

TEACHER'S MANUAL

This curriculum is Bible-based and written on a developmentally appropriate level for students ranging from two to three years of age. All activities and questions are written with the five areas of child development in mind: physical, social, emotional, cognitive, and spiritual. Each lesson presents a variety of interactions, experiences, or opportunities, from which you can choose to create a teaching strategy based on the ages and stages of your students. Opportunities for higher thinking directives or discussion are designated with a ★ symbol.

Look for the following opportunities within each lesson:

Curiosity Opportunities: Young children are curious about their world. We have the privilege of not only stimulating their curiosity about the world around them, but also about their God who made the world.

Sensory Opportunities: Even in church settings, toddlers learn through all their senses. Bible stories and lessons come alive through sensations of touch, sound, smell, taste, and sight.

Literacy Opportunities: Story time is a foundational area of learning. Fostering a love for picture books now will only help foster a love for the Good Book later.

Music Opportunities: Music is a necessary part of an enjoyable classroom and emerging worship experience. Use music to accomplish specific tasks, such as identifying transitions, working out the wiggles, and changing the atmosphere.

Pretend Opportunities: Toddlers love to play with dolls, stuffed animals, oversized clothing, real-life cookware, and anything associated with “big people.” Role-play is a great tool for assessing students’ interpretation of the lesson and growing student interactions.

Construction Opportunities: When toddlers build, tear down, and then build again, they make connections that lead to an understanding of how parts fit together to form a whole. These discoveries facilitate future perceptions of themselves as part of a whole, including their part in the body of Christ.

Art Opportunities: For toddlers, art is more about experience than end product. Let students enjoy moments of artistic expression as they learn about God, His story, and His creations through creations of their own.

Movement Opportunities: When it comes to gross and fine motor skills, young children are constantly learning, growing, and re-mastering. This upward spiral of development pertains to both their physical and spiritual development.

Family Participation Opportunities: Each lesson ends with ways to connect the lesson to the home. The Home Connection calendar (TRP) 📅 provides a unit overview, laying out each lesson’s biblical text, Bible point, and life application, as well as suggesting a fun family activity to further stimulate discussion. Note that all children’s levels are included on one sheet, making it easy for parents of children across multiple age- or grade-levels to discuss the day’s lesson. We have also provided a weekly devotional 📖 to give to parents, or they can download it by going to the URL address at the top of each activity paper:

Note that children cannot filter out background noise as easily as adults, so avoid constant background music.

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In the lessons, look for **bold type** to show words, dialogue, and questions you may want to use. Please let us know how the updated lesson format and the developmentally enhanced activities work for you. Our goal is to help you help your students.

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