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Basic Truth: God made me. God loves me. Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

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

- Draw It

Craft Time

- Bookmark

Play Time

- Simon Says

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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, dry erase board, and dry erase marker

LEADER: “This is the Bible. (*Hold up Bible.*) It has God's words in it. God gave us the Bible to show us which way to go. We love the Bible. (*Give Bible a hug.*)

“Who wants to hold the Bible? I'm going to let everyone have a turn holding it. When it's your turn to hold the Bible, I want you to say, 'Bible.' Here we go!

(Let each child have a turn holding the Bible. Encourage them to say “Bible” when it's their turn to hold it.)

“Good job! The Bible has God's words in it, and it tells us which way to go kind of like an arrow. (*Draw arrow.*) The Bible tells us the direction to go and the right decision to make. That makes it very, very special. It tells us to love each other. (*Draw a heart.*) The Bible also tells us to share things with our friends. When we share, we make people happy. (*Draw smiley face.*) We can share our toys and games with our friends. The Bible tells us to pray. Praying is talking to God. (*Draw praying hands if you are able, or draw a mouth.*) Put your hands like this, and we'll pray. (*Demonstrate praying hands.*) Dear God, thank You for giving us the Bible to tell us which way to go. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen.

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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: “Bookmark” Activity Page, stamp pads, wet wipes

What You Do:

During the Activity: Retell the Bible Truth as the children use their fingerprints to fill the hearts on the page.

What You Say:

During the Activity: “Today we learned about the Bible. The Bible has God’s words in it, and it tells us which way to go. That makes it very, very special. Everyone, let’s say the word ‘Bible’ together at the count of three. One, two, three, Bible. Great job, everyone!

“Whose words are in the Bible? (*Pause.*) God’s Words are in the Bible, and they are always true. **[Bottom Line] The Bible tells me which way to go.**

“The Bible tells us to love each other. The Bible also tells us to share things with our friends. And the Bible tells us to pray to God by talking to Him.

“Look at your paper. This is a bookmark. You can put it in your Bible at home to mark the page you want to read next. Look, it has a Bible on the bottom. What are these things above the Bible? Yes, they’re hearts. Let’s fill the hearts with our fingerprints.

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Playtime

Simon Says

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do: Play a “God Made You” version of Simon Says. Continue as long as there is interest.

What You Say: “Simon says touch your toes. God made your toes. Simon says touch your nose. God made your nose. (*Continue with other body parts.*) The Bible tells us that God made each and every one of us.”