



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.

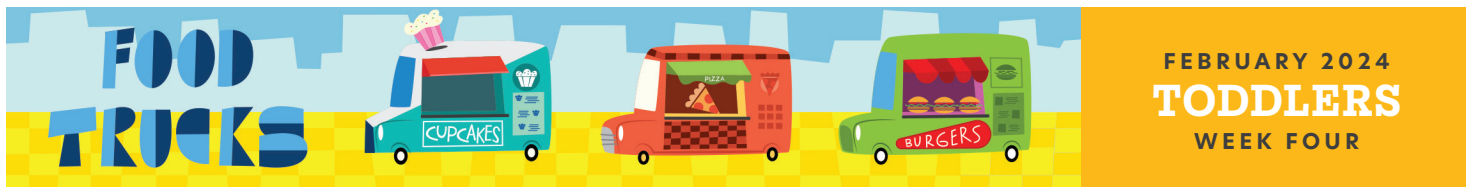
The toddler curriculum is designed to be used in conjunction with the monthly crawler curriculum. Feel free to use both in your classrooms.

STORY TIME:

- Act It

CRAFT TIME:

- Heart Frame
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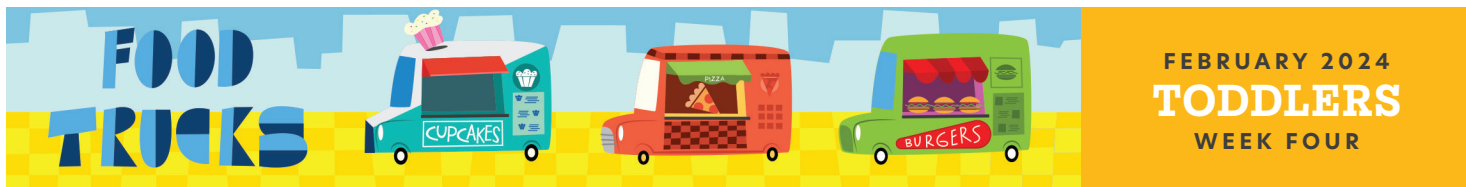
STORY TIME

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, craft tube with green tissue tucked in the top, 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*) begins with a man named Zacchaeus. (*Put one Little People man in front of you.*) Zacchaeus made some bad choices. He took money that was not his, and that made people angry. (*Turn several Little People figures around so their backs are facing Zacchaeus.*)

"But one day, Jesus came to town! (*Walk Jesus figure or other Little People man figure near the other people.*) Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus, but he was too short! So he climbed a tree and was able to see Jesus. (*Put the Zacchaeus figure in the craft tube tree.*) Jesus saw him and called him down from the tree. (*Take Zacchaeus out of the tree.*) Jesus went to Zacchaeus' house and they had a meal together. Jesus loved Zacchaeus and wanted to be his friend forever. (*Put heart in between Jesus and Zacchaeus.*) This made Zacchaeus so happy that he gave back to the people the money he had taken from them. (*Turn the people back around.*) 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: "Heart Frame" Activity Page, cardstock, dot markers, scissors, baby wipes, and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

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

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to decorate their frame with the markers. Clean hands as needed.

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, let's make a special frame. Use the markers and stamp all around the paper. (Pause.) Super-duper job! (Clean hands.) Your frame is a heart shape! Hearts make me think of love! We learned that Jesus loves everyone—no matter what! **Jesus loves everyone.**"