

JANUARY 2024
TODDLERS
WEEK TWO

BIBLE WORDS

Birds and Flowers
MATTHEW 6:25-34

"The people were amazed
at his teaching."

MATTHEW 7:28, NCV

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus teaches you
important things.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be
my friend forever.

The toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the story and craft element that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos.

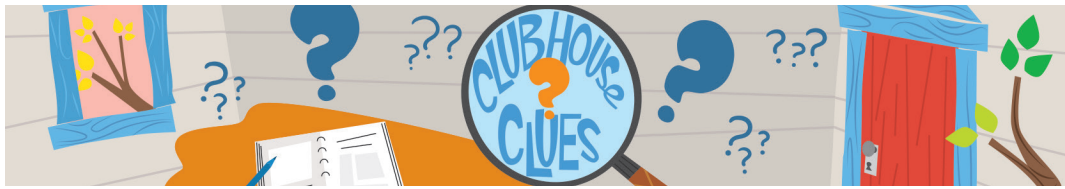
The toddler curriculum is designed to be used in conjunction with the monthly crawler curriculum. Feel free to use both in your classrooms.

STORY TIME:

- Show It

CRAFT TIME:

- Jesus Teaching



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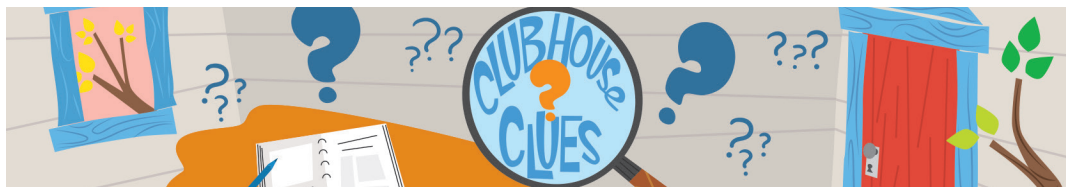
STORY TIME

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

WHAT YOU NEED: Preschool Bible, and "Story Pictures" Activity Pages copied on cardstock

LEADER: "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*) is a story that Jesus taught His friends, the disciples. (*Hold up the picture of Jesus with the disciples.*) Jesus taught them that God takes care of the flowers and God takes care of the birds. (*Hold up the picture of birds around trees and bushes, and beautiful colored flowers.*)

"Jesus told this story to teach us something very important. God loves us more than flowers and birds. (*Hold up the picture of the heart with people in it.*) And since God takes care of flowers and birds, that means that God will take care of us too! Jesus teaches us that we don't have to worry. God will take care of us. I'm so glad Jesus teaches us important things. **Jesus teaches you important things.**"



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CRAFT TIME

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 okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

WHAT YOU NEED: "Jesus Teaching" Activity Page; cardstock; flower, bird, and heart stamps; washable ink pads; baby wipes; and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Jesus Teaching" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to stamp flowers, birds, and hearts on their papers. Clean hands as needed.

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Today we heard a story that Jesus taught His friends, the disciples. Jesus told this story to teach us something very important. God loves us more than flowers and birds. Decorate your paper with the bird, flower, and heart stamps. (Pause.) And since God takes care of flowers and birds, that means that God will take care of us too! Jesus teaches us that we don't have to worry. God will take care of us. I'm so glad Jesus teaches us important things. **Jesus teaches you important things.**"