

BIBLE WORDS

Zacchaeus
LUKE 19:1-10

"Be kind and loving
to each other."

EPHESIANS 4:32, NCV

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus loves everyone.

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.

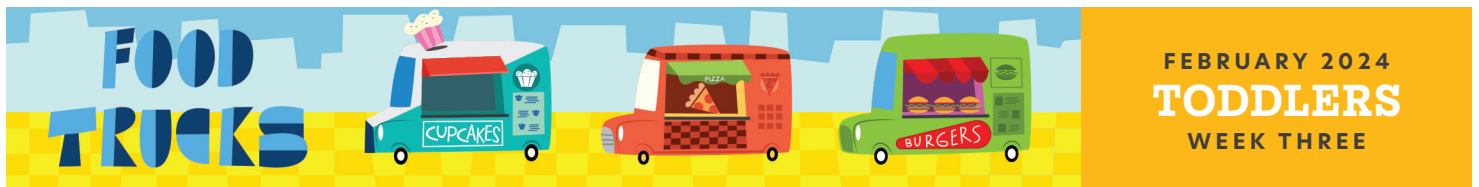
The toddler curriculum is designed to be used in conjunction with the monthly crawler curriculum. Feel free to use both in your classrooms.

STORY TIME:

- Draw It

CRAFT TIME:

- Stamp the Sequence



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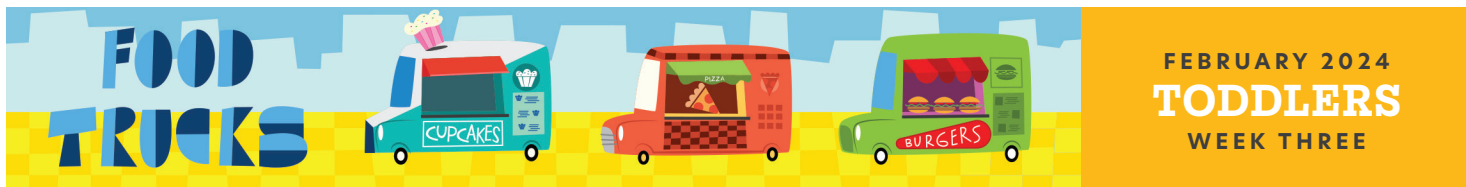
STORY TIME

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, butcher paper, and markers in a variety of colors

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*) begins with a man named Zacchaeus. (*Draw a stickman Zacchaeus.*) Zacchaeus made some bad choices and took money that was not his. This made people angry. (*Draw several angry faces around Zacchaeus.*)

"One day, Jesus came to town (*draw Jesus*) and everyone went to see Him—even Zacchaeus! But Zacchaeus was too short to see over all the people, so he climbed a tree and was able to see Jesus. (*Draw Zacchaeus in the tree.*) Jesus saw him and told him to come down and go eat with Him. (*Draw a house.*) Zacchaeus and Jesus had a meal together at Zacchaeus' house. Jesus loved Zacchaeus and wanted to be his friend forever. (*Draw a heart around both Jesus and Zacchaeus.*) Jesus was so kind and loving to Zacchaeus that it made Zacchaeus want to be kind and loving to other people. So Zacchaeus gave back to the people the money he had taken from them. Jesus loved Zacchaeus. And Jesus loves you too—no matter what! **Jesus loves everyone.**"



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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: "Stamp the Sequence" Activity Page, cardstock, heart stamps, washable ink pads, baby wipes, and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Stamp the Sequence" on cardstock, one per child. Write child's name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to stamp a heart on each picture as you review the story. Clean hands.

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Let's stamp the pictures on your paper. This first picture (*point*) is when Zacchaeus took money that was not his. Jesus still loved Zacchaeus even when he made bad choices. Stamp a heart on that picture. The next picture is when Jesus came to town, and Zacchaeus climbed the tree to see Him. Stamp a heart on this picture. This is when Jesus called Zacchaeus out of the tree and they went to have a meal together. This last picture is when Zacchaeus was so happy that Jesus loved him and wanted to be his friend forever, he gave back the money he took. Stamp a heart here. Jesus loved Zacchaeus no matter what, and Jesus also loves us no matter what! **Jesus loves everyone.**"