



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.

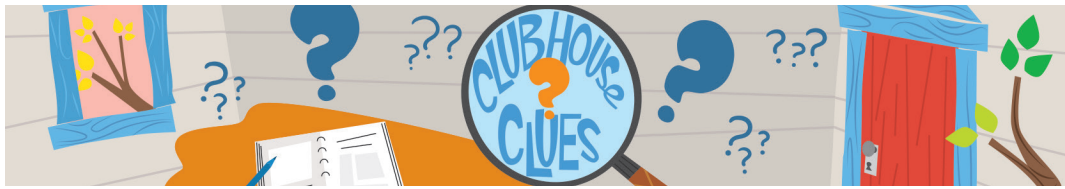
The toddler curriculum is designed to be used in conjunction with the monthly crawler curriculum. Feel free to use both in your classrooms.

STORY TIME:

- Act It

CRAFT TIME:

- Love Flower



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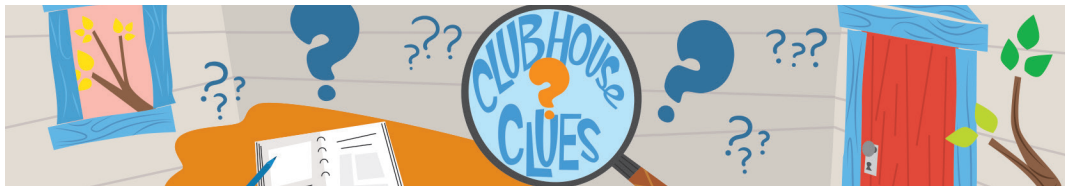
STORY TIME

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, Little People® figures, toy bird, toy flower, and a paper heart cutout

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you! I need your help telling our Bible Story today. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) is a story that Jesus taught His friends, the disciples. (*Put Jesus figure or a male Little People figure in front of lots of other Little People figures.*) Jesus taught them that God takes care of the flowers. (*Hold up a flower.*) And God takes care of the birds. (*Hold up a toy bird.*)

"Jesus told this story to teach us something very important. God loves us more than flowers and birds. (*Hold up the paper heart.*) 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: "Love Flower" Activity Page, cardstock, dot markers, green craft sticks, scissors, masking tape, baby wipes, and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Love Flower" on cardstock and cut, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to decorate their flower with the markers. Leader helps tape the craft stick to the back of the flower. Ask children to hold their flower up to their face and look through the heart.

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, let's make a special flower. Decorate your paper with the markers. (Pause.) Let me tape a stem to your flower. (Tape the craft stick to the bottom of each child's flower.)

Now hold your flower up to your face and look through the heart. You are a beautiful flower! Jesus taught 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."**