

November 12, 2017

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Basic Truth: God made me.

The extended toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the Bible Truth and craft element that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos. The same Bible Truth will be told in four (or five) different ways throughout the month allowing for the repetition toddlers need and crave.

Bible Time

- Show It

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Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the Bible Truth. Some kids (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's OK. They're still listening and learning!

What You Need: Preschool Bible, "Story Pictures" Activity Page

What You Say:

"Our Bible Truth today is about prayer. Can you say, 'Prayer'? (*Pause.*) Good job! Prayer is talking to God. Jesus teaches us how to pray in the Bible (*hold up Bible*).

"Today we are going to pray together like Jesus taught us. Let's put our hands together like this (*hold up praying hands picture*), and you say what I say.

(*Say each phrase and pause for children to repeat.*)

Dear God,	(<i>children repeat</i>)
I love you. (<i>heart picture</i>)	(<i>children repeat</i>)
You are amazing! (<i>wow picture</i>)	(<i>children repeat</i>)
Give me what I need. (<i>needs picture</i>)	(<i>children repeat</i>)
I'm sorry when I make wrong choices. (<i>sad face picture</i>)	(<i>children repeat</i>)
Help me do what is right. (<i>two thumbs up picture</i>)	(<i>children repeat</i>)
In Jesus' name, amen!	(<i>children repeat</i>)

"We can talk to God anytime, anywhere, about anything! Wow! We should say thank You to God right now for prayer! When I count to three, let's say, 'Thank You, God!' Ready? One, two, three! Thank You, God!"

"We can thank God for everything! **Who can you thank for everything? [Bottom Line] I can thank God for everything!**"

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Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. 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 OK. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

What You Need: "Playtime" Activity Page and dot markers

What You Do:

During the Activity: Retell the Bible Truth as the children fill the toy box with dot markers.

What You Say:

During the Activity: "Today we learned about prayer. Prayer is talking to God. Jesus teaches us how to pray in the Bible. When we pray, we can tell God that we love Him. We can ask Him to give us what we need. We can tell Him we're sorry when we make wrong choices, and we can ask Him to help us do the right thing. Then we end our prayer with 'AMEN.'"

"Look at your paper. Do you see the toy box? We can pray when we're playing. We can pray anytime! Let's use the dot markers to color the toy box." (*Do activity.*)

After the Activity: "We can talk to God anytime, anywhere, about anything! Wow! We should say thank You to God right now for prayer! When I count to three, let's say, 'Thank You, God!' Ready? One, two, three! Thank You, God! We can thank God for everything! **Who can you thank for everything? [Bottom Line] I can thank God for everything!**"

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Playtime

Sign It

What You Do: Walk around the room telling God "Thank You" for things using the sign language sign for "thank you."

What You Say: "Friends, I want to teach you something! Did you know you can say 'thank you' with your hand? Watch me. (*Demonstrate.*) Can you do that? Good job. Now, let's thank God for some of the things in our room. Thank You (*sign*), God, for our table. Thank You (*sign*), God, for our sink. Thank You (*sign*), God, for our Small Group Leaders."

