizes Jesus

Mark 1:4-11

A child's self-esteem develops from the way the child is treated and how people respond to him or her. So get down on the floor, and enter a small child's world—the world of joyful play. Children express themselves most honestly in their play, and play makes them happy. By playing with them, you actively demonstrate that you think children are special and valuable, and you can also draw parallels for young children about the joy they feel while playing and the joy Jesus brought to God. Communicate with infants, toddlers, and 2-year-olds in a positive manner, and you'll have a happy group of children who please God!

## INFANT

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Listen to praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Joyful Jesus</b> Touch water while learning about Jesus' baptism.	bowl of water, paper towels	
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Falling In</b> Bounce up and down to a fun rhyme.		
	<b>Funny Feet</b> Play with a sock puppet on their feet.	bright-colored sock, permanent marker	Use a permanent marker to make a large happy face on a small, bright-colored sock so an infant can see the face when wearing the sock.
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 6 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

*Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.*



**Bible Point**  
Jesus made God happy.

**Key Verse**  
"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

**Weaving Faith Into Life**  
Children will learn that Jesus made God happy, and they can make God happy, too!





**TODDLER**


LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Delighting Dad</b> Use water to draw happy faces, and sing a happy song.	Bible, bowl of water, colored construction paper, paper towels	
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Water Babies</b> Wash dolls in pans of water and remember that Jesus was baptized.	2 pans of water, plastic tablecloth, washable dolls, small sponges, paper towels	
	<b>Happy to Obey</b> Use water to color a picture of Jesus being baptized.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Jesus and John” page (at the end of the lesson), washable blue marker, squirt bottle of water, wet wipes	Remove the Lesson 6 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. On each handout, use a washable blue marker to draw a wavy line in the water near John and Jesus.
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)	

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**2-YEAR-OLD**

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player, stuffed animals or dolls <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Blissful Baptism</b> Hear the Bible passage, touch the water, and sing.	Bible, bowl of water, paper towels <b>Teacher Pack:</b> “Jesus Is Baptized” poster (from the Big Bible Poster Pack) 	
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Squishy Smiles</b> Look at their own faces in mirrors and make modeling-dough happy faces.	several hand mirrors, bright-colored modeling dough, paper plates	
	<b>Bubble Artists</b> Blow bubbles and make bubble prints.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Jesus and John” page (at the end of the lesson), medium-sized bowl of water, original Dawn dish detergent, blue food coloring, 1 straw per child	Remove the Lesson 6 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Mix 2 tablespoons of original Dawn dish detergent into the water in the bowl. Then add about 10 drops of blue food coloring.
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)	

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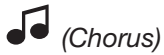
**INFANT**

**1** GETTING  
STARTED

# Sing and Celebrate

## What You'll Do

Sing or listen “Oh, How I Love Jesus” (track 7 on the CD) anytime during the lesson. Sing as you rock, feed, or play with the infants. As you sing, bounce babies on your knees in rhythm with the music.



*(Chorus)*

**Oh, how I love Jesus.  
Oh, how I love Jesus.  
Oh, how I love Jesus.  
Because he first loved me.**

*(Verse)*

**There is a name I love to hear;  
I love to sing its worth.  
It sounds like music in my ear,  
The sweetest name on earth.**

*(Repeat chorus 2x.)*

“Oh, How I Love Jesus” by Frederick Whitfield.

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS MADE GOD HAPPY.**

Sing “Come and Worship Jesus” (track 6 on the CD) to the tune of “Row, Row, Row Your Boat” and hold babies’ hands up to point to the star and gently clap their hands.



**Look, look, see the star  
Shining up above.  
Come and worship Jesus now!  
Praise him for his love.**

**Oh, the Lord is good.  
Look at all he does!  
Come and worship Jesus now!  
Praise him for his love.**

*(Repeat from the beginning.)*

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS MADE GOD HAPPY.**



## Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player

### Teacher Pack

CD: “Oh, How I Love  
Jesus” (track 7),  
“Come and Worship  
Jesus” (track 6)





### Joyful Jesus Supplies

bowl of water  
paper towels

### Funny Feet Supplies

bright-colored sock  
permanent marker

### Funny Feet Easy Prep

Use a permanent marker to make a large happy face on a small, bright-colored sock so an infant can see the face when wearing the sock.

## 2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

### Joyful Jesus

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Hold a small bowl of water near an infant. Help the baby dip his or her hand in the water.

Say: **This is water. It feels cool and wet. God told Jesus to dip his whole body in water. Let's touch your body with water. First we'll touch your knees** (touch the baby's wet hands to his or her knees), **then we'll touch your toes** (touch the baby's wet hands to his or her toes). Continue helping the baby touch his or her cheeks, arms, and head. **When Jesus obeyed, God was happy. Let's clap your wet hands to show that you're happy. ► JESUS MADE GOD HAPPY.**

Dry the baby's hands, and set the bowl of water out of children's reach.

## 3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

### Falling In

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Have a baby sit on your knees, facing you. Gently bounce the baby up and down in time to this rhyme:

**Jesus went down to the river,  
And who do you think he found?  
John was standing in the river,  
And John went and dipped Jesus down!** (*lean baby back*)

Say: **That made you happy! ► JESUS MADE GOD HAPPY!**

### Funny Feet

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

During your time, go around to each baby and place the sock you prepared on the child's foot. Help the baby move that foot so he or she can see the silly face. Move the foot puppet close to baby's face and then away.



Say: **This silly face makes you happy. You make me happy!** ► **JESUS MADE GOD HAPPY.**

## Weaving Faith at Home

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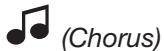
### TODDLER

## 1 GETTING STARTED

## Sing and Celebrate

### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Sing or listen to “Oh, How I Love Jesus” (track 7 on the CD) anytime during the lesson. As you sing, and give each toddler a hug. Show kids how to wrap their arms around themselves to give a big hug.



*(Chorus)*

**Oh, how I love Jesus.  
Oh, how I love Jesus.  
Oh, how I love Jesus.  
Because he first loved me.**

*(Verse)*

**There is a name I love to hear;  
I love to sing its worth.  
It sounds like music in my ear,  
The sweetest name on earth.**

*(Repeat chorus 2x.)*

“Oh, How I Love Jesus” by Frederick Whitfield.

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS MADE GOD HAPPY.**



### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)

### Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 6 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.


### Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player  
**Teacher Pack**  
CD: “Oh, How I Love Jesus” (track 7), “Come and Worship Jesus” (track 6)





Sing “Come and Worship Jesus” (track 6 on the CD) to the tune of “Row, Row, Row Your Boat.” As you sing, have children reach and point to the sky and wiggle their fingers to represent the shiny star.

 **Look, look, see the star  
Shining up above.  
Come and worship Jesus now!  
Praise him for his love.**

**Oh, the Lord is good.  
Look at all he does!  
Come and worship Jesus now!  
Praise him for his love.**

*(Repeat from the beginning.)*

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS MADE GOD HAPPY.**

## **2** BIBLE EXPLORATION

### Delighting Dad

#### What You'll Do

Gather a group of toddlers. Open your Bible to Mark 1:4-11. Show children the words, and tell them the Bible is God's special book.

Say: **Our Bible says that Jesus went to the river. John was there, too. When John saw Jesus, he dipped Jesus in the water. ► JESUS MADE GOD HAPPY. Dip your hands in water, and make a happy face to demonstrate that Jesus made God happy.**

Let children dip their hands in water. Help them use their wet fingers to draw happy faces on colored construction paper. As children work, sing “Jesus Made God Happy” to the tune of “If You're Happy and You Know It.” Have toddlers clap their wet hands at the end of each phrase.

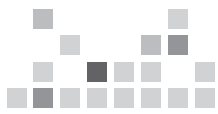
**Jesus made God happy, clap your hands.** *(clap, clap)*  
**Jesus made God happy, clap your hands.** *(clap, clap)*  
**Jesus made God happy, Jesus made God happy,** *(point to your smile)*  
**Jesus made God happy, clap your hands.** *(clap, clap)*

Say: ► **JESUS MADE GOD HAPPY.** Have kids dry their hands with paper towels.

#### Delighting Dad Supplies

Bible  
bowl of water  
colored construction  
paper  
paper towels





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WEAVING FAITH  
INTO LIFE

## Water Babies

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Set a plastic tablecloth or old shower curtain on the floor. Place a couple of shallow pans of water on the plastic floor covering. Set out washable dolls and small sponges.

Say: **John dipped Jesus in the water because that was what God wanted him to do.** ► **JESUS MADE GOD HAPPY.** Supervise children in washing the dolls and drying them off. **When Jesus was baptized, he made God happy.**

When toddlers are done, empty the water and set pans and sponges out of children's reach.

## Happy to Obey

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Work with one or two children at a time. Give each child a copy of the "Jesus and John" page that you prepared. Point to the picture at the center of the page.

Say: **John dipped Jesus in water. Let's add water to our papers and see what happens.** Let children take turns spraying the blue marker line on their pages with a squirt bottle of water (set the bottle on fine mist). Then let children use their fingers or cotton swabs to mix the marker and water. Remind them that Jesus obeyed God. Say: ► **JESUS MADE GOD HAPPY when he obeyed. God wants us to obey, too.**

Clean children's hands with wet wipes, and then set the pictures in a sunny place to dry.

## Weaving Faith at Home

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### Water Babies Supplies

- 2 pans of water
- plastic tablecloth
- washable dolls
- small sponges
- paper towels

### Happy to Obey Supplies

- My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Jesus and John" page (at the end of the lesson)
- washable blue marker
- squirt bottle of water
- wet wipes

### Happy to Obey Easy Prep

- Remove the Lesson 6 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. On each page, use a washable blue marker to draw a wavy line in the water near John and Jesus.

### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

- My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)





## Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player  
stuffed animals or dolls

### Teacher Pack

CD: "Oh, How I Love  
Jesus" (track 7),  
"Come and Worship  
Jesus" (track 6)

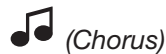
## 2-YEAR-OLD

### 1 GETTING STARTED

## Sing and Celebrate

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sing or listen to "Oh, How I Love Jesus" (track 7 on the CD) anytime during the lesson. As 2-year-olds are singing, have them hold a stuffed animal or doll and rock it lovingly.



(Chorus)

**Oh, how I love Jesus.**  
**Oh, how I love Jesus.**  
**Oh, how I love Jesus.**  
**Because he first loved me.**

(Verse)

**There is a name I love to hear;**  
**I love to sing its worth.**  
**It sounds like music in my ear,**  
**The sweetest name on earth.**

(Repeat chorus 2x.)

"Oh, How I Love Jesus" by Frederick Whitfield.

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS MADE GOD HAPPY.**

Sing "Come and Worship Jesus" (track 6 on the CD) to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat." As you sing, lead children in the italicized motions.



**Look, look, see the star** (*point to the sky*)  
**Shining up above.** (*wiggle fingers*)  
**Come and worship Jesus now!** (*clap hands*)  
**Praise him for his love.** (*hug self*)

**Oh, the Lord is good.** (*nod head*)  
**Look at all he does!** (*hold hand above eyes*)  
**Come and worship Jesus now!** (*clap hands*)  
**Praise him for his love.** (*hug self*)

(Repeat from the beginning.)

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS MADE GOD HAPPY.**



2

BIBLE  
EXPLORATION

# Blissful Baptism


## What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Gather a group of children. Set out a bowl of water and the “Jesus Is Baptized” poster. Open your Bible to Mark 1:4-11. Show children the words, and tell them the Bible is God’s special book.

Say: **Our Bible tells us that ► JESUS MADE GOD HAPPY. One day Jesus went to the river where John was teaching. John dipped people in the water to show that they loved God. Let’s dip our hands in the water.** Let children dip their hands in the bowl of water.

Say: **It would be like a bath—but the water might be cold, and your clothes would get wet! John dipped Jesus into the water, just as you dipped your hands in the water. That made God happy. Let’s put some water on Jesus.** Encourage children to dip their hands in the water again and then rub the water on Jesus in the poster. **► JESUS MADE GOD HAPPY because Jesus showed he loved God. Show me your happy faces.** Pause while children smile for you. **Let’s sing a song that will make you happy.**

Let children dip their hands in the water again, and then sing “Jesus Made God Happy” to the tune of “If You’re Happy and You Know It.”

 **Jesus made God happy, clap your hands.** (*clap, clap*)  
**Jesus made God happy, clap your hands.** (*clap, clap*)  
**Jesus made God happy, Jesus made God happy,** (*point to your smile*)  
**Jesus made God happy, clap your hands.** (*clap, clap*)

Use paper towels to dry children’s hands after this activity.

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WEAVING FAITH  
INTO LIFE

# Squishy Smiles

## What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Set out bright-colored modeling dough, paper plates, and small hand mirrors. Encourage children to smile and then look in the mirrors to see their smiles. Help children make modeling-dough happy faces on the plates.

Say: **► JESUS MADE GOD HAPPY.**



## Blissful Baptism Supplies

- .....
- Bible
  - bowl of water
  - paper towels
  - Teacher Pack:**
  - “Jesus Is Baptized” poster (from the Big Bible Poster Pack)

## Squishy Smiles Supplies

- .....
- several hand mirrors
  - bright-colored modeling dough
  - paper plates





### Bubble Artists Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or  
1 copy per child of  
the “Jesus and John”  
page (at the end of the  
lesson)  
medium-sized bowl of  
water  
original Dawn dish  
detergent  
blue food coloring  
1 straw per child

### Bubble Artists Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 6  
pages from each My  
Bible Snuggles student  
book. Mix 2 tablespoons  
of Dawn dish detergent  
into the water in the  
bowl. Then add about  
10 drops of blue food  
coloring.

### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1  
copy per child of the  
“Growing With Jesus”  
page (at the end of the  
lesson)

## Bubble Artists

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Set out the bowl of water you prepared and copies of the “Jesus and John” handout.

Give children straws and have them blow through the straws into the soap solution. (If you put a small hole near the top of the straw, it will prevent the children from getting soap in their mouths if they forget to blow.) When the bubbles are billowing out of the bowl, help children gently lay a handout on the bubbles so the bubbles pop. Lift the handout up, and show children the bubble print they've created! Make a bubble print for each child.

Say: **Bubbles make us happy! When Jesus was baptized, ► JESUS MADE GOD HAPPY. Jesus obeyed God, and we can obey God, too!**

## Weaving Faith at Home

Have children take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages. Encourage parents to do the activities with children to help them grow with Jesus. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

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# Growing With Jesus



Your child learned that Jesus made God happy (from Mark 1:4-11). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

## INFANT

### Falling In

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Have your baby sit on your knees, facing you. Gently bounce your baby up and down in time to this rhyme:

**Jesus went down to the river,  
And who do you think he found?  
John was standing in the river,  
And John went and dipped Jesus down!**  
*(lean baby back)*

Say: **That made you happy! Jesus made God happy!**

## TODDLER

### Water Babies

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Set a plastic tablecloth or old shower curtain on the floor. Place a shallow pan of water on the plastic floor covering. Set out washable dolls and small sponges.

Say: **John dipped Jesus in the water because that was what God wanted him to do. Jesus made God happy.**

Supervise your child in washing the dolls and drying them off.

Say: **When Jesus was baptized, he made God happy.**

## 2-YEAR-OLD

### Squishy Smiles

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Set out bright-colored modeling dough, a paper plate, and a small hand mirror. Encourage your child to smile and look in the mirror to see his or her smile. Show your child how to make modeling-dough happy faces on the plate.

Say: **Jesus made God happy because Jesus obeyed God. God wants us to obey, too.**



### If You're Happy...

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Young children have the amazing ability to make their parents behave like toddlers! You may be concerned that your child seems to always be testing you. The good news is that this is a normal part of development. Children often try to find out who they are outside of the parent-child relationship. Remember to stick to the boundaries you've set while avoiding power struggles. Most of all, don't forget that you are the parent and your young child is exactly that—a very young child. Focus on the positive—and make a point of showing your child through your words and actions how happy he or she makes you.

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#### Use these ideas to help your child become a FaithWeaver:

- Sing the song "If You're Happy and You Know It." Then change the words to "Jesus made God happy," and add the same actions.
- Use a washable marker to draw a happy face on each of your child's fingers. As he or she holds up each finger, say the name of someone who makes you happy. Encourage your child to think of those who make him or her happy.



# Jesus and John



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# Jesus Surprises Nathanael

John 1:43-51

You can demonstrate that you know the babies and toddlers you serve by taking note of what they each respond to, like, and dislike—even before these little ones demonstrate that they know you. Verbally acknowledge children’s preferences by saying things like, “Abby likes to have her back patted, don’t you, Abby?” Through your sensitivity to individual children, these little people will gain a sense of being known by you—and by Jesus!

## INFANT

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Listen to praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Baby Under the Tree</b> See themselves sitting under Nathanael’s tree.	scissors, tape, glue <b>Teacher Pack:</b> “Jesus Knows Me” teaching picture (from Poster Set 2), mirror tile, leaf-print tissue 	Cut out the “Jesus Knows Me” teaching picture. Cut out the circle under the fig tree. Place the mirror tile behind the hole; tape it in place. Cut the leaf-print tissue into 1-inch squares. Place glue dots in the center of the squares, and stick them to the tree to form rustling leaves.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Jesus Knows This Baby</b> Have fun with animal sounds.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
	<b>All of You</b> Hear a happy song and learn that Jesus knows and loves all of them.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 7 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

*Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.*



**Bible Point**  
Jesus knows us.

### Key Verse

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).


### Weaving Faith Into Life

Children will learn that Jesus knows all about them.





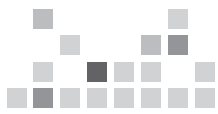
**TODDLER**

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Is That Me Under the Tree?</b> Copy animal sounds as they see themselves in the teaching picture.	Bible, tape, glue, scissors, CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD, “Jesus Knows Me” teaching picture (from Poster Set 2), mirror tile, leaf-print tissue 	Cut out the “Jesus Knows Me” teaching picture. Cut out the circle under the fig tree. Place the mirror tile behind the hole; tape it in place. Cut the leaf-print tissue into 1-inch squares. Place glue dots in the center of the squares, and stick them to the tree to form rustling leaves.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>He Knows Everything</b> Finger-paint with soft-scented lotion.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Jesus Knows Us” page (at the end of the lesson), 1 plastic place mat and paint smock per child, baby lotion, tempera paint, wet wipes	Remove the Lesson 7 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.
	<b>Choose a Yummy</b> Choose something good to eat.	fig cookies, crackers, plates	
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)	

*Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.*








**2-YEAR-OLD**



LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Philip, Nathanael, and Me</b> Introduce friends to the teacher.	Bible, tape, glue, scissors <b>Teacher Pack:</b> “Jesus Knows Me” teaching picture (from Poster Set 2), mirror tile, leaf-print tissue 	Cut out the “Jesus Knows Me” teaching picture. Cut out the circle under the fig tree. Place the mirror tile behind the hole; tape it in place. Cut the leaf-print tissue into 1-inch squares. Place glue dots in the center of the squares, and stick them to the tree to form rustling leaves.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Under the Fig Tree</b> Play a game to remember the Bible passage.	blanket	
	<b>Puppet Tree</b> Paint a tree backdrop for a finger puppet.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Jesus Knows Us” page (at the end of the lesson), sponges, shallow bowls, green paint, scissors, washable marker <b>Teacher Pack:</b> wood-grain sticky paper	Remove the Lesson 7 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut enough tree-trunk-shaped pieces from the sticky paper for each 2-year-old to have one.
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)	

*Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.*








**INFANT**

**1 GETTING  
STARTED**

# Sing and Celebrate

## What You'll Do

Sing or listen to “Jesus Knows Me” (track 8 on the CD) to the tune of “Alouette” anytime during the lesson. Sing as you rock, feed, or play with the infants. Your soothing voice and gentle touch will help babies understand that God loves them.


 **Jesus knows me.** (*touch child’s hands to head*)  
**Jesus knows and loves me.** (*cross child’s arms in a hug*)  
**Jesus knows me,** (*touch child’s hands to head*)  
**And he loves me, too.** (*cross child’s arms in a hug*)

**Jesus loves my little toes,** (*touch child’s toes*)  
**And he loves my little nose.** (*touch child’s nose*)  
**Touch my toes to my nose! Oh!** (*gently pull child’s toes toward his or her nose*)

**Jesus knows me.** (*touch child’s hands to head*)  
**Jesus knows and loves me.** (*cross child’s arms in a hug*)  
**Jesus knows me,** (*touch child’s hands to head*)  
**And he loves me, too.** (*cross child’s arms in a hug*)

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS KNOWS US.**

Sing “Come and Worship Jesus” (track 6 on the CD) to the tune of “Row, Row, Row Your Boat” and hold babies’ hands up to point to the star and gently clap their hands.

 **Look, look, see the star**  
**Shining up above.**  
**Come and worship Jesus now!**  
**Praise him for his love.**

**Oh, the Lord is good.**  
**Look at all he does!**  
**Come and worship Jesus now!**  
**Praise him for his love.**

*(Repeat from the beginning.)*

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS KNOWS US.**



## Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player

### Teacher Pack

CD: “Jesus Knows Me” (track 8), “Come and Worship Jesus” (track 6)





### Baby Under the Tree Supplies

scissors  
tape  
glue

#### Teacher Pack:

“Jesus Knows Me”  
teaching picture (from  
Poster Set 2)  
mirror tile  
leaf-print tissue

### Baby Under the Tree Easy Prep

Cut out the “Jesus Knows Me” teaching picture. Cut out the circle under the fig tree. Place the mirror tile behind the hole; tape it in place. Cut the leaf-print tissue into 1-inch squares. Place glue dots in the center of the squares, and stick them to the tree to form rustling leaves.

### Jesus Knows This Baby Supplies

CD player

#### Teacher Pack

CD: “Animal Sounds”  
(track 9)

### All of You Supplies

CD player

#### Teacher Pack

CD: “Jesus Knows Me”  
(track 8)

## 2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

# Baby Under the Tree

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Hold each baby on your lap with the “Jesus Knows Me” teaching picture in your hands.

Say: **Look! See the pretty tree? Listen to the leaves.** Run your fingers over the tissue to make a rustling noise. Encourage the baby to touch the tree, too. **Who's that under the tree? Take the baby's hand and touch Nathanael. That's Nathanael. Jesus saw Nathanael sitting under the tree. Jesus knows Nathanael. Who else is under the tree?** Move the picture so the mirror reflects the baby's face. **Look! It's [baby's name]! Jesus knows [baby's name], too. ► JESUS KNOWS US.**

## 3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

# Jesus Knows This Baby

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Hold a baby facing you as you listen to the “Animal Sounds” (track 9 on the CD), and make the sounds along with the recording.

Say: **Oh, my! Was that you? Are you a cow? You look like little to make such a big noise! No, you can't be a cow! You're a little baby—a baby Jesus loves. Jesus knows you. ► JESUS KNOWS US.**

# All of You

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Lay the infant on his or her back, and play “Jesus Knows Me” (track 8 on the CD) to the tune of “Alouette.” As you sing to the baby, touch his or her body parts as they are mentioned in the song. When you sing “And he loves me, too,” hug the baby, and say his or her name.



**Jesus knows me.  
Jesus knows and loves me.  
Jesus knows me,  
And he loves me, too.**



Jesus loves my little toes,  
And he loves my little nose.  
Touch my toes to my nose! Oh!

Jesus knows me.  
Jesus knows and loves me.  
Jesus knows me,  
And he loves me, too.

Say: **Jesus knows and loves** [baby’s name]. **Jesus loves your toes** (touch baby’s toes), **your ears** (touch baby’s ears), **and your nose** (touch baby’s nose). **Jesus knows and loves all of you!** ► **JESUS KNOWS US.**

## Weaving Faith at Home

Have children take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages. Encourage parents to do the activities with children to help them grow with Jesus. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

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### TODDLER

## 1 GETTING STARTED

## Sing and Celebrate

### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Sing or listen to “Jesus Knows Me” (track 8 on the CD) to the tune of “Alouette” anytime during the lesson. Sit on the floor facing a toddler as you sing, and help the child do the motions as indicated.

 **Jesus knows me.** (*touch hands to head*)  
**Jesus knows and loves me.** (*cross arms in a hug*)  
**Jesus knows me,** (*touch hands to head*)  
**And he loves me, too.** (*cross arms in a hug*)

**Jesus loves my little toes,** (*touch toes*)  
**And he loves my little nose.** (*touch nose*)  
**Touch my toes to my nose! Oh!**



### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)

### Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 7 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

### Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player  
**Teacher Pack**  
CD: “Jesus Knows Me” (track 8), “Come and Worship Jesus” (track 6)





**Is That Me Under the Tree?**

**Supplies**

- Bible
- tape
- glue
- scissors
- CD player
- Teacher Pack:**
- CD: "Animal Sounds" (track 9)
- "Jesus Knows Me" teaching picture (from Poster Set 2)
- mirror tile
- leaf-print tissue

**Is That Me Under the Tree?**


**Easy Prep**

Cut out the "Jesus Knows Me" teaching picture. Cut out the circle under the fig tree. Place the mirror tile behind the hole; tape it in place. Cut the leaf-print tissue into 1-inch squares. Place glue dots in the center of the squares, and stick them to the tree to form rustling leaves.

- Jesus knows me.** (*touch hands to head*)
- Jesus knows and loves me.** (*cross arms in a hug*)
- Jesus knows me,** (*touch hands to head*)
- And he loves me, too.** (*cross arms in a hug*)

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS KNOWS US.**

Sing "Come and Worship Jesus," (track 6 on the CD) to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" and encourage the child to do the motions in the parentheses while you model the actions, or gently move the child's body, as appropriate.

-  **Look, look, see the star** (*point to the sky*)
- Shining up above.** (*wiggle fingers*)
- Come and worship Jesus now!** (*clap hands*)
- Praise him for his love.** (*hug self*)

- Oh, the Lord is good.** (*nod head*)
- Look at all he does!** (*hold hand above eyes*)
- Come and worship Jesus now!** (*clap hands*)
- Praise him for his love.** (*hug self*)

(Repeat from the beginning.)

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS KNOWS US.**

**2 BIBLE EXPLORATION**

**Is That Me Under the Tree?**

**What You'll Do** 

Tape the "Jesus Knows Me" teaching picture to the wall at toddler's eye level near your CD player. Turn on the "Animal Sounds" (track 9 on the CD).

Say: **Let's see if there's a cow under this tree.** Look in the mirror. **I don't see anything that moos. Unless you can moo!** Have a toddler stand and look into the mirror, and encourage him or her to moo. Repeat this process with the other recorded animal sounds. **You can moo, but I know you're not a cow! I know you; you're** [child's name]!

Open your Bible to John 1:43-51. Show children the words, and tell them the Bible is God's special book.

Say: **The Bible says Jesus wanted Nathanael to be his friend. Jesus saw Nathanael under a tree before Jesus called his name. Jesus knows you, too! He knows you're**



not a cow [or a sheep or a duck]. You are [toddler’s name]. Jesus knows you. Jesus wants to be your friend. ► JESUS KNOWS US.

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### 3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

## He Knows Everything

### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Set plastic place mats on a low table. Squeeze a little baby lotion in the center of each one, and then add a teaspoon of washable tempera paint. Let toddlers wear paint smocks or large T-shirts and then put their fingers in the “lotion paint” and smear it around on the place mats. As they play, say: **Ahh! That smells good. Jesus knows we like to smell good things. The paint feels cool and slippery. Jesus knows the things we like to touch. Let’s touch this paper to make a handprint. Jesus knows what your hands look like. Jesus knows you, [toddler’s name].** ► JESUS KNOWS US.

Help children make a hand print on their “Jesus Knows Us” pages, and then set the handouts aside to dry. Use wet wipes to clean children’s hands.

## Choose a Yummy

### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Place some crackers on one plate and some fig cookies on another plate.

Say: **Which snack will you choose [child’s name]—a cracker or a cookie? Jesus knows what kind of food you like to eat. You might surprise me, but Jesus knows you so well.** Let each child choose a snack he or she would like to eat. ► JESUS KNOWS US.

## Weaving Faith at Home

Have children take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages. Encourage parents to do the activities with children to help them grow with Jesus. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

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### He Knows Everything Supplies

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- My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Jesus Knows Us” page (at the end of the lesson)
- 1 plastic place mat and paint smock per child
- baby lotion
- tempera paint
- wet wipes

### He Knows Everything Easy Prep

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- Remove the Lesson 7 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

### Choose a Yummy Supplies

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- fig cookies
- crackers
- plates



### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

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- My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)





## Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player

### Teacher Pack

CD: “Jesus Knows Me” (track 8), “Come and Worship Jesus” (track 6)


## 2-YEAR-OLD

### 1 GETTING STARTED

## Sing and Celebrate

### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Sing or listen to “Jesus Knows Me” (track 8 on the CD) to the tune of “Alouette” anytime during the lesson. Form a group and sing with motions.


 **Jesus knows me.** (*touch hands to head*)  
**Jesus knows and loves me.** (*cross arms in a hug*)  
**Jesus knows me,** (*touch hands to head*)  
**And he loves me, too.** (*cross arms in a hug*)

**Jesus loves my little toes,** (*touch toes*)  
**And he loves my little nose.** (*touch nose*)  
**Touch my toes to my nose! Oh!**

**Jesus knows me.** (*touch hands to head*)  
**Jesus knows and loves me.** (*cross arms in a hug*)  
**Jesus knows me,** (*touch hands to head*)  
**And he loves me, too.** (*cross arms in a hug*)

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS KNOWS US.**

Sing “Come and Worship Jesus,” (track 6 on the CD) to the tune of “Row, Row, Row Your Boat.” As you sing, lead children in the italicized motions.

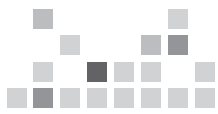
 **Look, look, see the star** (*point to the sky*)  
**Shining up above.** (*wiggle fingers*)  
**Come and worship Jesus now!** (*clap hands*)  
**Praise him for his love.** (*hug self*)

**Oh, the Lord is good.** (*nod head*)  
**Look at all he does!** (*hold hand above eyes*)  
**Come and worship Jesus now!** (*clap hands*)  
**Praise him for his love.** (*hug self*)

(Repeat from the beginning.)

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS KNOWS US.**





2

BIBLE  
EXPLORATION

# Philip, Nathanael, and Me

## What You'll Do

Tape the "Jesus Knows Me" teaching picture to the wall at children's eye level. Gather a small group of 2-year-olds.

Say: **Let's talk about good friends!** Have each child tell you his or her name. Then say: [Child's name], **who is this sitting beside you?** Name the child and have children shake hands or high five with the child.

Say: **Nice to meet you! I saw you sitting by our friends!** Repeat this several times with different children, mentioning each child by name.

Open your Bible to John 1:43-51. Show children the words, and tell them the Bible is God's special book.

Say: **Jesus had a friend named Philip. Philip wanted his friend Nathanael to meet Jesus. But Jesus already knew Nathanael. He saw him sitting under a tree, like the one in our picture. See Nathanael sitting here? Would you like to see someone else Jesus knows?** Lead children closer to the picture so they can look in the mirror, and say, **Jesus knows you and loves you, too! ► JESUS KNOWS US.**

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WEAVING FAITH  
INTO LIFE

# Under the Fig Tree

## What You'll Do

Hold up a blanket.

Say: **Let's pretend that this blanket is our fig tree. Close your eyes, and I'll put this blanket over someone's head. When I tell you to open your eyes, guess who is under our tree!**

Play the game several times with different children.

Say: **It was hard to guess who was under the blanket, but Jesus knew! ► JESUS KNOWS US.**



## Philip, Nathanael, and Me Supplies

- Bible
- tape
- glue
- scissors

### Teacher Pack

- "Jesus Knows Me" teaching picture (from Poster Set 2)
- mirror tile
- leaf-print tissue

## Philip, Nathanael, and Me Easy Prep

Cut out the "Jesus Knows Me" teaching picture. Cut out the circle under the fig tree. Place the mirror tile behind the hole; tape it in place. Cut the leaf-print tissue into 1-inch squares. Place glue dots in the center of the squares, and stick them to the tree to form rustling leaves.

## Under the Fig Tree Supplies

- blanket





### Puppet Tree Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Jesus Knows Us” page (at the end of the lesson)

sponges

shallow bowls

green paint

scissors

washable marker

#### Teacher Pack

wood-grain sticky paper

### Puppet Tree Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 7 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut enough tree-trunk-shaped pieces from the sticky paper for each 2-year-old to have one.

### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)

## Puppet Tree

### What You’ll Do

Set out shallow bowls with green tempera paint and copies of the “Jesus Knows Us” page. Help each child peel the backing off the tree trunk and stick it on the page. Let children dip a damp sponge into the paint and dab around the top of the trunk to make leaves.

Use a washable marker to draw a face on children’s index fingers. Cut a hole in each child’s page next to the tree, large enough for a finger to fit through. Let kids poke their fingers through the holes as you say the following rhyme.

**Nathanael sat under the tree, the tree.**

**Jesus said, “Follow me, follow me.”**

**Nathanael was so happy, happy.**

**But the tree—was lonely!** (*pull finger out of hole*)

Say: ► **JESUS KNOWS US.**

## Weaving Faith at Home

Have children take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages. Encourage parents to do the activities with children to help them grow with Jesus. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

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# Growing With Jesus



Your child learned that Jesus knows us (from John 1:43-51). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

## INFANT

### Jesus Knows This Baby

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Hold your baby facing you. Make different animal noises as you play. Start by having your baby copy you as you “moo.”

Say: **Oh, my! Was that you? Are you a [cow]? You look little to make such a big noise! No, you can't be a [cow]! You're a little baby—a baby Jesus loves.** Give your baby a hug. **Jesus knows us!**

## TODDLER

### Choose a Yummy

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Place two different snacks on different plates.

Say: **Which snack will you choose? Jesus knows what kind of food you like to eat. You might surprise me, but Jesus knows you so well.** Let your child choose a snack he or she would like to eat.

## 2-YEAR-OLD

### Under the Fig Tree

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Set out several dolls or stuffed animals. Hold up a blanket.

Say: **Let's pretend that this blanket is our fig tree. Close your eyes, and I'll put this blanket over a toy. When I tell you to open your eyes, guess what's under our tree!** Play a few times.

Say: **It was hard to guess what was under the blanket, but Jesus knew! Jesus knows us.**



## Choices

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Your child is starting to develop preferences and more personality. It's important to offer young children choices to encourage that development and growing confidence. As your child explores preferences and interests, remind him or her that Jesus knows everything about all of us—including the things we like to do, eat, play, and experience.



### Use these ideas to help your child become a FaithWeaver:

- Show your child three to five different colors of paper. Let him or her choose one as a favorite color. Remind your child that Jesus knows his or her favorite color, too.
- Talk about what animals your child likes. Ask if he or she can choose a favorite. Remind your child that Jesus knows what we like.

**OK  
TO COPY**



# Jesus Knows Us



**OK**  
**TO COPY**

Illustrated by Nancy Munger.






# Disciples Follow Jesus

Mark 1:14-20

Very young children learn to follow without even realizing they're doing it. For them, imitation is as natural and uncomplicated as breathing. Maybe that's why Paul encourages us to "be imitators of God...as dearly loved children" (Ephesians 5:1). Watch children carefully as you teach this lesson. Look for surprising subtleties in how they follow your lead.

## INFANT

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Listen to praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Catch a Baby</b> Feel the fisher's nets and get "caught up" in the Bible passage.	scissors, tape, blanket <b>Teacher Pack:</b> "Follow Jesus" teaching picture (from Poster Set 2), paper fishnet 	Cut 2 pieces from the paper fishnet. Cut out the "Follow Jesus" teaching picture from Poster Set 2. Cut along the dotted lines on the boats. Insert a piece of fishnet into each slit, and tape the fishnet to the back of the picture.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Follow the Fisher's Bubbles</b> Track and pop bubbles.	bubble wand and solution	
	<b>Catch-a-Can!</b> Roll and catch a noisy can.	Coffee can with lid, several jingle bells or keys	
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 8 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

*Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.*



**Bible Point**  
Follow Jesus.

### Key Verse

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).


### Weaving Faith Into Life

Children will begin to learn that we follow Jesus.





**TODDLER**


LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Fisher's Tag</b> Use nets to "catch" each other.	Bible, scissors, tape <b>Teacher Pack:</b> "Follow Jesus" teaching picture (from Poster Set 2), paper fishnet 	Cut 3 pieces from the paper fishnet. Cut out the "Follow Jesus" teaching picture from Poster Set 2. Cut along the 2 dotted lines on the boats. Insert a piece of fishnet into each slit, and tape the fishnet to the back of the picture.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Walkin' in the Light</b> Be encouraged to follow Jesus as they add a fishnet to their handouts.	flashlight, My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Fishers of People" page (at the end of the lesson), glue sticks, scissors <b>Teacher Pack:</b> paper fishnet	Remove the Lesson 8 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut out enough pieces from the paper fishnet for each toddler to have 1 piece.
	<b>Fishnet Rides</b> Ride "fishnets" into a giant hug.	blanket	
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	

*Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.*





**2-YEAR-OLD**

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Disciples' Call</b> Engage in a finger play, and help others follow Jesus.	Bible, scissors, tape, old magazines, glue <b>Teacher Pack:</b> "Disciples Follow Jesus" poster (from the Big Bible Poster Pack), paper fishnet 	Cut 3 pieces from the paper fishnet. Glue a piece of net to each of the fishing nets on the poster. Cut out pictures of people from magazines, 1 per child.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Fishnet Play</b> Play a "parachute" game.	blanket, CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
	<b>Fishers of People</b> Complete a picture by taping on paper fishnets.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Fishers of People" page (at the end of the lesson), tape, scissors <b>Teacher Pack:</b> paper fishnet	Remove the Lesson 8 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut out enough pieces from the paper fishnet for each child to have 1 piece.
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	

***Bold text** within the lesson is spoken text.*










**INFANT**

**1** GETTING  
STARTED

# Sing and Celebrate

## What You'll Do

Sing "Disciples' Call" (track 10 on the CD) to the tune of "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean" anytime during the lesson. Sing as you rock, feed, or play with the infants. "Disciples' Call" is a great song to sing while rocking babies in a standing position.


 **Jesus saw Simon and Andrew  
Tossing their nets to catch fish.  
Jesus saw Simon and Andrew,  
And this was Jesus' wish:**

*(Chorus)*  
**"Come and follow.  
Oh, put down your nets.  
Come with me, with me!  
Come and follow.  
Oh, put down your nets.  
Follow me!"**

**Jesus saw James and John  
Fixing their nets to catch fish.  
Jesus saw James and John,  
And this was Jesus' wish:**  
*(Sing chorus.)*

Afterward, say: ► **FOLLOW JESUS.**

Sing "Come and Worship Jesus" (track 6 on the CD) to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" anytime during the lesson. Hold babies' hands up as if pointing to the star and gently clap their hands.

 **Look, look, see the star  
Shining up above.  
Come and worship Jesus now!  
Praise him for his love.**

**Oh, the Lord is good.  
Look at all he does!  
Come and worship Jesus now!  
Praise him for his love.**

*(Repeat from the beginning.)*

Afterward, say: ► **FOLLOW JESUS.**



## Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player

### Teacher Pack

CD: "Disciples' Call"  
(track 10), "Come  
and Worship Jesus"  
(track 6)





### Catch a Baby Supplies

scissors  
tape  
blanket

#### Teacher Pack

“Follow Jesus” teaching  
picture (from Poster  
Set 2)  
paper fishnet

### Catch a Baby Easy Prep

Cut 2 pieces from the  
paper fishnet. Cut out  
the “Follow Jesus”  
teaching picture from  
Poster Set 2. Cut along  
the dotted lines on the  
boats. Insert a piece of  
fishnet into each slit,  
and tape the fishnet to  
the back of the picture.

### Follow the Fisher’s Bubbles Supplies

bubble wand and  
solution

### Catch-a-Can! Supplies

coffee can with lid  
several jingle bells or  
keys

## 2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

### Catch a Baby

#### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Hold a baby on your lap with the “Follow Jesus” teaching picture and a blanket. Let the baby touch the paper fishnet attached to the picture.

Say: **Feel the fisher’s net. Fishers use their nets to catch fish. Jesus told them to put down their nets. He showed them how to love people. I’m going to catch you with my blanket!** Toss the blanket around the baby. **Now I’m going to love you just like Jesus does!** Give the baby a big hug. **Jesus wants you to follow him because he loves you. Can we catch another baby?** Let older infants toss the blanket on a friend. Repeat the message to the “caught” baby: ► **FOLLOW JESUS.**

## 3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

### Follow the Fisher’s Bubbles

#### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Hold a baby in an upright position against your body as you dip the bubble wand in solution. Blow a bubble, and catch it with the wand; then encourage the baby to reach out his or her hand and pop the bubble. Say this chant:

**Follow the bubble, pop, pop, pop!**  
**Follow Jesus, never stop!**

Say: ► **FOLLOW JESUS.**

### Catch-a-Can!

#### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Drop jingle bells or keys into an empty coffee can, and tightly snap on the lid. Roll the noisy can to a baby.

Say: **You caught the can! Jesus told his friends to catch people and help them** ► **FOLLOW JESUS. Jesus is happy when we follow him. Let’s cheer for Jesus!** Help the baby shake the can and cheer. **Let’s see who else can catch the can.** Help



the baby push the can to another infant. Set the can out of children’s reach when they lose interest.

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### TODDLER

## 1 GETTING STARTED

## Sing and Celebrate

### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Sing “Disciples’ Call” (track 10 on the CD) to the tune of “My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean” anytime during the lesson. Sit on the floor facing a toddler as you listen to the song. Model the motions of the song, and encourage the child to imitate your actions.



**Jesus saw Simon and Andrew**

**Tossing their nets to catch fish.** (*pretend to toss nets into the water*)  
**Jesus saw Simon and Andrew,** (*place hand over eyes, as if searching*)  
**And this was Jesus’ wish:**

(Chorus)

**“Come and follow.** (*motion to “come along”*)  
**Oh, put down your nets.** (*bend down and touch the ground*)  
**Come with me, with me!** (*motion to self*)  
**Come and follow.** (*motion to “come along”*)  
**Oh, put down your nets.** (*bend down and touch the ground*)  
**Follow me!”** (*motion to self*)

**Jesus saw James and John**

**Fixing their nets to catch fish.** (*pretend to toss nets into the water*)  
**Jesus saw James and John,** (*place hand over eyes, as if searching*)  
**And this was Jesus’ wish:**  
(*Sing chorus.*)



### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)

### Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 8 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

### Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player  
**Teacher Pack**  
CD: “Disciples’ Call” (track 10), “Come and Worship Jesus” (track 6)





Afterward, say: ► **FOLLOW JESUS.**

Sing “Come and Worship Jesus” (track 6 on the CD) to the tune of “Row, Row, Row Your Boat” anytime during the lesson. As you sing, have children reach and point to the sky and wiggle their fingers to represent the shiny star.



**Look, look, see the star  
Shining up above.  
Come and worship Jesus now!  
Praise him for his love.**

**Oh, the Lord is good.  
Look at all he does!  
Come and worship Jesus now!  
Praise him for his love.**

*(Repeat from the beginning.)*

Afterward, say: ► **FOLLOW JESUS.**

## 2

### BIBLE EXPLORATION

## Fisher’s Tag

### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

As toddlers play, hold the “Follow Jesus” teaching picture, and encourage them to explore the paper fishnet attached to it. Then encourage children to pretend to throw imaginary nets into water.

Open your Bible to Mark 1:14-20. Show children the words and tell them the Bible is God’s special book. Say: **Fishers use nets to catch fish. They pull up nets full of fish for people to eat. One day Jesus came by. He said, “Put down your nets.**

► **FOLLOW JESUS. I’ll show you how to fish for people!” Can you follow me? Let’s see if we can catch someone!**

Attach a strip of tape to a piece of paper fishnet, and then “catch” a toddler by taping the fishnet to his or her clothing. Then help the toddler you “caught” stick the fishnet on the clothing of another child.

Say: **Look! We caught [child’s name]! Let’s tell [child’s name] about Jesus.** Repeat this activity with other toddlers who want to be “caught.”

### Fisher’s Tag Supplies

Bible  
scissors  
tape

#### Teacher Pack

“Follow Jesus” teaching  
picture (from Poster  
Set 2)  
paper fishnet

### Fisher’s Tag Easy Prep

Cut 3 pieces from the  
paper fishnet. Cut out  
the “Follow Jesus”  
teaching picture from  
Poster Set 2. Cut along  
the 2 dotted lines on the  
boats. Insert a piece of  
fishnet into each slit,  
and tape the fishnet to  
the back of the picture.





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WEAVING FAITH  
INTO LIFE

## Walkin’ in the Light

### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Set out the paper fishnet pieces with glue sticks and copies of the “Fishers of People” handout.

Shine a flashlight near a toddler’s feet.

Say: **Do you see the light on the ground? Let’s follow the light.** Use the light to lead children one at a time to the table. Let toddlers dab glue on their handouts near the picture. Then allow children each to press a piece of paper fishnet on the picture. Say: **Jesus’ friends caught fish, but Jesus showed them how to catch people. Jesus wants us to follow him, too! ► FOLLOW JESUS.**

## Fishnet Rides

### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Lay a blanket on the floor. Ask toddlers one at a time to come and sit in your fishnet. (You may have to “catch” the first child to help others get the idea!) Sit in front of the toddler, grasping the closest edge of the blanket and pulling the child toward you.

Say: **I’m fishing for you! I’m pulling you in, and I’m going to give you a big hug!** Pull the toddler close enough to hug. **I caught you! I caught you to tell you Jesus loves you! ► FOLLOW JESUS.**

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### Walkin’ in the Light Supplies

- flashlight
- My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Fishers of People” page (at the end of the lesson)
- glue sticks
- scissors
- Teacher Pack**
- paper fishnet

### Walkin’ in the Light Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 8 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut out enough pieces from the paper fishnet for each toddler to have 1 piece.

### Fishnet Rides Supplies

- blanket

### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

- My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)





## Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player

### Teacher Pack

CD: "Disciples' Call" (track 10), "Come and Worship Jesus" (track 6)

## 2-YEAR-OLD

# 1 GETTING STARTED

## Sing and Celebrate

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sing "Disciples' Call" (track 10 on the CD) to the tune of "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean" anytime during the lesson. Use the song to help 2-year-olds remember the Bible passage while getting plenty of large muscle action.

#### 🎵 Jesus saw Simon and Andrew

**Tossing their nets to catch fish.** (*pretend to toss nets into the water*)

**Jesus saw Simon and Andrew,** (*place hand over eyes, as if searching*)

**And this was Jesus' wish:**

(Chorus)

**"Come and follow.** (*motion to "come along"*)

**Oh, put down your nets.** (*bend down and touch the ground*)

**Come with me, with me!** (*motion to self*)

**Come and follow.** (*motion to "come along"*)

**Oh, put down your nets.** (*bend down and touch the ground*)

**Follow me!"** (*motion to self*)

#### Jesus saw James and John

**Fixing their nets to catch fish.** (*pretend to toss nets into the water*)

**Jesus saw James and John,** (*place hand over eyes, as if searching*)

**And this was Jesus' wish:**

(*Sing chorus.*)

Afterward, say: ► **FOLLOW JESUS.**

Sing "Come and Worship Jesus" (track 6 on the CD) to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" anytime during the lesson. As you sing, lead children in the italicized motions.

#### 🎵 Look, look, see the star

(point to the sky)

**Shining up above.** (*wiggle fingers*)

**Come and worship Jesus now!** (*clap hands*)

**Praise him for his love.** (*hug self*)

**Oh, the Lord is good.** (*nod head*)

**Look at all he does!** (*hold hand above eyes*)

**Come and worship Jesus now!** (*clap hands*)

**Praise him for his love.** (*hug self*)

(*Repeat from the beginning.*)

Afterward, say: ► **FOLLOW JESUS.**



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BIBLE  
EXPLORATION

# Disciples' Call

## What You'll Do

Open your Bible to Mark 1:14-20. Show children the words, and tell them the Bible is God's special book. Look at the "Disciples Follow Jesus" poster with a few 2-year-olds. Help children identify different things in the picture.

Say: **One day Jesus saw Simon and Andrew throwing their nets into the water. Let's pretend to throw our nets.** Pretend to throw nets. **Jesus wanted Simon and Andrew to be his special friends. So Jesus said, ► "FOLLOW JESUS. I will make you fishers of people!"**

**Jesus also saw James and John fixing the holes in their nets. Pretend you're fixing your net.** Pretend to sew. **Jesus wanted James and John to be his special friends. He called, ► "FOLLOW JESUS. I will show you how to fish for people."** Point to the poster. **James and John put down their nets and followed Jesus.**

Teach children this finger play:

**Simon, Andrew, John, and James,** *(touch four fingertips)*  
**Four strong men Jesus called by name.** *(flex biceps)*  
**Jesus wants me to follow him, too,** *(walk in place, and point to self)*  
**In everything I say and do!** *(turn around with arms outstretched)*

Say: **You can follow Jesus, too. And you can help others follow Jesus.** Show children the magazine pictures. **Let's help these people follow Jesus.** Put some glue on the poster near or behind Jesus, and then help each child attach one of the magazine pictures to the poster. **Look at all the people following Jesus! We can all follow Jesus. We ► FOLLOW JESUS.**

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WEAVING FAITH  
INTO LIFE

# Fishnet Play

## What You'll Do

Gather 2-year-olds around a blanket or sheet. Take hold of the edge, and have children do the same. Encourage them to hold on as you sing "Disciples' Call" (track 10 on the



## Disciples' Call Supplies

- Bible
- scissors
- tape
- old magazines
- glue

### Teacher Pack

- "Disciples Follow Jesus" poster (from the Big Bible Poster Pack)
- paper fishnet

## Disciples' Call Easy Prep

Cut 3 pieces from the paper fishnet. Glue a piece of net to each of the fishing nets on the poster. Cut out pictures of people from magazines, 1 per child.

## Fishnet Play Supplies

- blanket
- CD player
- Teacher Pack**
- CD: "Disciples' Call" (track 10)





### Fishers of People Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Fishers of People” page (at the end of the lesson)

tape  
scissors

**Teacher Pack**  
paper fishnet

### Fishers of People Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 8 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut out enough pieces from the paper fishnet for each child to have 1 piece.

### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)

CD) and walk in a circle, pulling the blanket with you. When you get to the chorus, stop walking and gently wave the blanket up and down.



**Jesus saw Simon and Andrew  
Tossing their nets to catch fish.  
Jesus saw Simon and Andrew,  
And this was Jesus’ wish:**

*(Chorus)*

**“Come and follow.  
Oh, put down your nets.  
Come with me, with me!**

**Come and follow.  
Oh, put down your nets.  
Follow me!”**

**Jesus saw James and John  
Fixing their nets to catch fish.  
Jesus saw James and John,  
And this was Jesus’ wish:  
*(Sing chorus.)***

To extend this activity, have one child at a time sit in the center of the blanket while the rest of you walk around in a circle, holding the edges. The person in the center will rotate as you all pull. Say this chant to the person as he or she rides:

Say: [Name, name], **our good friend, follow Jesus and fish for people! We**  
▶ **FOLLOW JESUS.**

## Fishers of People

### What You’ll Do

Set out the paper fishnet pieces, strips of tape, and copies of the “Fishers of People” page.

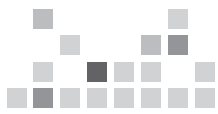
Say: **Jesus’ friends fished for fish, but Jesus wanted them to fish for people! Find a person to catch with this fishnet.** Let children each tape a piece of paper fishnet to a friend’s clothing. **Jesus doesn’t really want us to throw nets over people! The nets help us remember to catch people with God’s love. What can we do to show love?** If the children can’t think of anything, give them a hug. **This is one way I can show I love you!** Have children tape the paper fishnet to the picture on their pages as they say with you:  
▶ **FOLLOW JESUS.**

## Weaving Faith at Home

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# Growing With Jesus



Your child learned that we follow Jesus (from Mark 1:14-20). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus through-out the week.

## INFANT

### Follow the Fisher’s Bubbles

Hold your baby in an upright position against your body as you dip a bubble wand in solution. Blow a bubble, and catch it with the wand; then encourage your baby to reach out his or her hand and pop the bubble. Say this chant as you play:

**Follow the bubble, pop, pop, pop!  
Follow Jesus, never stop!**

## TODDLER

### Fishnet Rides

Lay a blanket on the floor. Ask your toddler to come and sit in your fishnet. Sit in front of your toddler, grasping the closest edge of the blanket and pulling your child toward you.

Say: **I’m fishing for you! I’m pulling you in, and I’m going to give you a big hug!** Pull your toddler close enough to hug. **I caught you! I caught you to tell you Jesus loves you!**

## 2-YEAR-OLD

### Fishnet Play

Stand with your child around a blanket or sheet, grab an edge, and have your child hold on to an edge also. Encourage your child to hold on as you walk in a circle, pulling the blanket with you. After circling a couple of times, stop walking and gently wave the blanket up and down. Say this chant as your child follows you:

[Child’s name], **my good friend, follow Jesus and fish for people!**



### Where Did You Learn That?

Children learn so much from what we tell them. But in reality, they learn even more from what we do. Think about what your example is teaching your child about family, faith, and friends. Work to change the examples and messages that you don’t want to pass on to your children.



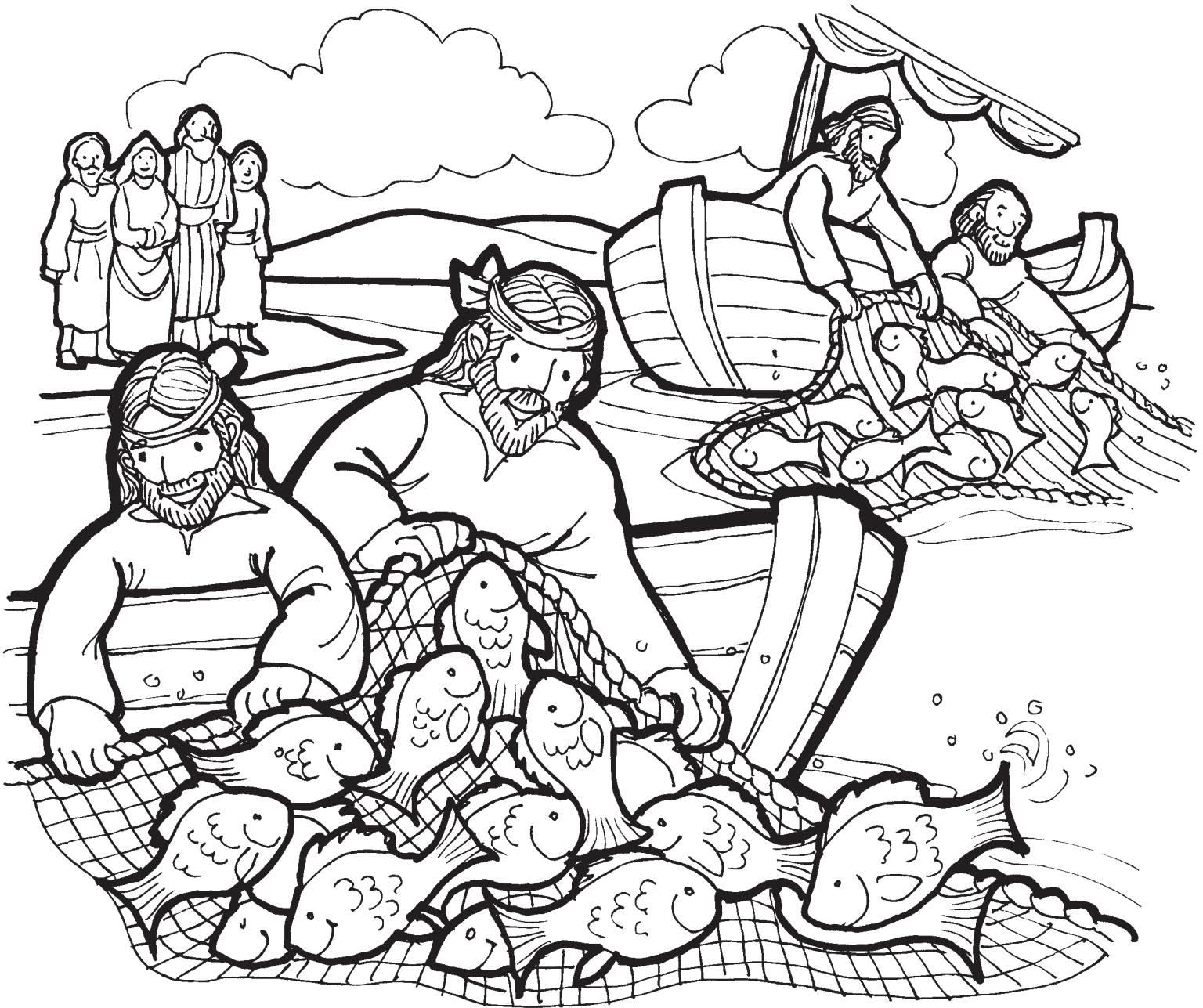
#### Use these ideas to help your child become a FaithWeaver:

- Play simple “following games” that reflect your attitudes, values, and spiritual commitments.
- Give your child a crayon and sheet of paper. Make a simple stroke, and then let him or her take a turn. At the top of the paper, write “We Follow Jesus Together.”
- Play Follow the Leader while you chant, “I follow Jesus. Yes, I do! [Child’s name] knows how to follow, too.”

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# Fishers of People



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# Jesus Demonstrates His Authority

Mark 1:21-28

Small children aren't able to understand miracles as supernatural events requiring God's holiness and power. However, these little ones do understand that they're able to do some things but unable to do other things. These common, everyday experiences help your young children understand that, unlike us, Jesus can do anything. For example, because young children depend on adults to feed them when they're hungry, they can understand that Jesus fed a large group of people when they were hungry.

**INFANT**

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Listen to praise songs.	CD player, laundry basket padded with soft pillows <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Jesus Helped the People</b> Bounce up and down as you explain the Bible passage.	"Spoon Puppet" handout (at the end of the lesson), scissors, wooden spoon, tape	Make a copy of the "Spoon Puppet" handout. Cut out the faces from the handout, and tape one on each side of a wooden spoon.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Help Me; Thank You!</b> Play a picking-up game to reinforce the concept of helping.	several easy-to-grasp toys	
	<b>Helping Chant</b> Enjoy the rhythm of a fun chant that tells about Jesus' help.		
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 9 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

*Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.*



**Bible Point**  
Jesus is strong.

**Key Verse**  
"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

**Weaving Faith Into Life**  
Children will look to Jesus for help because he is strong and can do anything.



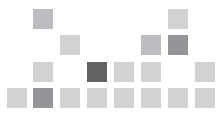


**TODDLER**


LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player, dot stickers <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Helping Hands</b> Comfort a doll as they learn the Bible passage.	Bible, "Spoon Puppet" handout (at the end of the lesson), scissors, wooden spoon, tape, doll	Make a copy of the "Spoon Puppet" handout. Cut out the faces from the handout, and tape one on each side of a wooden spoon.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Praise Jig</b> Engage in a structured movement activity.	CD player, rag dolls <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
	<b>Helping Blocks</b> Make puppets, and then help the teacher in a tower-building activity.	blocks, 1 copy per child of the "Happy Face" page (at the end of the lesson), 1 straw per child, tape, scissors	Remove the Lesson 9 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut out the faces from each handout.
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	

*Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.*





**2-YEAR-OLD**

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player, laundry basket filled with stuffed animals or dolls <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Comfort Cuddles</b> Take turns acting out the needy man's response to Jesus.	Bible, "Spoon Puppet" handout (at the end of the lesson), scissors, wooden spoon, tape	Make a copy of the "Spoon Puppet" handout. Cut out the faces from the handout, and tape one on each side of a wooden spoon.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Healing Hearts</b> Use stickers to show how Jesus can heal hearts.	brown marker, red dot stickers, scissors <b>Teacher Pack:</b> "Connected Hearts" teaching picture 	Cut out the connected hearts, and crease at the fold line so that the uncolored heart folds over the red heart. Use a brown marker to make marks all over the uncolored heart.
	<b>Happy-Sad Puppet</b> Make a puppet to show how Jesus' help changes people.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Happy Face" page (at the end of the lesson), tape, 1 straw per child, scissors	Remove the Lesson 9 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut out the faces from each handout.
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	

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**INFANT**

**1 GETTING  
STARTED**

# Sing and Celebrate

## What You'll Do

Sing or listen to “Everybody’s Talkin’” (track 11 on the CD) to the tune of “Short’nin’ Bread” anytime during the lesson. Sing as you rock, feed, or play with the infants. Fill in each infant’s name as you sing.


 **Everybody’s talkin’ ’bout Jesus, Jesus.**  
**Everybody’s talkin’ ’bout Jesus’ power.**  
**Everybody’s talkin’ ’bout Jesus, Jesus.**  
**Everybody’s talkin’ ’bout Jesus’ power.**

**He’s helping** [child’s name].  
**He’s helping** [another child’s name], **too.**  
**Everybody’s talkin’ ’bout Jesus’ help.**

**Everybody needs a little help from Jesus.**  
**Everybody needs a little help somehow.**  
**Everybody needs a little help from Jesus.**  
**Everybody needs a little help somehow.**

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS IS STRONG.**

As you sing “Sea-Blue Lullaby” (not on the CD) to the tune of “Rock-a-Bye Baby,” prop a baby in a laundry basket padded with soft pillows. Rock the basket, keeping an arm at each side to prevent the baby from sliding out.

 **Rock-a-bye,** [child’s name],  
**On the sea blue.**  
**Always remember**  
**Jesus loves you!**  
*(Repeat.)*

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS IS STRONG.**



## Sing and Celebrate Supplies

- CD player
- laundry basket padded with soft pillows
- Teacher Pack**
- CD: “Everybody’s Talkin’” (track 11)





### Jesus Helped the People Supplies

“Spoon Puppet” handout (at the end of the lesson)  
scissors  
wooden spoon  
tape

### Jesus Helped the People Easy Prep

Make a copy of the “Spoon Puppet” handout. Cut out the faces from the handout, and tape one on each side of a wooden spoon.

### Help Me; Thank You! Supplies

several easy-to-grasp toys

## 2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

# Jesus Helped the People

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Show the angry-looking face of the spoon puppet.

Say: **This is a sad man Jesus helped. Jesus helped people.** Turn the puppet around. **That's better! ► JESUS IS STRONG. Jesus helped the man. The man felt better!**

Gently bounce a baby on your knees, and say this rhyme:

**Jesus helped the people, the people, the people.**  
**Jesus helped the people everywhere he taught. Yeah!** (*help baby stand*)  
**Jesus helped the daddies, the daddies, the daddies.**  
**Jesus helped the daddies everywhere he taught. Oh!** (*let baby sit*)

**Jesus helped the mommies, the mommies, the mommies.**  
**Jesus helped the mommies everywhere he taught. Oh!** (*hug baby close*)  
**Jesus helped the children, the children, the children.**  
**Jesus helped the children everywhere he taught. Whee!** (*help baby “fly”*)

## 3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

# Help Me; Thank You!

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sit with a baby on the floor. Have several easy-to-grasp toys near you. Drop a toy within the baby's reach.

Say: **Oh no! I dropped the [toy]! I'm stretching and stretching, but I can't reach it. Help me, [child's name]! Get me the toy.** When the baby responds, tickle him or her with the toy. **Oh, thank you, thank you, thank you! You're such a helper! ► JESUS IS STRONG, and he helped people just like you do. You're such a big [boy/girl]!**





# Helping Chant

## What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sit facing a baby, and grasp his or her hands. Do the following chant:

**Jesus helped the man who felt so bad.** (*clap baby's hands*)

**When Jesus helped the man, the man felt glad.** (*help baby stand*)

**Jesus helps me.** (*touch baby's hands to your cheeks*)

**Jesus helps you.** (*touch baby's hands to his or her chest*)

**When Jesus helps us, we feel glad, too!** (*lift baby over your head*)

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## TODDLER

### 1 GETTING STARTED

# Sing and Celebrate

## What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sing or listen to "Everybody's Talkin'" (track 11 on the CD) to the tune of "Short'nin' Bread" anytime during the lesson. As children sing, draw a simple pair of eyes on the side of your hand and use your closed fist to make a "mouth." Use dot stickers to make faces on children's hands so they can have their hands "sing" along.

 **Everybody's talkin' 'bout Jesus, Jesus.**  
**Everybody's talkin' 'bout Jesus' power.**  
**Everybody's talkin' 'bout Jesus, Jesus.**  
**Everybody's talkin' 'bout Jesus' power.**

**He's helping** [child's name].  
**He's helping** [another child's name], **too.**  
**Everybody's talkin' 'bout Jesus' help.**



## Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)

## Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 9 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

## Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player  
dot stickers  
**Teacher Pack**  
CD: "Everybody's Talkin'" (track 11)






Everybody needs a little help from Jesus.  
 Everybody needs a little help somehow.  
 Everybody needs a little help from Jesus.  
 Everybody needs a little help somehow.

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS IS STRONG.**

As you sing “Sea-Blue Lullaby” (not on the CD) to the tune of “Rock-a-Bye Baby,” have children sway back and forth.

 **Rock-a-bye**, [child’s name],  
**On the sea blue.**  
**Always remember**  
**Jesus loves you!**  
*(Repeat.)*

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS IS STRONG.**

## **2** BIBLE EXPLORATION

### Helping Hands

#### What You’ll Do

Hold a doll. Say: **This doll is sad. She needs help. How can you help her?** Encourage a toddler to cuddle and comfort the doll. **It’s so nice to see you touch the doll so gently. Jesus found a man who needed help. Jesus told the man, “Shh! Be quiet.”**

Open your Bible to Mark 1:21-28. Show children the words, and tell them the Bible is God’s special book.

Hold up the spoon puppet, showing the angry face. Say: **First the man looked sad, like this. When Jesus helped him, the man looked like this.** Show the happy side of the puppet. ► **JESUS IS STRONG. Let’s clap our hands for the amazing things Jesus can do!** Encourage the toddlers to clap for Jesus.

#### Helping Hands Supplies

Bible  
 “Spoon Puppet”  
 handout (at the end of  
 the lesson)  
 scissors  
 wooden spoon  
 tape  
 doll

#### Helping Hands Easy Prep

Make a copy of the  
 “Spoon Puppet”  
 handout. Cut out the  
 faces from the handout,  
 and tape one on each  
 side of a wooden spoon.



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WEAVING FAITH  
INTO LIFE

## Praise Jig

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Play the song "Everybody's Talkin'" (track 11 on the CD). Have a child stand on your feet while you hold his or her hands. As you sway side to side in time to the music, raise a foot off the ground on each word. You can encourage toddlers to continue this jig with rag dolls on their feet.

Say: ► **JESUS IS STRONG!**

## Helping Blocks

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Work with one or two toddlers at a time. Give each toddler a happy face, a sad face, and a drinking straw. Work with children to tape one face on one side of the straw and the other face on the other side of the straw.

Take turns with a toddler stacking blocks one on top of another, creating a tower. Ask for the toddler's help knocking them down. Encourage toddlers to show their sad-face puppets as you say the following.

Say: **I need help. Will you help me?** Work with toddlers to stack the blocks back up. Then have children show their happy-face puppets. **I'm glad you helped me! Jesus helps me, too! Jesus helps us all because he is so strong. There's nothing he can't do.** ► **JESUS IS STRONG.**

## Weaving Faith at Home

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### Praise Jig Supplies

CD player  
rag dolls

#### Teacher Pack

CD: "Everybody's  
Talkin'" (track 11)

### Helping Blocks Supplies

blocks  
My Bible Snuggles or 1  
copy per child of the  
"Happy Face" page (at  
the end of the lesson)  
1 straw per child  
tape  
scissors

### Helping Blocks Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 9  
pages from each My  
Bible Snuggles student  
book. Cut out the faces  
from each handout.

### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1  
copy per child of the  
"Growing With Jesus"  
page (at the end of the  
lesson)





## Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player  
laundry basket filled  
with stuffed animals  
or dolls

### Teacher Pack

CD "Everybody's  
Talkin'" (track 11)

## 2-YEAR-OLD

### 1 GETTING STARTED

## Sing and Celebrate

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sing or listen to "Everybody's Talkin'" (track 11 on the CD) to the tune of "Short'nin' Bread" anytime during the lesson. As you sing, bring one child at a time near you and change the verse to "He's helping [child's name], He's helping [him/her] now, [Child's name]'s talkin' 'bout Jesus' help."


 **Everybody's talkin' 'bout Jesus, Jesus.  
Everybody's talkin' 'bout Jesus' power.  
Everybody's talkin' 'bout Jesus, Jesus.  
Everybody's talkin' 'bout Jesus' power.**

**He's helping** [child's name].  
**He's helping** [another child's name], **too.**  
**Everybody's talkin' 'bout Jesus' help.**

**Everybody needs a little help from Jesus.  
Everybody needs a little help somehow.  
Everybody needs a little help from Jesus.  
Everybody needs a little help somehow.**

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS IS STRONG.**

As you sing "Sea-Blue Lullaby" (not on the CD) to the tune of "Rock-a-Bye Baby," let 2-year-olds help you rock a laundry-basket boat filled with stuffed animals or dolls.

 **Rock-a-bye,** [child's name],  
**On the sea blue.  
Always remember  
Jesus loves you!**  
(Repeat.)

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS IS STRONG.**



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BIBLE  
EXPLORATION

# Comfort Cuddles

## What You'll Do

Open your Bible to Mark 1:21-28. Show children the words, and tell them the Bible is God's special book.

Show children the angry-looking side of the spoon puppet. Say: **Today our Bible lesson is about this man. Look at his face. This man was mad. Let's make mad sounds.** Lead children in making growling sounds.

**This man made lots of noise while Jesus was teaching. Jesus knew the man needed help. Jesus said, "Be quiet!"** Turn the spoon puppet around. **Suddenly, the man was okay. Jesus can do anything. ► JESUS IS STRONG. Jesus helped him. The man stopped making bad noises.** Lead children in the following rhyme.

**Jesus helped an angry man who shouted out with fear.**  
**Jesus said, "Shh, shh, shh, shh!"** *(place index finger against lips)*  
**I'll help you now; I'm here."**

Repeat the rhyme several times, and let children take turns holding the puppet and acting out the rhyme.

3

WEAVING FAITH  
INTO LIFE

# Healing Hearts

## What You'll Do

Gather children in a circle.

Say: **The man in the Bible had a hurting heart.** Show children the heart with the brown spots. **But Jesus came along and healed the man's heart.** Lift the splattered heart to reveal the red heart underneath. **Jesus takes hurting hearts and makes them better. Let's put red dots over the hurting heart to make it better.** Distribute red dots and let kids cover the splattered heart. **Jesus can do anything. He makes our hearts better.**  
**► JESUS IS STRONG!**



## Comfort Cuddles Supplies

- Bible
- "Spoon Puppet" handout (at the end of the lesson)
- scissors
- wooden spoon
- tape

## Comfort Cuddles Easy Prep

Make a copy of the "Spoon Puppet" handout. Cut out the faces from the handouts, and tape one on each side of a wooden spoon.

## Healing Hearts Supplies

- brown marker
- red dot stickers
- scissors
- Teacher Pack**
- "Connected Hearts" teaching picture

## Healing Hearts Easy Prep

Cut out the connected hearts, and crease at the fold line so that the uncolored heart folds over the red heart. Use a brown marker to make marks all over the uncolored heart.





### Happy-Sad Puppet Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Happy Face” page (at the end of the lesson)  
tape  
1 straw per child  
scissors

### Happy-Sad Puppet Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 9 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut out the faces from each handout.

### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)

## Happy-Sad Puppet

### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Work with a small group of children. Give each child a happy face, a sad face, and a drinking straw. Help them tape a face on one side of the straw and the other face on the other side of the straw.

Say: **Remember the man? Show me what his face looked like before he met Jesus.** Let children show the sad faces. **Show me what his face looked like when Jesus helped him.** Let children show the happy faces. **People were happy when they saw Jesus help the man. I’m happy Jesus helps us. Jesus can do anything! ► JESUS IS STRONG!**

## Weaving Faith at Home

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# Growing With Jesus



Your child learned that Jesus is strong (from Mark 1:21-28). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

## INFANT

### Helping Chant

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Sit facing your baby, and grasp his or her hands. Do the following rhyme:

**Jesus helped the man who felt so bad.** (*clap baby's hands*)

**When Jesus helped the man, the man felt glad.** (*help baby stand*)

**Jesus helps me.** (*touch baby's hands to your cheeks*)

**Jesus helps you.** (*touch baby's hands to his or her chest*)

**When Jesus helps us, we feel glad, too!** (*lift baby over your head*)

## TODDLER

### Praise Jig

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Sing "Jesus Helped a Man" to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star." Have your child stand on your feet while you hold his or her hands. As you sway side to side in time to the music, raise a foot off the ground on each word.

**Once a man was sick and sad.**

**Jesus came and helped the man.**

**No more sickness for that man!**

**Praise God, for he makes us glad!**

**Jesus helps us, yes he does.**

**Thank you, Jesus, for your love!**

## 2-YEAR-OLD

### Healing Hearts

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Draw a heart on a piece of white paper, and then make scribbles on the heart to show an unhappy heart.

Say: **When someone is sad, that person has a hurting heart. Jesus makes our hearts feel better. Let's color in the heart to show how it looks when Jesus heals our hearts.**

Give your child a red marker or crayon to color the heart.

Say: **Jesus is strong and can do anything!**



### Little Helpers

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Children love to help! While it may be easier and faster to do things yourself, try to give your child opportunities to help you around the house. Giving children little tasks helps them develop physically, gives them a sense of belonging in your family, teaches them responsibility, and gives them a sense of accomplishment. Who knew chores were so important?—and they're a great way to remind your child how Jesus helps us every day!



#### Use these ideas to help your child become a FaithWeaver:

- Have your child help around the house in the following ways: Help with dishes—Give your child a wet dishcloth to wipe off unbreakable dishes. Help with folding—Show your child how to fold washcloths and put them away. Help set the table—Set the silverware on the table yourself, and then hand your child one plate at a time to place between the silverware.
- Practice showing each other your muscles. Let your child practice lifting something heavy, and then you lift something heavy. Remind your child that Jesus is strong; he can do anything!

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# Spoon Puppets



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# Happy Face



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# Jesus Heals, Prays, and Preaches

Mark 1:29-39

The best way to teach small children that Jesus cares for them is to demonstrate your care for them through your words and actions. Through your loving, responsive actions such as singing, talking, smiling, and holding, you teach young children about caring relationships. Though children may not yet grasp that Jesus cares for them and helps them the way you help them, your nurturing and caring actions plant the seeds for that understanding later in life.

## INFANT

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Listen to praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>A Loving Lap</b> Experience holding and cuddling to learn about Jesus' loving care.	<b>Teacher Pack:</b> "Jesus and the Children" teaching picture	
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>If You Had an Owie...</b> Enjoy a fun rhyme and motions that reinforce Jesus' care.		
	<b>Crawl Closer!</b> Crawl through a path to Jesus.	4 pillows or a large cardboard box <b>Teacher Pack:</b> "Jesus and the Children" teaching picture	
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 10 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

***Bold text** within the lesson is spoken text.*



**Bible Point**  
Jesus cares for us.


**Key Verse**  
"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest"  
(Matthew 11:28).

**Weaving Faith Into Life**  
Children will learn that Jesus cares for us.





**TODDLER**

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Caring for All</b> Experience the Bible passage in a bedroom setting, and learn that Jesus cares for children, too.	Bible, doll, several blankets, pillow, books, scissors, masking tape <b>Teacher Pack:</b> “Jesus and the Children” teaching picture 	Use blankets and a pillow to make a bed on the floor. Put books or favorite toys on the bed to attract toddlers’ attention. Place a doll in the bed as well. Cut out each child pictured across the top of the teaching picture. Attach a loop of masking tape to the back of each cutout.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Animal Hospital</b> Work in a stuffed-animal sickroom to show caring.	several stuffed animals, doctor’s kit items	
	<b>Taking Care of Teddy</b> Create a picture that shows caring for a hurt.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Jesus Cares” page (at the end of the lesson), adhesive bandages, petroleum jelly, plate, tissues	Remove the Lesson 10 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)	

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**2-YEAR-OLD**

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Sit-Up Struggles</b> Do sit-ups to understand how hard it might have been for the sick woman to get up.	Bible, doll, blanket, pillow, 1 smiley-face sticker per child, markers (optional) <b>Teacher Pack:</b> "Jesus Heals" poster (from the Big Bible Poster Pack)	
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Knocking at Jesus' Door</b> Learn a counting finger play to find out how people responded to Jesus' care.		
	<b>The Caring Game</b> Put bandages on a teddy bear and talk about ways that others show they care for their needs.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Jesus Cares" page (at the end of the lesson), adhesive bandages, petroleum jelly, plate, tissues	Remove the Lesson 10 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	



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**INFANT**

**1 GETTING  
STARTED**

# Sing and Celebrate

## What You'll Do


Sing or listen to “Helping Children” (track 12 on the CD) to the tune of “London Bridge” anytime during the lesson. Sing as you rock, feed, or play with the infants.

 **Helping children give big hugs,**  
**Give big hugs,**  
**Give big hugs.**  
**Helping children give big hugs,**  
*(Say) To say:*  
**“Jesus loves you!”**

**Helping children pat a back,**  
**Pat a back,**  
**Pat a back,**  
**Helping children pat a back,**  
*(Say) To say:*  
**“Jesus loves you!”**

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS CARES FOR US.**

As you sing “Little Ones Like Me” (not on the CD) to the tune of “I’m a Little Teapot,” do the motions listed in italics next to the lyrics.

 **Little ones like me sat on his lap.** *(rock baby side to side)*  
**Some bounced around, and some took a nap.** *(bounce; then lay baby down)*  
**Jesus held the children safe and snug,** *(rock baby side to side)*  
**And he gave each one a hug!** *(hug baby close)*  
*(Repeat.)*

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS CARES FOR US.**



## Sing and Celebrate Supplies

- .....
- CD player
  - Teacher Pack**
  - CD: “Helping Children”  
(track 12)





### A Loving Lap Supplies

**Teacher Pack**  
“Jesus and the  
Children” teaching  
picture

### Crawl Closer! Supplies

4 pillows or a large  
cardboard box

**Teacher Pack**  
“Jesus and the  
Children” teaching  
picture

## 2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

### A Loving Lap

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

As crawlers are playing on the floor or as you hold an infant, show the “Jesus and the Children” teaching picture.

Say: **Look at Jesus. Jesus loves babies. Can you touch Jesus? ► JESUS CARES FOR US. See Jesus hug the child? Jesus would hug you, too!** Hold the baby, and give him or her a hug.

► **JESUS CARES FOR US. I care for you, too!** Interact with each baby in the same manner.

## 3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

### If You Had an Owie...

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Hold a baby facing you, and do each action mentioned as you say the following:

**If you had an owie on your finger, I'd kiss, kiss, kiss it 'til it felt all better.**

**If you had an owie on your tummy, I'd tickle, tickle, tickle it 'til it felt all better.**

**If you had an owie on your leg, I'd rub, rub, rub it 'til it felt all better.**

**If you had an owie on your back, I'd pat, pat, pat it 'til it felt all better.**

**If you had an owie on your neck, I'd snuggle, snuggle, snuggle you 'til it felt all better.**

Say: ► **JESUS CARES FOR US, and you know what? I care for you, too!**

### Crawl Closer!

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Set pillows up to make a path, or push all the flaps to the inside of a large cardboard box, forming a tunnel. Set the “Jesus and the Children” teaching picture at one end of the path. Get down on the floor with your crawlers, and encourage them to crawl through the path toward the picture. Say: ► **JESUS CARES FOR US. Crawl to Jesus!**







# Weaving Faith at Home

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## TODDLER

### 1 GETTING STARTED

## Sing and Celebrate

### What You’ll Do

Sing or listen to “Helping Children” (track 12 on the CD) to the tune of “London Bridge” anytime during the lesson. Show children how to follow the actions indicated in the song.

 **Helping children give big hugs,**  
**Give big hugs,**  
**Give big hugs.**  
**Helping children give big hugs,**  
*(Say) To say:*  
**“Jesus loves you!”**

**Helping children pat a back,**  
**Pat a back,**  
**Pat a back,**  
**Helping children pat a back,**  
*(Say) To say:*  
**“Jesus loves you!”**

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS CARES FOR US.**



### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)

### Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 10 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut out the faces from each handout.

### Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player  
**Teacher Pack**  
CD: “Helping Children” (track 12)





### Caring for All Supplies

Bible  
doll  
several blankets  
pillow  
books  
scissors  
masking tape

#### Teacher Pack

“Jesus and the Children” teaching picture

### Caring for All Easy Prep

Use blankets and a pillow to make a bed on the floor. Put books or favorite toys on the bed to attract toddlers’ attention. Place a doll in the bed as well. Cut out each child pictured across the top of the teaching picture. Attach a loop of masking tape to the back of each cutout.

As you sing “Little Ones Like Me” (not on the CD) to the tune of “I’m a Little Teapot,” do the motions listed in italics.



**Little ones like me sat on his lap.** (*bounce at knees*)  
**Some bounced around, and some took a nap.** (*close eyes*)  
**Jesus held the children safe and snug,** (*sway side to side*)  
**And he gave each one a hug!** (*hug self*)  
*(Repeat.)*

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS CARES FOR US.**

## 2

### BIBLE EXPLORATION

## Caring for All

### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

As children play in the area that you set up, be ready to tell about Jesus healing Peter’s mother-in-law.

Open your Bible to Mark 1:29-39. Show children the words, and tell them the Bible is God’s special book.

Say: **The Bible tells us about a woman who was sick and had to stay in bed. Let’s pretend this doll is that woman.** Have a toddler pull a blanket over the doll. **There were lots of people there. They looked sad. How does your face look when you’re sad?** Let children respond. **The woman was sick. She needed someone to care for her.**

**Jesus can help her! Let’s see how Jesus helped the woman.** Encourage a toddler to pull the doll up and make it sit up. **Look! Jesus helped the woman sit up. He made her well!**

Hold up the “Jesus and the Children” teaching picture.

Say: **Here are children just like you. Jesus loved children and cared for them, too.** Point to the children in the teaching picture. **Here are more children.** Show toddlers the children cutouts.

**Where do you think these children would like to be?** Invite children to place a cutout on the teaching picture. **Jesus cares for little children and for sick people.** ► **JESUS CARES FOR US!**





3

WEAVING FAITH  
INTO LIFE

## Animal Hospital

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Place stuffed animals or dolls on the floor. If you have some doctor's kit items, set them nearby as well. Or simply set out a box of bandages and a washcloth.

Say: **Oh, our poor sick teddy! He's not feeling well today. How can you help our poor teddy?** Encourage toddlers to wipe the stuffed animal's owies, put a washcloth over its forehead, or put on a bandage. Also encourage holding, rocking, and helping the animal sit up. As the children play, affirm their actions with comments such as "You're being such a kind friend," "I can see how you care for our poor, hurt teddy," or "What a good idea to show the teddy you love him." Remind children of Jesus' care. Say: **Jesus cared for sick people, as you're doing for the animals. Jesus helps people because he cares for them. ► JESUS CARES FOR US, too.**

## Taking Care of Teddy

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Set out an assortment of adhesive bandages, a dab of petroleum jelly on a small plate, and copies of the "Jesus Cares" page. Place tissues nearby to wipe greasy little fingers.

Say: **Here's a picture of a hurt teddy. Let's see if we can help care for his owies.** The hurts are indicated by three different bandages on the teddy's fur. Show toddlers how to dip only their index fingers in the petroleum jelly and rub the ointment into the places they see the teddy is hurt. Then help each child select bandages for the owies. Help children peel the backing off the adhesive bandages and put them on their teddy bears.

Say: **You showed how you care when someone is sick or hurt. Jesus shows his care by helping us when we are sick or hurt, too. I'm so glad ► JESUS CARES FOR US!**

## Weaving Faith at Home

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### Animal Hospital Supplies

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several stuffed animals  
doctor's kit items

### Taking Care of Teddy Supplies

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My Bible Snuggles or 1  
copy per child of the  
"Jesus Cares" page (at  
the end of the lesson)  
adhesive bandages  
petroleum jelly  
plate  
tissues

### Taking Care of Teddy Easy Prep

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Remove the Lesson 10  
pages from each My  
Bible Snuggles student  
book.

### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

.....  
My Bible Snuggles or 1  
copy per child of the  
"Growing With Jesus"  
page (at the end of the  
lesson)





## Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player

### Teacher Pack

CD: "Helping Children"  
(track 12)

## 2-YEAR-OLD

### 1 GETTING STARTED

## Sing and Celebrate

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sing or listen to "Helping Children" (track 12 on the CD) to the tune of "London Bridge" anytime during the lesson. Encourage 2-year-olds to follow the actions as you lead. This is a super way to get little ones interacting with each other in positive and loving ways.

 **Helping children give big hugs,** (*hug others*)

**Give big hugs,**

**Give big hugs.**

**Helping children give big hugs,** (*hug others*)

(Say) **To say:**

**"Jesus loves you!"** (*point to others*)

**Helping children pat a back,** (*pat another's back*)

**Pat a back,**

**Pat a back,**

**Helping children pat a back,** (*pat another's back*)

(Say) **To say:**

**"Jesus loves you!"** (*point to others*)

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS CARES FOR US.**

Lead children in the motions indicated as you sing "Little Ones Like Me" (not on the CD) to the tune of "I'm a Little Teapot."

 **Little ones like me sat on his lap.** (*rock side to side*)

**Some bounced around, and some took a nap.** (*bounce at knees*)

**Jesus held the children safe and snug,** (*rock side to side*)

**And he gave each one a hug!** (*hug self*)

(Repeat.)

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS CARES FOR US.**





2

BIBLE  
EXPLORATION

# Sit-Up Struggles

## What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Gather the 2-year-olds around you. Place a doll, a pillow, and a blanket in the middle of your group.

Have several of the children lie down and sit up without rolling over.

Say: **You're pretty strong. I'm going to make it more of a challenge for you to sit up.** Hold one of the children's feet to the floor, and ask him or her to try to sit up now. Most 2-year-olds will really struggle to sit up. Open your Bible to Mark 1:29-39. Show children the words and tell them the Bible is God's special book.

Say: **Maybe it was that hard for the woman in the Bible to get up. She was very sick and couldn't get out of bed. Let's pretend that this doll is the woman. Let's put her to bed.** Have children make a bed for the doll and lay down the doll; then let the children lie down.

**Peter told Jesus how sick the woman was. Jesus went to see her, and here's what he did.** Walk over to one of the children, take his or her hand, and pull him or her to an upright position. Do this to several of the children. Then invite one of the children to pull the doll into a sitting position. Say: **Jesus walked over to the woman, took her hand, and helped her sit up.** Show children the "Jesus Heals" poster. Point to the disciples in the room.

**After that, the woman thought, This man must be hungry. I'm going to go fix him something to eat. And she did. Everyone was so excited, they told their friends about it. Soon, many people asked Jesus to help them. Jesus showed he cared for the people by helping them. Let's put some more happy people on this poster.** Encourage children to put the smiley-face stickers all over the poster. Say: **Look at all the people that Jesus helped! ► JESUS CARES FOR US.**



## Sit-Up Struggles Supplies

- .....
- Bible
- doll
- blanket
- pillow
- 1 smiley-face sticker per child
- markers (optional)
- Teacher Pack**
- "Jesus Heals" poster (from the Big Bible Poster Pack)

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WEAVING FAITH  
INTO LIFE

# Knocking at Jesus' Door

## What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Gather a small group of children to teach them this counting finger play.





### The Caring Game Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Jesus Cares” page (at the end of the lesson)  
adhesive bandages  
petroleum jelly  
plate  
tissues

### The Caring Game Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 10 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)

Say: **Remember what the people did when they saw how Jesus helped the woman? They told all their friends. Then this is what happened.**

**One person knocked at Jesus’ door.** (*hold the index finger of your left hand up, and raise your right hand to knock*)

**Knock, knock, knock.** (*knock with right hand*)

**Then two, three, four,** (*hold up other fingers*)

**No, five! people waited patiently** (*hold up thumb and wiggle hand*)

**To see Jesus. Now, where is he?**

**Jesus helped each one of them,**

**Five, four, three, two, one.** (*with right index finger, touch each finger of left hand starting with the pinkie*)

**And they went off to tell their friends.**

**Run, happy people, run!** (*wiggle fingers of left hand, “running” them behind your back*)

Say: ► **JESUS CARES FOR US!**

## The Caring Game

### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Set out an assortment of adhesive bandages, a dab of petroleum jelly on a small plate, and copies of the “Jesus Cares” page. Place tissues nearby to wipe greasy little fingers.

Say: **Here’s a picture of a hurt teddy. Let’s see if we can help care for his owies.** The hurts are indicated by three different bandages on the teddy’s fur. Show children how to dip only their index fingers in the petroleum jelly, and rub the ointment into the places they see the teddy is hurt. Then help each child select bandages that match the sizes of the owies. Help children peel the backing off the adhesive bandages and put them on their teddy bears. As children are working, ask them what their mommies or daddies do when they are hurt.

Say: **It feels nice when someone cares for our owies.**

**What a wonderful job you’ve done showing how you care when someone is sick or hurt. Jesus shows his care by helping us when we are sick or hurt, too. I’m so glad**

► **JESUS CARES FOR US!**

## Weaving Faith at Home

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# Growing With Jesus



Your child learned that Jesus cares for us (from Mark 1:29-39). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

## INFANT

### If You Had an Owie...

Hold your baby facing you, and do each action mentioned as you say the following:

**If you had an owie on your finger, I'd kiss, kiss, kiss it 'til it felt all better.**

**If you had an owie on your tummy, I'd tickle, tickle, tickle it 'til it felt all better.**

**If you had an owie on your leg, I'd rub, rub, rub it 'til it felt all better.**

**If you had an owie on your back, I'd pat, pat, pat it 'til it felt all better.**

**If you had an owie on your neck, I'd snuggle, snuggle, snuggle you 'til it felt all better.**

Say: **Jesus cares for you, and you know what? I do, too!**



Use these ideas to help your child become a FaithWeaver:

- Tie a ribbon around a special treat, and go with your child to a neighbor's house. Leave the treat at the door with a note that indicates who it's from.
- Have your child give an inflated balloon with a ribbon to his or her doctor or babysitter (or whoever else cares for your child!).

## TODDLER

### Animal Hospital

Lay out some stuffed animals or dolls. Also set out bandages and a washcloth.

Say: **Oh, our poor sick teddy! He's not feeling at all well today. How can you help our poor teddy?**

Encourage your toddler to wipe the stuffed animal's owies, or put a bandage on it. Also encourage holding, rocking, and helping the animal up.

Affirm your child's actions with comments such as "You're being such a kind friend," or "I can see how you care for poor teddy."

Say: **Jesus cared for sick people, as you're doing. Jesus helps people because he cares for them. Jesus cares for you, too.**

## 2-YEAR-OLD

### Knocking at Jesus' Door

Say: **When people saw how Jesus helped Peter's mother-in-law, they told all their friends.**

**One person knocked at Jesus' door.** (*hold up an index finger, and raise your other hand to knock*)

**Knock, knock, knock.** (*knock*)

**Then two, three, four,** (*hold up other fingers*)

**No, five! people waited patiently** (*hold up thumb and wiggle hand*)

**To see Jesus. Now, where is he?**

**Jesus helped each one of them,**

**Five, four, three, two, one.** (*with right index finger, touch each finger of left hand*)

**And they went off to tell their friends.**

**Run, happy people, run!** (*wiggle fingers of left hand, "running"*)



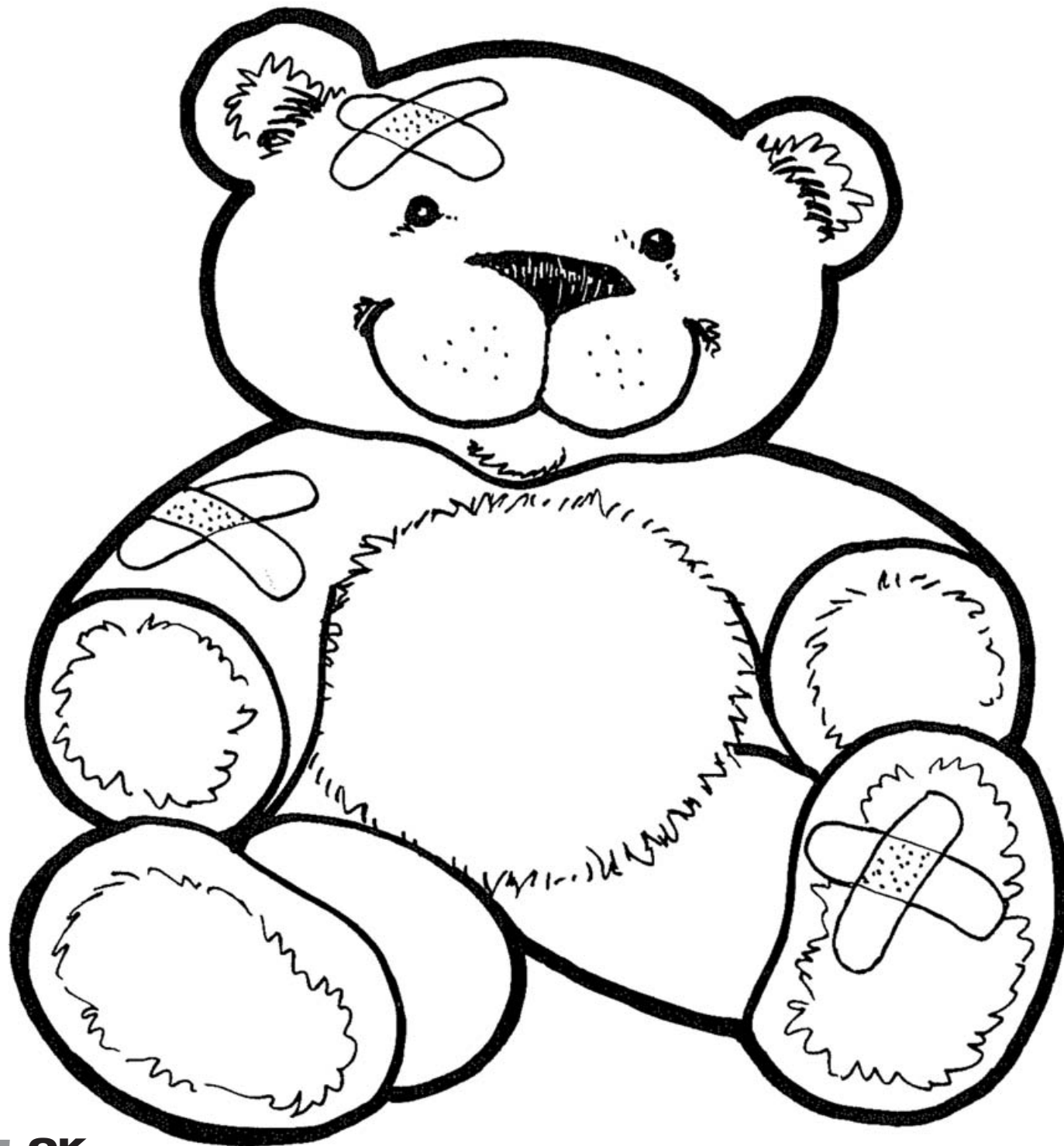
## A Miracle

Enjoy this time of wonder by helping your young child see God's touch and miraculous work in creation, his provision, and the loving relationships he has given us. Remind your child that God cares for each of us.





# Jesus Cares



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# Jesus Calms a Storm


Mark 4:35-41

**B**arking dogs, thunderstorms, unfamiliar faces—these and many other things cause fear in infants and very young children. When faced with feelings of anxiety, children often will look for their caregivers’ responses to determine their reactions. For example, if you become frightened and anxious during a thunderstorm, children often will follow suit. Likewise, if you remain calm and tell children that Jesus helps you when you’re afraid, children will feel more calm and also will begin to relate Jesus to those feelings of calmness.



**► Bible Point**  
Jesus helps us when we’re afraid.

## INFANT

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Listen to praise songs.	CD player, laundry basket padded with soft pillows <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Storm Baby</b> Experience the Bible passage in action.	scissors, tape <b>Teacher Pack:</b> “Be Still” teaching picture (from Poster Set 2) 	Cut out the “Be Still” teaching picture from Poster Set 2. Cut out the figures of Jesus from the margin. Use tape on the back of the sleeping Jesus to attach the figure to the front of the boat.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Splash Play</b> Create a sea full of bubbles.	dishpan, water, liquid baby-bath soap	
	<b>Calm the Sea</b> Roll a “sea jar” back and forth, and then watch the “waves” subside.	jar, water, blue food coloring, glitter <b>Teacher Pack:</b> squirty fish	Make a “sea jar” by filling a jar halfway with water and then adding a few drops of blue food coloring. Drop in a pinch of glitter and the squirty fish. Screw on the lid tightly.
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 11 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

**Key Verse**  
“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28).


**Weaving Faith Into Life**  
Children will practice looking to Jesus for help when they’re afraid.

*Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.*





**TODDLER**

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player, laundry basket <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>All Wet</b> Hear and feel a storm on the water.	Bible, tape, CD player, spray bottle of water, scissors <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD, "Be Still" teaching picture (from Poster Set 2) 	Cut out the "Be Still" teaching picture from Poster Set 2. Cut out the figures of Jesus from the margin. Place tape on the backs of the figures, and attach the sleeping Jesus to the front of the boat.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Float the Boats!</b> Explore what happens to boats in water.	several plastic lids, dishpan, water, kitchen baster	
	<b>Sailing, Sailing</b> Make a craft and practice rowing skills.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Scary Boat Ride" page (at the end of the lesson), glue sticks, blue plastic wrap, scissors	Remove the Lesson 11 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut blue plastic wrap into small pieces.
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	


*Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.*





**2-YEAR-OLD**



LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player, laundry basket, stuffed animals or dolls <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>In Jesus' Boat</b> Sit in a "boat" to experience the Bible passage.	Bible, masking tape, CD player, spray bottle of water, scissors <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD, "Be Still" teaching picture (from Poster Set 2) 	Cut out the "Be Still" teaching picture from Poster Set 2. Cut out the figures of Jesus from the margin. Place tape on the backs of the figures, and attach the sleeping Jesus to the front of the boat. Hang the picture on the wall at children's eye level. Use masking tape to make a boat outline on the floor facing the picture.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Stormy Waters</b> Play a game to remember the Bible passage.	blanket	
	<b>Wave Makers</b> Create a storm picture and remember that Jesus calmed the scary storm.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Scary Boat Ride" page (at the end of the lesson), blue plastic wrap, scissors, glue sticks	Remove the Lesson 11 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut blue plastic wrap into small pieces.
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	

*Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.*








**INFANT**

**1 GETTING  
STARTED**

# Sing and Celebrate

## What You'll Do

Rock an infant in a rocking chair while you sing “A Disciple’s Storm Song” (track 13 on the CD) to the tune of “My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean.”

 **A boat in the stormy water,  
A boat in the stormy sea,  
A boat in the stormy water,  
Oh, won’t someone please help me?**


**Jesus, Jesus, I’m so afraid. Please help me, help me!  
Jesus, Jesus, I’m so afraid. Please help me!**

**Then Jesus said “Shh!” to the water.  
Then Jesus said “Shh!” to the sea.  
Then Jesus said “Shh!” to the water.  
And Jesus said “Shh!” to me!**

**“I will help you whenever you feel afraid, afraid.  
I will help you whenever you feel afraid!”**

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS HELPS US WHEN WE’RE AFRAID.**

As you sing “Sea-Blue Lullaby” (not on the CD) to the tune of “Rock-a-Bye Baby,” prop a baby in a laundry basket padded with soft pillows. Rock the basket, keeping an arm at each side to prevent the baby from sliding out.

 **Rock-a-bye, [child’s name],  
On the sea blue.  
Always remember  
Jesus loves you!  
(Repeat.)**

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS HELPS US WHEN WE’RE AFRAID.**



## Sing and Celebrate Supplies

- CD player
- laundry basket padded with soft pillows
- Teacher Pack**
- CD: “A Disciple’s Storm Song” (track 13)





### Storm Baby Supplies

scissors  
tape

#### Teacher Pack

“Be Still” teaching picture (from Poster Set 2)

### Storm Baby Easy Prep

Cut out the “Be Still” teaching picture from Poster Set 2. Cut out the figures of Jesus from the margin. Use tape on the back of the sleeping Jesus to attach the figure to the front of the boat.

### Splash Play Supplies

dishpan  
water  
liquid baby-bath soap

## 2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

### Storm Baby

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Tape the “Be Still” teaching picture on the wall at your shoulder height. Stand facing the picture, and gently rock the baby from side to side.

Say: **Jesus’ friends were in a boat with him. The waves rocked the boat gently from side to side. Swoosh, swoosh, swoosh sang the waves. Soon the waves grew stronger.** Move the baby away from your body, holding the baby under the arms and rocking him or her. **Then the waves spun the little boat around!** Hold the baby close, then gently turn around two or three times. **“Help, Jesus, help!” the friends cried. Jesus said, “Be still!” and everything stopped.** Stop suddenly, and hold the baby close to you. **The storm was over. No more wind. No more waves.** Whisper: **Just quiet.** Continue to rock the baby gently. ► **JESUS HELPS US WHEN WE’RE AFRAID.**

## 3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

### Splash Play

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Work with one baby at a time. Set a dishpan with about one inch of water on a low table. Pour in a capful of liquid baby-bath soap. Hold the baby and let him or her splash the water. Point out the bubbles the child creates by splashing. Say this rhyme:

**Bubbles, bubbles, lots and lots of bubbles,  
Bubbles, bubbles on the stormy sea.  
Foamy bubbles here and there, foamy bubbles everywhere!  
Here and there, everywhere! Oh!  
Bubbles, bubbles, lots and lots of bubbles,  
Bubbles, bubbles on the stormy sea!**

Say: **Jesus calmed the stormy sea and helped his friends when they were afraid.**  
► **JESUS HELPS US WHEN WE’RE AFRAID, too.** Empty the dishpan and set it out of children’s reach when done.



# Calm the Sea

## What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Have a baby sit a few feet in front of you. Roll the sea jar to the baby.

Say: **Look at the waves in the jar. These are little waves, but Jesus made big waves be still. Jesus said, "Be still."** Stand the jar upright. **Watch the waves stop.** When the water in the jar is still, hug the baby. **Jesus made the big waves stop so his friends wouldn't be afraid. ► JESUS HELPS US WHEN WE'RE AFRAID, too.**

# Weaving Faith at Home

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### TODDLER

## 1 GETTING STARTED

# Sing and Celebrate

## What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sing or listen to "A Disciple's Storm Song" (track 13 on the CD) to the tune of "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean" anytime during the lesson. Let toddlers sit in a laundry basket and hang on to the edges while you rock the "boat" back and forth.

 **A boat in the stormy water,  
A boat in the stormy sea,  
A boat in the stormy water,  
Oh, won't someone please help me?**

**Jesus, Jesus, I'm so afraid. Please help me, help me!  
Jesus, Jesus, I'm so afraid. Please help me!**

**Then Jesus said "Shh!" to the water.  
Then Jesus said "Shh!" to the sea.**



## Calm the Sea Supplies

- jar
- water
- blue food coloring
- glitter
- Teacher Pack**
- squirty fish

## Calm the Sea Easy Prep

Make a "sea jar" by filling a jar halfway with water and then adding a few drops of blue food coloring. Drop in a pinch of glitter and the squirty fish. Screw on the lid tightly.

## Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)

## Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 11 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

## Sing and Celebrate Supplies

- CD player
- laundry basket
- Teacher Pack**
- CD: "A Disciple's Storm Song" (track 13)






Then Jesus said “Shh!” to the water.  
And Jesus said “Shh!” to me!

“I will help you whenever you feel afraid, afraid.  
I will help you whenever you feel afraid!”

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS HELPS US WHEN WE’RE AFRAID.**

As you sing “Sea-Blue Lullaby” (not on the CD) to the tune of “Rock-a-Bye Baby,” have children sway back and forth.

 **Rock-a-bye**, [child’s name],  
**On the sea blue.**  
**Always remember**  
**Jesus loves you!**  
(Repeat.)

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS HELPS US WHEN WE’RE AFRAID.**

## 2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

### All Wet

#### What You’ll Do

Tape the “Be Still” teaching picture to the wall at a toddler’s eye level near your CD player. Open your Bible to Mark 4:35-41. Show children the words, and tell them the Bible is God’s special book. Then turn on “Storm Sounds” (track 14 on the CD).

Say: **Listen! There must be a storm! Where’s Jesus?** Help the children find Jesus sleeping in the front of the boat. As they point to him, spray some water into the air just above their heads. **The people in the boat are wet. What should we do? Should we wake up Jesus? Let’s all shout, “Wake up, Jesus!”** Remove the sleeping Jesus, and attach the awakened Jesus. **Jesus made the storm be quiet. Let’s all make a quiet sound.** Lead the children in several big “Shh!” sounds. Turn off the CD. **Listen. It’s quiet. Jesus kept his friends on the boat safe. Jesus keeps us safe.** ► **JESUS HELPS US WHEN WE’RE AFRAID!**

#### All Wet Supplies

Bible  
tape  
CD player  
spray bottle of water  
scissors

**Teacher Pack:**  
CD: “Storm Sounds”  
(track 14)  
“Be Still” teaching  
picture (from Poster  
Set 2)

#### All Wet Easy Prep

Cut out the “Be Still”  
teaching picture from  
Poster Set 2. Cut out the  
figures of Jesus from the  
margin. Place tape on the  
backs of the figures, and  
attach the sleeping Jesus  
to the front of the boat.







3

WEAVING FAITH  
INTO LIFE

# Float the Boats!

## What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Place a dishpan with about two inches of warm water on a low table. Place a kitchen baster beside the dishpan. Let the toddlers take turns floating plastic lids in the pan. Show them how to squeeze the baster to generate a blast of air to blow the lids around. Fill the baster with water, and squirt it onto a lid to show what happens to a boat when waves crash over the sides.

Say: **Jesus' friends were afraid when the storm made waves crash over their boat, but Jesus made the waves stop. Jesus helped the men when they were afraid.**

► **JESUS HELPS US WHEN WE'RE AFRAID.** Empty the dishpan and set it out of children's reach when done.

# Sailing, Sailing

## What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Set out copies of the "Scary Boat Ride" page, glue sticks, and small pieces of blue plastic wrap.

Say: **This is a picture of Jesus' friends out in a boat. They were afraid of the big waves. Let's use these blue plastic pieces to make big waves.**

Help toddlers rub the glue sticks on their pages. Then allow them to stick bits of the blue plastic wrap to their pictures.

As children finish their crafts, sit on the floor facing a toddler, holding his or her hands to do a rowing motion. Say this rhyme:

**Rowing, rowing, out on the stormy sea.  
I will never be afraid, for Jesus is with me!**

Say: ► **JESUS HELPS US WHEN WE'RE AFRAID.**

# Weaving Faith at Home

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## Float the Boats! Supplies

- several plastic lids
- dishpan
- water
- kitchen baster

## Sailing, Sailing Supplies

- My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Scary Boat Ride" page (at the end of the lesson)
- glue sticks
- blue plastic wrap
- scissors

## Sailing, Sailing Easy Prep

- Remove the Lesson 11 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut blue plastic wrap into small pieces.

## Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

- My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)





### Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player  
laundry basket  
stuffed animals or dolls  
**Teacher Pack**  
CD: "A Disciple's Storm  
Song" (track 13)

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## 2-YEAR-OLD

### 1 GETTING STARTED

## Sing and Celebrate

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

As you sing "A Disciple's Storm Song" (track 13 on the CD) to the tune of "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean," lead children in the motions.

🎵 **A boat in the stormy water,** (*rock side to side*)

**A boat in the stormy sea,  
A boat in the stormy water,  
Oh, won't someone please help me?**

**Jesus, Jesus, I'm so afraid. Please help me, help me!** (*hold arms out, as if reaching for Jesus*)

**Jesus, Jesus, I'm so afraid. Please help me!** (*hold arms out, as if reaching for Jesus*)

**Then Jesus said "Shh!" to the water.** (*hold index finger to lips*)

**Then Jesus said "Shh!" to the sea.**

**Then Jesus said "Shh!" to the water.**

**And Jesus said "Shh!" to me!**

**"I will help you whenever you feel afraid, afraid.** (*reach out arms, as if helping someone*)

**I will help you whenever you feel afraid!"** (*reach out arms, as if helping someone*)

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS HELPS US WHEN WE'RE AFRAID.**

As you sing "Sea-Blue Lullaby" (not on the CD) to the tune of "Rock-a-Bye Baby," let 2-year-olds help you rock a laundry-basket boat filled with stuffed animals or dolls.

🎵 **Rock-a-bye,** [child's name],

**On the sea blue.**

**Always remember**

**Jesus loves you!**

(*Repeat.*)

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS HELPS US WHEN WE'RE AFRAID.**



2

BIBLE  
EXPLORATION

## In Jesus' Boat

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sit close enough to the CD player to reach it. Gather the 2-year-olds inside the taped-off area. Open your Bible to Mark 4:35-41. Show children the words, and tell them the Bible is God's special book.

Say: **Today we're going to take a trip with Jesus and his friends. Look at the front of the boat** (point to the teaching picture), **and you'll see Jesus.**

**The swaying boat must have rocked him to sleep. Let's see if the swaying boat rocks us to sleep.** Encourage children to rock from side to side on their bottoms. Turn on "Storm Sounds" (track 14 on the CD) as they rock. Listen as the storm sounds get louder and bigger. **We're not sleepy now! What a storm!** Spray water straight up into the air above children. **The waves are crashing on the boat! Where's Jesus? Let's wake him up!** Have the children shout, "Jesus! Jesus!" Replace the sleeping Jesus with the awakened Jesus. **Look! What is Jesus doing?** Look at the picture until you hear the voice and the end of the storm.

Say: **Jesus' friends were afraid in the storm. Storms can be scary, but Jesus helped his friends and he helps us.** ► **JESUS HELPS US WHEN WE'RE AFRAID.**

3

WEAVING FAITH  
INTO LIFE

## Stormy Waters

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Spread out a blanket, and have everyone sit down around the blanket and hold on to an edge. Choose one child to sit in the center. Direct the children holding the blanket to begin shaking the blanket and blowing softly, like the wind. During the "storm," let the child in the middle call out, "Jesus helps us!" Then have everyone hold the blanket still while the child rejoins the other children. Say: ► **JESUS HELPS US WHEN WE'RE AFRAID.**



### In Jesus' Boat Supplies

- Bible
- masking tape
- CD player
- spray bottle of water
- scissors

#### Teacher Pack:

- CD: "Storm Sounds" (track 14)
- "Be Still" teaching picture (from Poster Set 2)

### In Jesus' Boat Easy Prep

Cut out the "Be Still" teaching picture from Poster Set 2. Cut out the figures of Jesus from the margin. Place tape on the backs of the figures, and attach the sleeping Jesus to the front of the boat. Hang the picture on the wall at children's eye level. Use masking tape to make a boat outline on the floor facing the picture.

### Stormy Waters Supplies

- blanket





### Wave Makers Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Scary Boat Ride” page (at the end of the lesson)  
blue plastic wrap  
scissors  
glue sticks

### Wave Makers Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 11 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut blue plastic wrap into small pieces.

### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)

## Wave Makers

### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Set out copies of the “Scary Boat Ride” page, glue sticks, and small pieces of blue plastic wrap.

Say: **This is a picture of Jesus’ friends out in a boat. They were afraid of the big waves. Let’s use these blue plastic pieces to make big waves.** Help children rub the glue sticks on their pages. Then allow them to stick bits of blue plastic wrap to their pictures. Children may want to twist and mold the plastic to make interesting “water” shapes. You may even want to set out fish-shaped crackers for a snack as children create their wild, wavy oceans. Remind children that even though the storm looked scary, Jesus made the waves be still.

As children are working, teach them this chant:

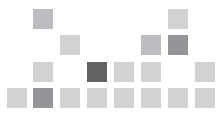
**Waves on the ocean, waves on the sea,  
Waves in the water always scare me.  
Calm on the ocean, calm on the sea,  
Calm in the water, Jesus helps me.**

Say: ► **JESUS HELPS US WHEN WE’RE AFRAID.**

## Weaving Faith at Home

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# Growing With Jesus



Your child learned that Jesus helps us when we're afraid (from Mark 4:35-41). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

## INFANT

### Splash Play

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Hold your baby, and let him or her splash in a pan of soapy water. Say:

**Bubbles, bubbles, lots and lots of bubbles, Bubbles, bubbles on the stormy sea. Foamy bubbles here and there, foamy bubbles everywhere! Here and there, everywhere! Oh! Bubbles, bubbles, lots and lots of bubbles, Bubbles, bubbles on the stormy sea!**

Say: **Jesus helped his friends when they were afraid. Jesus helps us when we're afraid, too.** Empty the water and set the pan out of reach when done.



#### Use these ideas to help your child become a FaithWeaver:

- Purchase a small, unbreakable flashlight, and let your child shine it into a dark closet to remove fear.
- Purchase a toy version of an animal your child is afraid of. Let your child practice talking to it and gently touching it.
- Help your child play through anxiety about doctor visits by doctoring dolls with bandages and wiping away their tears with tissues.

## TODDLER

### Float the Boats!

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Place a dishpan with about two inches of warm water on a low table. Place a kitchen baster beside the dishpan. Let your toddler float plastic lids in the pan. Show your child how to squeeze the baster to generate a blast of air to blow the lids around. Fill the baster with water, and squirt it onto a lid to show what happens to a boat when waves crash over the sides.

Say: **Jesus' friends were afraid when the storm made the waves crash onto their boat, but Jesus made the waves stop. Jesus helped his friends when they were afraid. Jesus helps us when we're afraid, too.** Empty the water and set the dishpan out of reach when done.

## 2-YEAR-OLD

### Stormy Waters

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Spread out a blanket, and have your child sit down and hold on to the edge of the blanket. Hold on to the opposite edge of the blanket. Place a stuffed animal in the center of the blanket. Begin shaking the blanket and blowing softly, like the wind; encourage your child to do the same. During the "storm," tell your child to call out, "Jesus helps us!" Then hold the blanket still.

Say: **Jesus helps us when we're afraid.**



## Handling Fears

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In Christian Parenting Answers (Chariot Family Publishing), Kay Kuzma offers suggestions on how you can help your child cope with fears:

- Act as an example by not letting fear get the best of you.
- Never force a child into a situation he or she fears.
- Talk about fear.
- Help your child develop a sense of trust in his or her parents and in God's protection.



# Scary Boat Ride



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Illustrated by Nancy Munger.






# Four Friends Help a Paralyzed Friend

Mark 2:1-12

Most infants don't understand how their actions affect others, but they do respond to expressions of disapproval from their caregivers. You can be an example of Jesus' loving forgiveness by differentiating your feelings for the child from your feelings about the child's actions. For example, if a child colors on a wall, you can say, "I love you, but I don't want you to color on the wall. Here's a sheet of paper. You may color on the paper."

## INFANT

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Listen to praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Inside the House at Capernaum</b> Put the man into the house through the roof.	2 paper grocery bags, scissors, glue, tape <b>Teacher Pack:</b> "Jesus Forgives" teaching picture (from Poster Set 2) 	Cut out the "Jesus Forgives" teaching picture and figures. Fold each figure just below the feet, and fold the rectangles in so they cross over each other. Tape them at the overlap. Open 2 paper grocery bags; slide the open end of one into the open end of the other, forming a rectangular box. Glue the teaching picture on the front of the box. Cut a flap in the "roof" of the house. Cut 3 sides of the door in the picture and through the bags so you can open it.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Walk, Baby, Walk</b> Play a fun game with babies' feet.		
	<b>"Hearty" Hugs</b> Do an action rhyme with clapping and hugging.		
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 12 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

*Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.*



► **Bible Point**  
Jesus forgives us.

### Key Verse

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).


### Weaving Faith Into Life

Children will experience love as they learn that Jesus loves and forgives them.





**TODDLER**

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Through the Roof</b> Encourage toddlers to find a way to get the man into the “bag” house.	Bible, 2 paper grocery bags, scissors, glue, tape <b>Teacher Pack:</b> “Jesus Forgives” teaching picture (from Poster Set 2) 	Cut out the “Jesus Forgives” teaching picture and figures. Fold each figure just below the feet, and fold the rectangles in so they cross over each other. Tape them at the overlap. Open 2 paper grocery bags; slide the open end of one into the open end of the other, forming a rectangular box. Glue the teaching picture on the front of the box. Cut a flap in the “roof” of the house. Cut 3 sides of the door in the picture and through the bags so you can open it. Tape the Jesus figure inside the house.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Lower the Mat</b> Create a unique storytelling device.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Welcome!” page (at the end of the lesson), tape, one 6-inch length of string per child, scissors, 3x5 index cards, pencil, crayons	Remove the Lesson 12 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut the index cards in half vertically. You’ll need 1 small card for each toddler. Use a pencil to poke a hole in the middle of each card.
	<b>Friend Carry</b> Toddlers work together to carry a stuffed animal to a designated spot.	stuffed animal or doll, blanket	
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)	


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**2-YEAR-OLD**

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<p><b>1</b> Getting Started</p>	<p><b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Sing or listen to praise songs.</p>	<p>CD player, 1 stuffed animal or doll per child <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD</p>	
<p><b>2</b> Bible Exploration</p>	<p><b>Hole in the House</b> Engage children in a Bible-based playtime.</p>	<p>Bible, 2 paper grocery bags, scissors, paper clip, tape, glue <b>Teacher Pack:</b> “Jesus Forgives” teaching picture (from Poster Set 2), “Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man” poster (from the Big Bible Poster Pack)</p> 	<p>Cut out the “Jesus Forgives” teaching picture and figures. Fold each figure just below the feet; fold the rectangles in so they cross over each other, and tape. Slide the open end of 1 paper bag into the open end of the other, forming a rectangular box. Glue the teaching picture on the front of the box. Cut a flap in the “roof.” Cut 3 sides of the door through the picture and bags so it can open. Tape the Jesus figure inside the house. Cut out the paralyzed man from the “Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man” poster. Then attach the man with a paper clip to the poster in a lying-down position.</p>
<p><b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life</p>	<p><b>Roof Raiders</b> Make an active reminder of Jesus’ miracle.</p>	<p>My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Welcome!” page (at the end of the lesson), tape, one 6-inch length of string per child, crayons, scissors, 3x5 index cards, pencil</p>	<p>Remove the Lesson 12 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut the index cards in half vertically. You’ll need 1 small card for each 2-year-old.</p>
	<p><b>Pick Up Your Mats</b> Play a listening-and-following-directions game.</p>	<p>1 large sheet of construction paper per child</p>	
	<p><b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages.</p>	<p>My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)</p>	



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**INFANT**

**1 GETTING  
STARTED**

# Sing and Celebrate


## What You'll Do

Sing or listen to “From My Head Down to My Toes” (track 2 on the CD) to the tune of “London Bridge” anytime during the lesson. Sing as you rock, feed, or play with the infants, and move babies’ arms as indicated. Give babies gentle hugs, and remind them they are important to Jesus.

 **From my head down to my toes,** (*touch head, touch toes*)  
**Jesus loves me, and he knows,** (*cross arms to hug self*)  
**Everything I do, and he** (*move arms in big circles*)  
**Forgives me, too.** (*hug self*)  
(Repeat 2x.)

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS FORGIVES US.**

Sing “Jesus Loves Me” (not on the CD) with babies anytime during the lesson.

 **Jesus loves me, this I know,**  
**For the Bible tells me so;**  
**Little ones to him belong,**  
**They are weak, but he is strong.**  
**Yes, Jesus loves me,**  
**Yes, Jesus loves me,**  
**Yes, Jesus loves me,**  
**The Bible tells me so.**

“Jesus Loves Me” by Anna B. Warner and William B. Bradbury.

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS FORGIVES US.**



## Sing and Celebrate Supplies

- .....
- CD player
  - Teacher Pack**
  - CD: “From My Head Down to My Toes” (track 2)





### Inside the House at Capernaum Supplies

2 paper grocery bags  
scissors  
glue  
tape

#### Teacher Pack

“Jesus Forgives”  
teaching picture (from  
Poster Set 2)

### Inside the House at Capernaum Easy Prep

Cut out the “Jesus Forgives” teaching picture and figures. Fold each figure just below the feet, and fold the rectangles in so they cross over each other. Tape them at the overlap. Open 2 paper grocery bags; slide the open end of one into the open end of the other, forming a rectangular box. Glue the teaching picture on the front of the box. Cut a flap in the “roof” of the house. Cut 3 sides of the door in the picture and through the bags so you can open it.

## 2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

### Inside the House at Capernaum

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sit with a baby in front of the teaching-picture house that you prepared.

Say: **Look at all the people around this house. Everywhere Jesus went it was full of people! Pick up the man. There was no room to get this sick man in to see Jesus. So his friends cut a hole in the roof.** Open the flap in the roof. **They put him inside to meet Jesus.** Let the baby drop the man in the hole. **Jesus was surprised! He said, “I forgive your sin. Now stand and go home.”** Open the front door, stand the man up, and walk him out the door. **Jesus forgave the man’s sin, and ► JESUS FORGIVES US, too!**

## 3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

### Walk, Baby, Walk

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sit or lay a baby in front of you. Hold the baby’s feet, and move them as you say this chant and do the actions indicated:

[Baby’s name] **has two strong feet to walk, walk, walk.** (“walk” baby’s feet)

[Baby’s name] **has two strong feet to kick, kick, kick.** (help baby kick)

**And [baby’s name] has two strong feet to run!** (move feet in a run)

Say: **Jesus made the man walk. Soon you’ll walk, too! Jesus forgave the man’s sin and ► JESUS FORGIVES US, too!**

### “Hearty” Hugs

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Enjoy this action rhyme as you hold an infant in your lap.

**Jesus makes our hearts brand-new,** (*pat the baby’s heart*)

**Makes them clean all through and through.** (*rub the baby’s chest gently*)

**I’m so happy, I could clap.** (*clap the baby’s hands*)

**Let me hug you on my lap!** (*hug the baby*)



# Weaving Faith at Home

Have children take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages. Encourage parents to do the activities with children to help them grow with Jesus. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

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## TODDLER

### 1 GETTING STARTED

## Sing and Celebrate


### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Sing or listen to “From My Head Down to My Toes” (track 2 on the CD) to the tune of “London Bridge” anytime during the lesson As you sing, lead toddlers in the motions.

 **From my head down to my toes,** (touch head, touch toes)  
**Jesus loves me, and he knows,** (cross arms to hug self)  
**Everything I do, and he** (move arms in big circles)  
**Forgives me, too.** (hug self)  
(Repeat 2x.)

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS FORGIVES US.**

Sing “Jesus Loves Me” (not on the CD) with toddlers anytime during the lesson and lead them in the motions.

 **Jesus loves me, this I know,**  
**For the Bible tells me so;**  
**Little ones to him belong,**  
**They are weak, but he is strong.** (make a muscle)  
**Yes, Jesus loves me,** (throw arms in air each time you sing “yes”)  
**Yes, Jesus loves me,**  
**Yes, Jesus loves me,**  
**The Bible tells me so.** (jump high into the air)

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### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)

### Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 12 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut the index cards in half vertically. You’ll need 1 small card for each 2-year-old.

### Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player  
**Teacher Pack**  
CD: “From My Head Down to My Toes” (track 2)





### Through the Roof Supplies

Bible  
2 paper grocery bags  
scissors  
glue  
tape

#### Teacher Pack

“Jesus Forgives”  
teaching picture (from  
Poster Set 2)

### Through the Roof Easy Prep

Cut out the “Jesus Forgives” teaching picture and figures. Fold each figure just below the feet, and fold the rectangles in so they cross over each other. Tape them at the overlap. Open 2 paper grocery bags; slide the open end of one into the open end of the other, forming a rectangular box. Glue the teaching picture on the front of the box. Cut a flap in the “roof” of the house. Cut 3 sides of the door in the picture and through the bags so you can open it. Tape the Jesus figure inside the house.

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS FORGIVES US.**

## 2

### BIBLE EXPLORATION

## Through the Roof

### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Put the teaching-picture house that you prepared on the floor. Encourage toddlers to open the door and explore the house. Open your Bible to Mark 2:1-12. Show children the words and tell them the Bible is God’s special book. Pick up the man.

Say: **There are too many people around for this sick man to see Jesus. He can’t walk, so he needs help getting inside to see Jesus. Let’s find a window.** Walk with the toddlers to explore the sides of the bag. **Nope, no windows.** Open the flap in the roof. **Look! A hole in the roof! Will the man fit through here? Let’s see.** Let a toddler drop the man in the hole. **What’s happening in the house? Let’s go see.** Lead children back to the front door, and open it.

**Jesus says, “What amazing faith you have! I forgive your sin. Now stand up and go home.”** Stand the man up, and walk him out the door. **Look! Now the man can walk. All the people are happy, and they thank God for what Jesus did. Thank you, God! Jesus forgave the man and ► JESUS FORGIVES US!**



3

WEAVING FAITH  
INTO LIFE

# Lower the Mat

## What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Set out the supplies. Draw a simple stick figure on each small card, and invite children to color the cards while you help others. Help children tape one end of the string to the middle of the crowd on their pages. Let each child poke the other end of the string through the hole in the card and then "lower" the figure into the "room." Say the following rhyme as children use their figures to retell the story.

There was a man  
Who could not walk.  
And so his friends,  
They had a talk.

Jesus was there  
And said, "My son!"  
"I am amazed,"  
"At what you've done."

Picked up that man  
And let him down,  
Right through a roof  
In Capernaum town.

"And now your faith,"  
"Has made you well."  
"Pick up your mat,"  
"And walk on home!"

Say: ► JESUS FORGIVES US!

# Friend Carry

## What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Gather two toddlers and a stuffed animal or doll. Put a blanket on the other side of the room.

Say: **The man had friends who carried him to Jesus. Let's see if each of you can help carry our little friend to the blanket.** Hand one limb of the stuffed animal to each of the children. Praise the children for working together when they move the animal to the blanket. **The man had good friends like you. When he met Jesus, Jesus forgave his sin and made him able to walk.** ► JESUS FORGIVES US!

# Weaving Faith at Home

Have children take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages. Encourage parents to do the activities with children to help them grow with Jesus. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

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## Lower the Mat Supplies

- My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Welcome!" page (at the end of the lesson)
- tape
- one 6-inch length of string per child
- scissors
- 3x5 index cards
- pencil
- crayons

## Lower the Mat Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 12 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut the index cards in half vertically. You'll need 1 small card for each toddler. Use a pencil to poke a hole in the middle of each card.

## Friend Carry Supplies

- stuffed animal or doll
- blanket

## Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

- My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)





### Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player  
1 stuffed animal or doll  
per child

#### Teacher Pack

CD: "From My Head  
Down to My Toes"  
(track 2)


## 2-YEAR-OLD

### 1 GETTING STARTED

## Sing and Celebrate


### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sing or listen to "From My Head Down to My Toes" (track 2 on the CD) to the tune of "London Bridge" anytime during the lesson. Give 2-year-olds each a stuffed animal or doll to hold as they sing. Let them help the animal do the motions. Begin marching around the room, and encourage children to follow. Lift your knees high.

 **From my head down to my toes,** (*touch head, touch toes*)  
**Jesus loves me, and he knows,** (*cross arms to hug self*)  
**Everything I do, and he** (*move arms in big circles*)  
**Forgives me, too.** (*hug self*)  
*(Repeat 2x.)*

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS FORGIVES US.**

Sing "Jesus Loves Me" (not on the CD) with children anytime during the lesson. Lead them in the actions.

 **Jesus loves me, this I know,**  
**For the Bible tells me so;**  
**Little ones to him belong,**  
**They are weak, but he is strong.** (*make a muscle*)  
**Yes, Jesus loves me,** (*throw arms in air each time you sing "yes"*)  
**Yes, Jesus loves me,**  
**Yes, Jesus loves me,**  
**The Bible tells me so.** (*jump high into the air*)

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Afterward, say: ► **JESUS FORGIVES US.**





2

BIBLE  
EXPLORATION

# Hole in the House

## What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Put the teaching-picture house on a table or the floor. Gather 2-year-olds around the house. Open your Bible to Mark 2:1-12. Show children the words, and tell them the Bible is God's special book.

Say: **Look at all these people standing around this house. Something important is happening inside. Let's find out what!**

**Everywhere Jesus went, people came! There were always lots of sick people who wanted to meet Jesus because he could make them better. Pick up the man. This man's friends wanted him to get better. He couldn't walk. There was no room for him, though. What could they do? They looked for windows. Do you see any windows? Let children explore for windows. They looked for another door. Do you see any other doors? Pause while children search. So they thought, and thought, and thought. Finally they looked at the roof. They cut a hole and lowered their friend through the roof.** Open the flap in the roof. Let a child drop the man in the hole.

**Jesus was surprised! He said, "What amazing faith you have! I forgive your sin. Now stand up and go home." Open the front door, stand the man up, and walk him out the door. The people were all happy! They praised God for what Jesus had done. Let's praise God together, too! Lead children in cheering for Jesus. Jesus forgave the man. ► JESUS FORGIVES US, too!**

Set out the "Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man" poster. Remove the paper clip and put it out of kids' reach, but keep the man in a prone position.

Say: **Jesus forgave this man and helped him stand. Jesus forgives and helps you, too.** Encourage children to each take a turn and lift the man on the poster to a standing position. As each child makes the man stand, have him or her say, "Jesus forgives me!"



## Hole in the House Supplies

- Bible
- 2 paper grocery bags
- scissors
- paper clip
- tape
- glue

### Teacher Pack:

- "Jesus Forgives" teaching picture (from Poster Set 2)
- "Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man" poster (from the Big Bible Poster Pack)

## Hole in the House Easy Prep

Cut out the "Jesus Forgives" teaching picture and figures. Fold each figure just below the feet; fold the rectangles in so they cross over each other, and tape. Slide the open end of 1 paper bag into the open end of the other, forming a rectangular box. Glue the teaching picture on the front of the box. Cut a flap in the "roof." Cut 3 sides of the door through the picture and bags so it can open. Tape the Jesus figure inside the house. Cut out the paralyzed man from the "Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man" poster. Then attach the man with a paper clip to the poster in a lying-down position.





### Roof Raiders Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Welcome!” page (at the end of the lesson)  
tape  
one 6-inch length of string per child  
crayons  
scissors  
3x5 index cards  
pencil

### Roof Raiders Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 12 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut 3x5-inch index cards in half vertically. You’ll need 1 small card for each 2-year-old.

### Pick Up Your Mats Supplies

1 large sheet of construction paper per child

### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)

## 3

## WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

### Roof Raiders

#### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Set out the supplies. Help 2-year-olds use a pencil to poke a hole in the middle of the index cards. Draw a simple stick figure on each small card, and allow children to color the cards while you help others. Help children tape one end of the string to the middle of the crowd on their pages. Let each child poke the other end of the string through the hole in the card and then “lower” the figure into the “room.” Have 2-year-olds use their figures to retell the passage.

As children work and play, say the following.

Say: **The man wanted to ask Jesus to help him walk. Jesus knew he needed to have his sins forgiven, too. Jesus forgave the man and helped him walk! ► JESUS FORGIVES US!**

### Pick Up Your Mats

#### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Give each child a large sheet of construction paper to sit on. Designate a spot in the room to be “home.”

Say: **After Jesus healed the man, the man could walk and run and jump and hop and crawl...all the things you can do! Listen for your name, and I’ll tell you how to move. Pick up your paper and carry it with you, just like the man took his mat home. Ready?**

[Child’s name, child’s name], **big and strong, Pick up your mat and hop** [run, jump, walk, crawl] **on home.**

Say: **Jesus didn’t just heal the man; Jesus forgave him! ► JESUS FORGIVES US, too!**

### Weaving Faith at Home

Have children take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages. Encourage parents to do the activities with children to help them grow with Jesus. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

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# Growing With Jesus



Your child learned that Jesus forgives us (from Mark 2:1-12). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

## INFANT

### Walk, Baby, Walk

Sit or lay your baby in front of you. Pick up baby's feet, and move them as you say this chant and do the actions indicated:

[Baby's name] **has two strong feet to walk, walk, walk.** (*"walk" baby's feet*)

[Baby's name] **has two strong feet to kick, kick, kick.** (*help baby kick*)

**And** [baby's name] **has two strong feet to run!** (*move feet in a run*)

Say: **Jesus made the man walk. Soon you'll walk, too! Jesus forgave the man's sin, and Jesus forgives you, too!**



#### Use these ideas to help your child become a FaithWeaver:

- Put whipped cream on a table, and let your child play in it, and then wipe off hands with a damp cloth. Remind your child that Jesus cleans us when he forgives us.
- Mix flour and water to a sticky consistency. Add a few drops of food coloring, and let your child play with the doughy substance. Then wash his or her hands. Remind your child that Jesus' forgiveness cleans our hearts.

## TODDLER

### Friend Carry

Say: **The man had friends who carried him to Jesus. Let's see if you can help carry our little friend to the blanket.**

Hand one limb of a stuffed animal to your child, and hold another one in your hand. Praise your child for working with you to move the animal to a blanket on the floor. **The man had good friends like you. When he met Jesus, Jesus forgave his sin and made him able to walk. Jesus forgives us, too!**

## 2-YEAR-OLD

### Pick Up Your Mat

Give your child a large sheet of construction paper to sit on. Designate a spot to be "home."

Say: **After Jesus healed the man, he could walk and run and jump and hop and crawl...all the things you can do! Listen, and I'll tell you how to move. Pick up your paper, and carry it with you, just like the man took his mat home. Ready?**

[Child's name, child's name], **big and strong, Pick up your mat and hop** [run, jump, walk, crawl] **on home.**

Say: **Jesus didn't just heal the man; Jesus forgave him! Jesus forgives us, too!**



### Correction for Character

Children need their parents to help them understand right and wrong. When you correct your son or daughter, make certain you help your child understand that it was his or her behavior choice that was wrong—and that your child is not bad. Your efforts to quickly restore your child after correction will help your child understand God's forgiving and restoring love.

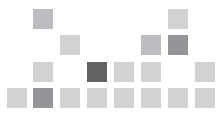


# Welcome!



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# Jesus Heals the Blind Man

Mark 10:46-52

Young children need to hear many more encouraging words in a day than they hear discouraging or corrective words. Your little ones will respond to you when you show your care by speaking to them with loving and encouraging words. The words in our surrounding world so often pass over their heads. How often do they hear words directed specifically to them and meant to show one-to-one care? Make it your goal to speak personally to each child in your care during your lesson today. Your kind and caring words make a difference!

## INFANT

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Listen to praise songs.	CD player, puppet <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>I See You!</b> Cover and uncover their eyes, and learn that Jesus cares for them.	<b>Teacher Pack:</b> "Jesus Heals Bartimaeus" teaching picture 	Fold the teaching picture so that one side shows Bartimaeus with his eyes closed reaching out for alms and the other side shows Bartimaeus with Jesus.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Cuddle-Bug Care</b> Play with the teacher using a rhyming activity.		
	<b>Seek-and-Peek</b> Play Seek-and-Peek.	cloth, doll	
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 13 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

*Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.*



### Bible Point

Jesus cares for us.

### Key Verse

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).


### Weaving Faith Into Life

Children will thank Jesus as they experience his care.





**TODDLER**

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Blind Bart</b> Touch Blind Bart, and learn that Jesus helped him to see.	Bible <b>Teacher Pack:</b> “Jesus Heals Bartimaeus” teaching picture 	Fold the teaching picture so that one side shows Bartimaeus with his eyes closed reaching out for alms and the other side shows Bartimaeus with Jesus.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Eyes to See</b> Seek out a missing object.		
	<b>Bart’s Song</b> Do an action rhyme together.		
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 13 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.


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**2-YEAR-OLD**



LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<p><b>1</b> Getting Started</p>	<p><b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Sing or listen to praise songs.</p>	<p>CD player, items for a mini-obstacle course <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD</p>	<p>Create a mini-obstacle course with something to crawl under (such as a table) and something to crawl over (such as a few books).</p>
<p><b>2</b> Bible Exploration</p>	<p><b>Who Cares?</b> Look at a picture and hear how Jesus healed Bartimaeus.</p>	<p>Bible <b>Teacher Pack:</b> “Jesus Heals Bartimaeus” teaching picture </p>	<p>Fold the teaching picture so that one side shows Bartimaeus with his eyes closed reaching out for alms and the other side shows Bartimaeus with Jesus.</p>
<p><b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life</p>	<p><b>Blind Bart's Art</b> Draw a picture with blindfolds on, and then draw one without blindfolds.</p>	<p>My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Now I See” page (at the end of the lesson), washable markers, 1 blindfold per child</p>	<p>Remove the Lesson 13 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Fold each handout so that only the “Blind Bart's Art” section is available to draw on.</p>
	<p><b>Brown-Bag Boogie</b> Pretend to be blind and help each other.</p>	<p>brown paper bag</p>	
	<p><b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages.</p>	<p>My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)</p>	

***Bold text** within the lesson is spoken text.*





# Jesus Heals the Blind Man

Mark 10:46-52



**BIBLE BACKGROUND  
FOR LEADERS**

## **Blind Bartimaeus Cries Out to Jesus for Healing**

Leaving Jericho on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus had gathered a crowd. Bartimaeus' blindness didn't prevent him from hearing the ruckus of the approaching crowd and from asking who was creating all the fuss. When he found out, his cries of "Son of David" in addressing Jesus were not just a way of identifying Jesus' lineage. Since the term "Son of David" is clearly a reference to the Messiah, Bartimaeus was shouting both to the crowd and to Jesus that he believed Jesus was the promised Messiah.

Although Jesus was surrounded by a crowd and was set on reaching his destination, his ears and heart were attuned to the cry of one calling out for mercy. Bartimaeus needed Jesus' mercy, and Jesus heard his cry.

## **Bartimaeus Hails Jesus as the Son of David**

In acknowledging Bartimaeus' identification of him as the Son of David, Jesus was also making a statement. Earlier in his ministry, he'd avoided being identified as the Messiah. But now, as he was making his last trip to Jerusalem, where he would be crucified, he was ready for his identity to be known.

## **Bartimaeus' Faith Initiates the Healing**

Notice that Bartimaeus' faith in Jesus initiated his healing. Jesus didn't say, "Because you've lived a good life in spite of your hardship, I'll heal you." He didn't say, "Because your parents were so faithful to me, I'll give you your sight." Jesus responded to Bartimaeus' faith. Things haven't changed. Jesus responds to our needs on the basis of our faith, not

because of anything good we've done or any specific set of words we repeat. Jesus shows us he cares for us by taking care of our needs as we acknowledge our dependence on him and trust in him to meet those needs. And what Jesus asks in return is that we do as Bartimaeus did and follow Jesus along the roads of our lives, no matter how old or young we may be.

## **The Jesus Connection**

Do you have a good friend who you usually talk to about your problems? Jesus is the ultimate friend. As Bartimaeus learned, we can cry out in faith when we need Jesus' help! And we can have faith in Jesus to meet our needs in one way or another.

Pray honestly about your needs, and then focus on the reasons you have faith in Jesus to help you, heal you, or simply hear you. You can write your prayer here.

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**INFANT**

**1 GETTING  
STARTED**

# Sing and Celebrate


## What You'll Do

Sing or listen to “Jesus Touched and Healed the Blind Man” (track 15 on the CD) to the tune of “She’ll Be Comin’ Round the Mountain” anytime during the lesson. Sing as you rock, feed, or play with the infants. Babies will enjoy a puppet or stuffed animal popping up on the words “Yee-haw!” during the song. Or, bounce a baby on your knees along with this song, and lift the baby up high during the blind man’s part.

 **Jesus touched and healed the blind man,  
“I can see! Yee-haw!”  
Jesus touched and healed the blind man,  
“I can see! Yee-haw!”  
Jesus touched and healed the blind man.  
Oh my, Jesus is a kind man!  
Jesus touched and healed the blind man,  
“I can see! Yee-haw!”  
(Repeat.)**

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS CARES FOR US.**

March around the room with a baby in your arms as you sing “I Am Proud to Follow Jesus” (not on the CD) to the tune of “Did You Ever See a Lassie?”

 **I am proud to follow Jesus,  
Follow Jesus, follow Jesus.  
I am proud to follow Jesus,  
For Jesus is good.**

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS CARES FOR US.**



## Sing and Celebrate Supplies

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CD player  
**Teacher Pack**  
CD: “Jesus Touched and Healed the Blind Man” (track 15)





### I See You! Supplies

#### Teacher Pack

“Jesus Heals Bartimaeus” teaching picture

### I See You! Easy Prep

Fold the teaching picture so that one side shows Bartimaeus with his eyes closed reaching out for alms and the other side shows Bartimaeus with Jesus.

### Seek-and-Peek Supplies

cloth  
doll

## 2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

### I See You!

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

As crawlers are playing on the floor or as you hold an infant, show the teaching picture “Jesus Heals Bartimaeus.”

Say: **This is Bartimaeus. He can't see.** Show babies side one of the teaching picture. **Jesus cared about Bartimaeus. Jesus helped him see.** Show side two. Cover babies' eyes. Uncover their eyes.

Say: ► **JESUS CARES FOR US.** Use babies' hands to cover their eyes as you repeat the activity. Finally, encourage babies to cover their own eyes. After you do this several times, thank Jesus for caring for the man who couldn't see and caring for each baby.  
► **JESUS CARES FOR US.**

## 3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

### Cuddle-Bug Care

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Hold a baby on your lap facing you as you do this action rhyme.

**Little eyes so you can see,** (*touch outer corners of baby's eyes*)

**Little hands to clap with glee,** (*clap baby's hands together*)

**Little arms to give a hug,** (*hold baby's hands, gently pulling baby up to hug your neck*)

**Jesus cares for you, cuddle bug!** (*snuggle*)

Say: ► **JESUS CARES FOR US.**

### Seek-and-Peek

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Place the baby in a crib, on the floor, or in a seat. Put a cloth over a doll.

Say: **Dolly has a message for you. Where's Dolly?** Help the baby pull the cloth off the doll. **Jesus cares for you, you, you.** Tap baby with the doll's hand each time you say



“you.” Repeat this with each baby. You can make the game a little more challenging for crawlers by placing blankets over several objects and letting them crawl to find the doll.

Say: ► **JESUS CARES FOR US.**

## Weaving Faith at Home

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### TODDLER

## 1 GETTING STARTED

## Sing and Celebrate

### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Sing or listen to “Jesus Touched and Healed the Blind Man” (track 15 on the CD) to the tune of “She’ll Be Comin’ Round the Mountain” anytime during the lesson. As toddlers sing or listen to the song, encourage them to raise their arms up over their heads and shout “Yee-haw!”

 **Jesus touched and healed the blind man,  
“I can see! Yee-haw!”  
Jesus touched and healed the blind man,  
“I can see! Yee-haw!”  
Jesus touched and healed the blind man.  
Oh my, Jesus is a kind man!  
Jesus touched and healed the blind man,  
“I can see! Yee-haw!”  
(Repeat.)**

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS CARES FOR US.**

Lead a parade as you sing “I Am Proud to Follow Jesus” (not on the CD) to the tune of “Did You Ever See a Lassie?” Encourage your toddlers to follow you as you sing with them. Early walkers can hold on to your hand as you walk with them.



### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)

### Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 13 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

### Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player  
**Teacher Pack**  
CD: “Jesus Touched and Healed the Blind Man” (track 15)





### Blind Bart Supplies


Bible

#### Teacher Pack

“Jesus Heals  
Bartimaeus” teaching  
picture

### Blind Bart Easy Prep

Fold the teaching  
picture so that one  
side shows Bartimaeus  
with his eyes closed  
reaching out for alms  
and the other side  
shows Bartimaeus with  
Jesus.

 I am proud to follow Jesus,  
Follow Jesus, follow Jesus.  
I am proud to follow Jesus,  
For Jesus is good.

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS CARES FOR US.**

## 2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

### Blind Bart

#### What You'll Do

Gather two or three toddlers together. Open your Bible to Mark 10:46-52. Show children the words, and tell them the Bible is God's special book.

Say: **Our Bible tells us that ► JESUS CARES FOR US. One day he showed that he cared by helping a blind man see. Let's look at our picture.** Show side one of the “Jesus Heals Bartimaeus” teaching picture.

Say: **Here's the man with his eyes closed. He couldn't see—not even when his eyes were open.** Hold the picture so children can point to and touch the man with his eyes closed. **Show me your eyes.** Wait for children to point to their eyes. Tell toddlers to close their eyes.

Say: **We can't see anything with our eyes closed. Open your eyes. Encourage children to look around. The man in the picture is Bartimaeus. Jesus asked, “What do you want?” Bartimaeus said, “I want to see!” Jesus cared about Bartimaeus.** Flip the picture.

**Look! Jesus made Bartimaeus see! Jesus said, “Go! You can see now.” Bartimaeus was so happy that Jesus cared for him.** One at a time, have each child close his or her eyes. You may hold younger toddlers by the shoulders while their eyes are shut so that they don't lose their balance. **When I say “go,” open your eyes and jump for joy because ► JESUS CARES FOR US. Jesus cares for you! Go! You can see now.**





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WEAVING FAITH  
INTO LIFE



## Eyes to See

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Take one shoe (or sock if the child isn't wearing shoes) off each toddler. Tell toddlers to close their eyes, and explain that you're going to hide the shoes somewhere in the room. After you've set the shoes in plain sight near a cupboard, along a wall, or on a shelf, say: **We're glad God gave us eyes to see. ► JESUS CARES FOR US. Let's use our eyes to find our shoes.**

Give toddlers clues, and praise each one when the shoe is found. Help children put the shoes back on as they find them.

## Bart's Song

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Do this action rhyme with toddlers to review the passage, or sing it to the tune of "This Old Man":

**I can't see, I can't see.** (*put hands over eyes*)  
**Please help me, I want to see.** (*hold hands up*)  
**Jesus, Jesus, put your hands on me.** (*clap hands*)  
**I know that you care for me.** (*hug self*)

Say: ► **JESUS CARES FOR US.**

## Weaving Faith at Home

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### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)

### Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 13 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.





### Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player

#### Teacher Pack

CD: “Jesus Touched and Healed the Blind Man” (track 15)

### Sing and Celebrate Easy Prep

Create a mini-obstacle course with something to crawl under (such as a table) and something to crawl over (such as a few books).

## 2-YEAR-OLD

### 1 GETTING STARTED

## Sing and Celebrate

### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Sing or listen to “Jesus Touched and Healed the Blind Man” (track 15 on the CD) to the tune of “She’ll Be Comin’ Round the Mountain” anytime during the lesson. Choose a child to be Bartimaeus, the blind man. Let that child stand up and shout, “I can see! Yee-haw!” with the CD.

♪ Jesus touched and healed the blind man,  
“I can see! Yee-haw!”

Jesus touched and healed the blind man,  
“I can see! Yee-haw!”

Jesus touched and healed the blind man.  
Oh my, Jesus is a kind man!

Jesus touched and healed the blind man,  
“I can see! Yee-haw!”  
(Repeat.)

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS CARES FOR US.**

Lead children through the mini-obstacle course you set up as you sing “I Am Proud to Follow Jesus” (not on the CD) to the tune of “Did You Ever See a Lassie?”

♪ I am proud to follow Jesus,  
Follow Jesus, follow Jesus.  
I am proud to follow Jesus,  
For Jesus is good.

Afterward, say: ► **JESUS CARES FOR US.**



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**BIBLE  
EXPLORATION**

# Who Cares?

**What You'll Do** ■■■■■■

Gather a group of children together. Open your Bible to Mark 10:46-52. Show children the words, and tell them the Bible is God's special book. Say: **We are important, and ► JESUS CARES FOR US.**

**I'm going to tell you about a man in the Bible. I have a picture that shows what Jesus did to care for Bartimaeus. Let's look at the picture we have of our Bible passage.** Hold up side one of the teaching picture "Jesus Heals Bartimaeus." **There was a man named Bartimaeus who was blind. That means he couldn't see.**

Let children point to the figure they identify as Bartimaeus.

Say: **Jesus was walking through a city when he heard someone calling out to him. Jesus stopped and asked, "What do you want me to do for you?" Bartimaeus, the blind man, said, "Jesus, I want to see!"**

Turn the picture to the other side.

Say: **Jesus showed Bartimaeus that he cared for him. He made Bartimaeus see. Bartimaeus wasn't blind anymore.**

Encourage children to cover their eyes and pretend to be Bartimaeus. Walk to each child.

When you tap each child on the head, encourage him or her to say, "I want to see!" and then open his or her eyes.

Pray with the children, thanking Jesus for his care. Say: **► JESUS CARES FOR US.**

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**WEAVING FAITH  
INTO LIFE**

# Blind Bart's Art

**What You'll Do** ■■■■■■

Give children the folded "Now I See" handouts. Set out washable markers, and put blindfolds on the children. Tell children to draw on the handout even though they can't see. Then remove the blindfolds, and reveal the "Now I See" section. Ask children to



## Who Cares? Supplies

Bible

**Teacher Pack**

"Jesus Heals Bartimaeus" teaching picture

## Who Cares? Easy Prep

Fold the teaching picture so that one side shows Bartimaeus with his eyes closed reaching out for alms and the other side shows Bartimaeus with Jesus.

## Blind Bart's Art Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Now I See" page (at the end of the lesson)  
washable markers  
1 blindfold per child

## Blind Bart's Art Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 13 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Fold each handout so that only the "Blind Bart's Art" section is available to draw on.





### Brown-Bag Boogie Supplies

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brown paper bag

### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

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My Bible Snuggles or 1  
copy per child of the  
“Growing With Jesus”  
page (at the end of the  
lesson)

draw in this section with their eyes open. Discuss with children what it was like to draw a picture they couldn't see. Remind children that Jesus cared for Bartimaeus when he was blind and ► **JESUS CARES FOR US**. Jesus cares for us no matter what we can or can't do.

## Brown-Bag Boogie

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Have a child put a brown paper grocery bag over his or her head. Ask the child to tell you what he or she can see. Tell the child to reach out in front and try to touch a friend. Tell children that Bartimaeus must have felt the same way when he couldn't see. Ask the children to care for their “blind” friend by guiding the person as you lead them all around the room. Trade roles, and let children follow you again.

Say: ► **JESUS CARES FOR US, and he's pleased when we care for each other.**

## Weaving Faith at Home

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# Growing With Jesus



Your child learned that Jesus cares for us (from Mark 10:46-52). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

## INFANT

### Cuddle-Bug Care

Hold your baby on your lap facing you as you do this action rhyme.

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**Little hands to clap with glee,** (*clap baby's hands together*)

**Little arms to give a hug,** (*hold baby's hands, and gently pull baby up to hug your neck*)

**Jesus cares for you, cuddle bug!** (*snuggle*)

Say: **Jesus cares for us.**

## TODDLER

### Bart's Song

Do this action rhyme with your toddler to review the passage, or sing it to the tune of "This Old Man":

**I can't see, I can't see.** (*put hands over eyes*)  
**Please help me, I want to see.** (*hold up hands*)  
**Jesus, Jesus, put your hands on me.** (*clap hands*)  
**I know that you care for me.** (*hug self*)

Say: **Jesus cares for us.**

## 2-YEAR-OLD

### Brown-Bag Boogie

Have your child put a brown paper grocery bag over his or her head. Ask your child to tell you what he or she can see. Tell your child to reach out in front and try to touch you. Tell your child that Bartimaeus must have felt the same way when he couldn't see. Care for your child by leading him or her all around the room. Trade roles, and play again.

Say: **Jesus cares for us, and he is pleased when we care for each other.**



## Faux Pas

Children will make at least a few social blunders as they grow up. "Why is that person wearing sunglasses inside? What's that big white stick for?" While the moment may be awkward, your response can bring dignity to the situation and help your child treat others with respect. Rather than hushing these questions, state the facts without making assumptions. You could simply state, "That man is blind and needs the cane to help him feel where to go." If your child says something that goes beyond curiosity to rude behavior, point out that the comment is considered rude because it might hurt someone's feelings.



### Use these ideas to help your child become a FaithWeaver:

- Place the "Now I See" paper somewhere in your kitchen this week. Each time a family member gives another family member a hug, draw a smiley face on the paper.
- Play the Blind Bart game. Place some items into a cloth bag or cardboard box. See if your child can guess what the items are by reaching in without looking at the objects. Talk about how Jesus cared for Bartimaeus when Bartimaeus couldn't see.

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# Now I See

***BLIND BART'S ART***

***NOW I SEE***

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