

Wonder Ink®

Toddler

Preview Guide



Includes a Word
of Wonder Video



About the Early Childhood Age Level

God invites the smallest of children into His story. From before a child opens his or her eyes, God has already seen each one, and He knows them by name. He encourages us in Scripture to care for children, guide them, and nurture their spiritual growth.



With God's call, it's our promise to hold fast to theologically sound curriculum, and our focus is to help kids discover who God is through His story. From the youngest of ages, kids can begin to understand that they are created to be known, loved, and led.

With Wonder Ink, you can equip volunteers to lead, support parents in faith formation at home, and walk with kids in their journey of faith in God—Father, Son, and Spirit.



Toddler Lesson Track

Our goal is to share truth with Toddlers (ages 1–2) through a simplified track. We focus on key Bible truths and use simple language and fun activities to help them engage. By keeping things clear and relatable, we help Toddlers begin to understand who Jesus is and how much He loves them.

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LESSON 1

GOD CREATES HUMANS

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: Because God Knows Me, I Am Known

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 2; Psalm 8

GOD'S BIG STORY: God creates people on purpose and with a purpose. His amazing love fills us with wonder when we realize that because God knows us, we are known!

WORD OF WONDER: Your glory fills me with wonder. You do amazing things. —Exodus 15:11c

Activity: Creations

Activity: Getting to Know You

Worship

God's Big Story

Word of Wonder

Prayer and Blessing

Activity: God Knows Me!

Toddler Time is designed so 1–3–year-olds can explore God's big story with age-appropriate activities.

Wonder@Home™

Designed for families to engage in the wonder of God together at home. This resource includes a video, worship playlists, activities, and more!

Activity: Creations

SUPPLIES: play dough

Set out the play dough on a table.

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

Welcome! I'm so glad you're here. Come see what we have today! We have play dough, and you can play with it!

Encourage the kids to use the play dough to make something—a person or an animal or a flower. As they're playing, ask them if they like to play outside and what they like to look at outside.

God created everything—trees and water and flowers and animals and people! Today we'll learn that God knows us, and because He knows us, we are known!

Introduce each lesson with simple activities and object lessons **JUST** for toddlers.

Activity: Getting to Know You!

SUPPLIES: ball

God knows each of us! Let's get to know each other too. Invite everyone to sit in a circle. Give the ball to a child in the circle. **I'm glad you're at church today, (name)!**

Hold the ball up if you like pizza! Invite the child to hold the ball up if she likes pizza. Then ask her to pass the ball to the child next to her. Repeat the introduction and then make another statement and invite the kid to hold the ball up if he agrees.

Examples of statements include the following:

- Hold the ball up if you love your mom.
- Hold the ball up if you like to play games.
- Hold the ball up if you love getting hugs.
- Hold the ball up if you like to play with your brother or sister.
- Hold the ball up if you like treats.

I'm so glad we got to know each other better today. We are going to learn about how God created us and knows us. Our Wonder Truth today is **BECAUSE GOD KNOWS ME, I AM KNOWN.** Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

BECAUSE GOD—Point up.

KNOWS ME,—Point to chest.

I AM KNOWN—Wrap arms around yourself.

Most activities only use readily available supplies and are easy to set up.

Worship

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: songs from the [Faith Begins with Wonder Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#)

Let's sing a worship song to God together! Today we're learning about how God created everything, including people. He created you! He created me! God knows us and loves us. Let's show God that we love Him by worshiping Him!

Play songs from the [Faith Begins with Wonder Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) and encourage the kids to sing and dance with you.

Each series includes a themed worship playlist.

LESSON 1 **GOD CREATES HUMANS**

God's Big Story

SUPPLIES: Bible

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: God Creates Toddler Images, [God's Big Story Video](#)

Ahead of time, print the God Creates Toddler Images.

Our God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about the very beginning of God's big story, when God created the world.

Encourage the kids to say, "God's big story." **Let's find out from the Bible what happened!**

Show the kids the God's Big Story Video, read the story from the Bible, or use the script provided.

God's big story is full of wonder. It has true stories that help us know God. God's story tells us who He is. God is the Creator. He created the heavens and the earth. Show the kids the Heavens and Earth image. **God created every person. He even created you!**

Way back in the very beginning, God created everything. It was wonderful. God created humans on purpose and with a lot of care. Show the kids the Humans image. **God made people just how He wanted them. He made a man and a woman. The man was Adam and the woman was Eve. They were created to show God's goodness. Adam and Eve took care of God's good earth.** Show the kids the Garden image. **God told them to farm the land and watch over the plants and animals. This was the special job God gave Adam and Eve.**

It is so wonderful that God created everything. The Bible says, "I think about the heavens. I think about what your fingers have created. I think about the moon and stars that you have set in place" (Psalm 8:3). Show the kids the Moon and Stars image. **What God made is amazing!** Show the toddlers the Creation image and point out the things God made.

It is also amazing that God cares about people. God made everyone and loves us! Every person is special to God.

We can know that we are important and special to God. He knows us. God made you on purpose. He cares about you. You can always trust this wonderful truth: Because God knows me, I am known.

The simple, age-appropriate Bible story script engages toddlers using various learning styles and interactive methods.



Word of Wonder

SUPPLIES: Bible

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: Word of Wonder Slide or [Video](#) (optional)

WORD OF WONDER

Your glory fills me with wonder. You do amazing things.

—Exodus 15:11c

Display the Word of Wonder Slide or [Video](#), if using.

The Word of Wonder for the Faith Begins with Wonder series is Exodus 15:11c. Let's practice saying the Word of Wonder together.

Toddlers begin learning the memory verse as they listen and repeat the words and mimic simple motions.

Kid-led motions videos make it easier for toddlers to engage with the series memory verse.

Encourage the kids to do the motions and say the verse with you.

- **YOUR GLORY FILLS ME**—Hold hands up above your head, then move them down to your sides.
- **WITH WONDER**—Burst hands to the sides above your head.
- **YOU DO**—Point up.
- **AMAZING THINGS**—Jump up and burst hands out to the sides as wide as you can.
- **EXODUS 15:11C**—Hold your hands together in front, palms together, as if opening a book.

Prayer and Blessing

Let's talk to God. God, thank You for creating us and knowing us. Help us to show Your love to others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands were open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

BLESSING: May God remind you this week that He knows you and loves you. And may He remind you that He created you with purpose. Because God knows you, you are known.

Activity: God Knows Me!

SUPPLIES: inflatable globe, blue balloon (optional), permanent marker (prep only, optional) Inflate an inflatable globe. If you don't have an inflatable globe, blow up a blue balloon and draw some squiggly shapes on it to represent the world.

In God's big story today, we learned that God created us and knows us. Let's play a game to help us remember this truth!

Show the kids the globe or the balloon. **This kind of looks like the world! God made the whole world, and He created you and knows you. I'm going to toss the globe to you—try to catch it!**

Toss the globe to one of the kids. When she catches it or picks it up, invite her to say, "God knows me!" Continue tossing the ball to different kids and inviting them to say, "God knows me!"

Emphasize Bible truths through simple and fun activities at the end of each lesson.

Here is a simple prayer and a blessing leaders can speak over little ones to tell them who God is and who He made them to be.