

Toddlers

Small Group

September — Week 1

Small Group Leader Guide

Today's Suggested Schedule

The toddler curriculum provides one monthly Bible Story because we understand that toddlers learn best through repetition. The toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the story and craft elements that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos. We hope that by sending home a simple toddler craft, you are cueing families to begin having conversations at home with their children.

Story Time

→ Tell It

Craft Time

→ Tall Grass Handprints

THIS MONTH



Today's Bible Story

Baby Moses Exodus 2:1-10

Bottom Line

God has plans for you.

Memory Verse

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord."

Jeremiah 29:11 NLT

Story Time

What You Need

- Preschool Bible

Note

Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

① What You Do

→ Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story.

② What You Say

"Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (**HOLD UP THE BIBLE**) begins with a baby named Moses. He was one of God's people.

"Moses' mom wanted to keep him safe from the mean ruler, Pharaoh, so she made a basket and put Moses in it. Moses' mom hid him in the tall grass by the river and Moses' sister watched to see what would happen. Someone found baby Moses, it was the Pharaoh's daughter, and she decided to keep Moses safe. Moses' mom trusted God and knew God had plans for Moses, and **[BOTTOM LINE]** God has plans for you."

Craft Time

What You Need

- "Tall Grass Handprints" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Green Washable Inkpads
- Baby Wipes
- Permanent Marker

Notes

Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times.

Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

① What You Do

Before the Activity

1. Copy "Tall Grass Handprints" on cardstock, one per child.
2. Write each child's name on their paper.
3. Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time.

During the Activity

1. Help children press and cover their hand with the ink and press it over baby Moses once or twice.
2. Clean hands as needed.

② What You Say

"Look on your paper, there's baby Moses! Moses' mother put him in a basket and hid him in some tall, tall grass to keep him safe from the mean Pharaoh. Let's make some grass to hide Moses in. Let's cover your hand with the green ink pad and press it on top of Moses. **(HELP CHILDREN INK THEIR ENTIRE HAND AND PRESS IT ON THEIR PAPER OVER MOSES. CLEAN HANDS AS NEEDED.)** Where's Moses? There he is hiding in the grass, safe and sound! God kept Moses safe because God had plans for Moses, and **[BOTTOM LINE]** God has plans for you."