

# One Year Toddler Curriculum

## Creation

*God said, "Let there be light, and there was light. Genesis 1:3*  
*Genesis 1:1-31, 2:1-3*

Visuals: flip charts, creation eggs creation mitts, flashlights, cotton balls, flowers, animals

### Day 1 & Day 2

This day begins with nothing: no boys or girls, no mommies or daddies, no animals, no houses, no trees, no toys. God spoke and things came to be. On day 1, God made light and kept it away from dark. On day 2, God made the clouds in the sky. God saw that everything was good.

Handwork: day circles for 1 & 2. Paste on cotton for clouds.

### Day 3

This day God created the water and placed it under the sky and made the land with vegetation and all sorts of seed bearing plants and fruit. Talk about the fact that there were no plants or water. Show them leaves and fruit and sand. Let them pass around the leaves and fruit and stick their hand in the sand.

Handwork: Day circle 3. Paste on leaves and blue tissue paper for water.

### Day 4

This day God made the sun and the moon. Talk about the sun and how it is in the sky and that we only see it during the day. God made the moon that is not as bright and the stars and how we can only see them at night.

Handwork: Day 4 Circle. Paste a picture of a sun and moon and stars.

### Day 5

This day God made all the fish and the birds. Talk about how before this day there were no fish or birds. Show them a picture of a fish and pictures of birds. Talk about how fish live in the water and the birds fly through the air.

Handwork: Day 5 Circle: Paste on picture of bird and fish

### Day 6 & Day 7

On these days God made the animals and people. On day 6 God made animals, talk about some different animals horses, pigs, chickens, puppies, cats. May want to sing Old McDonald. On day 7 God made people. God made Adam to be like him and then God thought that Adam might be lonely so he made Eve so that he could have a friend.

Handwork: Day 6 and 7 circle glue on pictures of animals and a picture of two people.

### Review 7 Days of Creation

On this day review all the days of Creation with the kids.

## **First Family**

Today you will talk about families and how important they are and that God gave us families because he knew that we needed Mommies and Daddies to take of us. Even animals have families. Tell of the first family Adam and Eve had with their sons Cain and Abel.

Handwork: Bush cutout add Adam and Eve Figures and stickers of animals.

Teaching Aids: Family Mitts, house cutouts with family pictures for windows. Cans or boxes with mommy, daddy, and baby items. Mommy and daddy animal sets.

## **Senses**

Talk about the five senses. Taste, Touch, Sight, Smell, Hearing. Tell the kids about Taste and say we use our mouths for taste like when we eat food. Say we use our hands to touch things. Pass around something soft and something rough to touch. Say we use our ears to hear. Play a song or bang on a drum to make noise. Say we use our nose to smell. Pass around a flower for the kids to smell.

Handwork:

# **Noah**

Noah walked with God. Genesis 6:9  
Genesis 6-9

Visuals: ark, animals, baskets, rainbow,

## **Noah Builds the Ark**

After Adam and Eve the world became very bad but there was one man and his family the were still good. The man's name was Noah. God wanted to save Noah and his wife and three sons so he asked Noah to obey him and to build a boat. God asked him to build a very big boat for his family and all the animals that God would send him. It was hard to build the boat but Noah obeyed God, and God sent the animals to Noah two by two. Soon it began to rain and rain, but Noah and his family and all the animals were safe on the boat because Noah listened to God. (Pass around a boat for kids to handle and some animals)

Handwork: Noah building the ark picture. Glue or tape craft sticks to the picture to show the ark being built.

Sing: The Arky Arky Song

## **Noah & The Rainbow**

After it had rained for 40 days and 40 nights. The whole earth was full of water. So Noah and his family and all the animals had to stay on the boat until all the water went away. Finally it did and Noah and his family were so happy. God was very pleased with Noah for being so faithful. God promised Noah that he would never make it rain so much that the whole earth would be covered in water again. To help us remember this promise he made a rainbow.

Handwork: Color a rainbow picture and glue on cotton balls for clouds.

**Abraham:** Leave your country, your family, and friends. Go to a land I will show you. Genesis 12: 1  
Genesis 13:8-18

### **Abraham Leaves Home**

Abraham was a man who loved God and was faithful to him. One day God spoke to Abraham and told him to leave his home, his friends, his family and go to another country. He told Abraham that if he did this he would make him the father of a great nation. So Abraham took his wife Sarah and his nephew Lot and moved to a land called Canaan. He was faithful to God and did what he was asked.

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### **Abraham & Lot**

After Abraham and Lot had been living in Canaan for a while they started having problems with the herds of animals. There were too many animals for the land and Abraham decided that one of them needed to move to a different place. So Abraham let Lot choose what land he wanted and he chose to stay where they were. So Abraham and Sarah moved to a new land not very far away and they both had enough land for their animals.

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**Thankfulness** Let us come before him with thanksgiving in our hearts.  
Psalm 95:2

### **Thankfulness**

Who gives us our houses? Who gives us our food, Who gives us our clothes? God does! Just like the pilgrims gave thanks at the first thanksgiving we need to give thanks to God everyday for all the he gives us. Do you think that God loves us very much? He does and he takes care of us doesn't he? So we need to remember when we pray to say thank you to God.

Let's say a prayer right now to God and tell him thank you for everything he has given us.

Handwork:

## **Joseph**

**Joseph's Coat** There once was a man named Jacob who had twelve sons. He loved all of his sons but he had a special spot in his heart for one of his sons named Joseph. One day Joseph's dad gave him a new coat. It was a beautiful coat with lots of pretty colors in it and his brothers all got mad. They wanted a new coat too. One day while Joseph was out taking care of the sheep with his brothers they decided to be mean to him and put him in a big hole. While his brothers were gone some men came along and pulled Joseph out of the hole and took him to Egypt with them.

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### **Joseph's Dreams**

After Joseph got to Egypt he began to work for a man named Pottifer. Pottifer's

wife was a very mean woman and she told lies about Joseph that got him in trouble. He was put in jail because of what she had said about him. While Joseph was in prison he still prayed to God. One day the Pharaoh was having some strange dreams and had been told that there was a man in his prison that could tell him what his dream meant. So they brought Joseph in and he told Pharaoh about his dream and helped save Egypt from a running out of food. He was able to do this because God helped him. Pharaoh was so grateful that he gave Joseph an important job.

Handwork:

## Moses

*I AM WHO I AM. Exodus 3:14*

Exodus 1-20, Numbers 13, Joshua 5:13-6:27

Visuals: crown, basket, babies, blocks, rock tablets, finger play

### Moses & Miriam

Pharaoh was a very mean king and he didn't like that the Israelites were growing so fast in Egypt. He decided that there should be no more boy babies. One family heard about this and were very afraid because they had a little boy baby. The Mom decided to make a basket that water couldn't get into. She put the baby in the basket to hide him in the river. Pharaoh's daughter was taking a bath in the river and found the baby and decided to keep him and named him Moses. God saved baby Moses that day and kept him safe.

Handwork: Glue the baby in the basket and put in the water on the picture.

### Moses & Red Sea

When Moses grew up he was a very special man and God chose him to lead the Israelites out of Egypt away from the mean Pharaoh. But the Pharaoh didn't like this and tried to keep the Israelites there, God used Moses to finally convince them to let them go. Soon Pharaoh changed his mind and tried to chase them. Moses and his people needed to get across the red sea so they could escape Pharaoh but they didn't have any boats and it was too far for them to swim. God helped Moses be able to make the water in the red sea part so that they could get across.

Handwork: Put fish stickers on the picture of Moses and the red Sea.

### Ten Commandments

God gave a special set of rules for us to follow called the ten commandments. Today we are going to learn the first 5 of those rules. The first was

Handwork:

### Ten Commandments

Remember the special rules that God gave us to follow. Let's review the ones that we learned last week. There are 5 others that we are going to learn today.

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### Joshua & Caleb

Moses and the Israelites had to travel a long time before they found the right

place to live. God told them to live in the land on Canaan. So Moses sent a group of ten men to look in Canaan and see what it was like. The people there were big and most of the men got scared except for the two, Joshua and Caleb. They said not to be scared and to trust God. They tried and tried to tell the others how wonderful the land was and to trust in God, but they wouldn't listen. God was angry that the others didn't trust him. He made them wander in the desert for a long time.

### **Walls of Jericho**

Joshua was scared. All thought that there was no way they could get into Jericho because the walls were so big and so strong! But God wanted to help Joshua and the Israelites so he told Joshua to march around the city once a day for six days. He said to bring seven priests and the arch with them and to blow some horns really loud. Then he said that on the seventh day march around it seven times and have the priests blow their horns really loud and have everyone start shouting and the walls will fall down! So Joshua did exactly what God said and guess what happened, the wall fell down and they could go into the city!

## **Samuel**

*I asked the Lord for him. 1 Samuel 1:20*

1 Samuel 1-3

Visuals: broom, rags, little coat,

### **Hannah Prays**

Hannah wanted a baby very badly. She prayed to God everynight and asked that he give her a child. She told God that if she had a son she would dedicate him to working in the synagogue. God heard her prayers and Hannah had a son and named him Samuel. When he was old enough she sent him to live at the synagogue and help with the duties there.

### **Samuel Helps Eli**

Remember Samuel that we talked about last week? Remember how his mother prayed for him and said she would give him to work at the synagogue? Well when he went to live there he worked for a man named Eli who ran the synagogue. Eli and Samuel became great friends and Samuel loved to help Eli with his tasks.

## **David**

*The Lord is my shepherd. Psalm 23:1*

1 Samuel 16-21

Visuals: sheep, harp, crown, sling, bow, arrows, rocks,

### **David the Shepherd**

David was a young boy who had to take care of his father's sheep. His father and brothers had other duties to take care of so David was in charge of all the sheep. He would stay with them on the mountain side all day and all night. He would protect them from bears and lions and other animals that might want to eat the sheep. He was very good at his job.

### **David Plays the Harp for Sheep**

Remember David the shepherd boy we talked about last week. Well while he sat on the hill and looked after the sheep he liked to play his harp for them. He was very good at playing his harp. He was so good at playing his harp that he got to go to the palace and play for King Saul to help him relax.

### **David & Goliath**

While David was living at the palace a great army came to attack. With this army was a giant named Goliath. All the men were scared of Goliath and no one could defeat him. David was very brave and said that he would go and defeat Goliath. So he took three stones and his slingshot with him and hit Goliath in the middle of his forehead with one of the stones. He beat Goliath and all the people were so happy and thanked him for what he did.

### **David & Jonathan**

David continued to live at the palace and he became best friends with a boy named Jonathan. Jonathan was the king's son and they loved to play together. One day King Saul got very angry at David and Jonathan loved his friend so much that he helped him escape so that he did not get in trouble.

## **Daniel**

*God rescues and saves. Daniel 6:27*  
Daniel 1-6

Visuals: lions, angels, crown

### **Daniel Prays**

Daniel was a very powerful man who worked for many kings. He was very good at his job and some other men got jealous and wanted to have Daniel's job. So they went to the king and convinced him to make a law that no one could pray to anyone but the king himself. Well Daniel was very faithful to God and continued to pray to him even though it was against the king's law. The men reported him and the king had him arrested.

### **Daniel & Lions**

Daniel was faithful to God and this broke the law that the king had passed. He threw Daniel into a pit of lions so that the lions would hurt him! But Daniel just prayed to God and you know what? God protected Daniel by sending an angel to close the lions' mouths and he was not hurt by any of the lions. When the king saw this he knew that Daniel's God must be a great and powerful God.

### **Fiery Furnace**

Shadrach Meshach and Abednego

Once there were three men named Shadrach Meshach and Abednego. They loved God very much and prayed and worshipped him. One day the king told them that they couldn't worship God any more and that they would be in trouble if they did. Well they knew that this was wrong and they continued to serve God. The king got so mad that he threw all three of them into a big room full of fire. Well the king thought that this would hurt them but it didn't! God protected them and kept them from being hurt because they were faithful to him.

## **Jonah**

*The Lord sent a fish to swallow Jonah. Jonah 1:17*  
Jonah 1-4

Visuals: fish, boat,

### **Jonah & the Fish**

God told Jonah to go talk to the people of \_\_\_\_\_ and tell them about him. But Jonah disobeyed God and didn't go. Jonah took a boat to another place and on the way a great whale came and ate Jonah! Jonah lived inside the fish's belly for a long time! Jonah knew that this happened because he disobeyed God. One day the fish took Jonah to the shore and spat him out! Jonah learned to obey God and he went and told the people about Him.

## **Jesus**

*Immanuel means God is with us. Matthew 1:23*  
Luke 1-3

Visuals: baby, manger, donkey, halo, tools, dove, treasure chests

### **Angels & Shepherds**

One night there was a group of shepherds out working in a field watching all of their sheep. An angel appeared to the shepherds to tell them about baby Jesus being born. The angel told them where he was born and they followed a star in the sky to find the new baby.

Handwork: Angel (glue on wings and head to cone shaped body)

### **Wise Men Visit Jesus**

Some very wise men come to see the baby Jesus after he is born just like the shepherds did. They brought some nice presents for him and were so glad to see the new baby because he was God's son.

Handwork: Wise man on camel picture, paste on star

### **Boy Jesus as Carpenter**

Jesus' earthly father Joseph was a carpenter. Most boys in those days helped the dads out with their work and they learned how to do it from their Dad's. Joseph taught Jesus how to be a carpenter. A carpenter is someone who makes things out of wood. SO Jesus learned how to make tables and chairs and all sorts of things.

### **Jesus at the Temple**

Jesus and his family went to the temple one day. When his mommy and daddy got ready to leave they couldn't find Jesus anywhere. He was lost! They searched and searched and finally found him in with all the teachers of the law. But he was teaching them the law as a little boy!

### **Jesus is Baptized**

Jesus had a cousin named John the Baptist. One day Jesus went to visit his cousin and asked him if he would baptize him. So Jesus was baptized and God was so happy with him that he sent down a dove (a white bird) and said "This is

my son and he has made me very happy”.

Handwork: Picture of Jesus glue on a dove.

## Jesus Loves the Children

*Let the little children come to me. Matthew 19:14*

Matthew 19:13-15 and 18:15-17

Visuals: flip charts, globes, maps, children of other countries

### Jesus Loves the Children

The children came to see Jesus. Jesus was very happy to see the children. He loves every child so much.

Handwork: Plate with world on it, add children stickers

### Jesus Loves all the Children of the World

Tell of Jesus love for children all over the world. Use globes to emphasize the greatness of the world and the love of Jesus for all the children of the world.

Tell how some children from different countries live.

Handwork: Igloo with Eskimo boy

## Jesus Tells Stories

People followed Jesus just to hear what He had to say. He would sit on the side of a hill or in a boat to teach them how to be happy. Jesus loves us and cares about us.

### Wise Builder – Luke 15:3-7

Two men wanted to build a house. The first man built his house on the sand. It was a very pretty house. But when the rains came, the sand got soft. The house went ker-splat. The other man built his house on a rock. The rock was very big and strong. When the rains came, his house stayed still on the solid rock. Jesus said we are like the wise builder. Jesus is a rock that keeps us safe.

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### Lost Sheep- Luke 15:3-7

A shepherd takes care of sheep. He loves them and feeds them. One time he saw that one sheep was missing. He looked and looked until he found the little sheep. He picked it up and carried all the way home. Jesus is just like the shepherd. He loves us and cares for us. He would look a long time and go anywhere to find us.

Hand work: glue cotton balls on sheep

### Prodigal Son- Luke 15:11-32

A daddy had 2 sons. One son left and wasted all his money. He was hungry but he didn't have any money left to buy food. He was so hungry, he wanted to eat the pig's food. He decided to go home. He told his dad he was sorry. His daddy ran out to meet him. He hugged him and gave him new clothes and shoes. He even had a party he was so happy to see his son. God is like our daddy. He loves us no matter what.

Handwork: Son on a stick moves through maze.



### **Good Samaritan – Luke 10:25-37**

A man was traveling on a road. Some bad guys jumped out and hurt him. They stole his money and left him in the road. 2 men passed by but would not help him. A Samaritan came down the road. He fixed up his hurts and put him on a donkey. He took him to a place to stay so he could get well. Jesus told this story because he wants us to be like the Samaritan. We need to help other people because God loves us all.

Handwork: Add bandaids and blanket to injured man

### **Review Jesus' Stories**

Jesus told stories to show us how to live. He wants us to be wise builders. We need to trust Jesus. He wants us to know that he will take care of us just like the shepherd took care of the lost sheep. Jesus and God are like the dad who welcomed the son back home when he was hungry. Jesus wants us to help others like the good Samaritan.

Handwork:

## **Jesus Miracles**

Jesus had power from God to do miracles. Miracles are things that normal people can't do.

### **Jesus Feeds 5000- John 6:1-14**

Lots of people came to see Jesus. Jesus loved the people. They loved listening to Jesus. The people had been with Jesus all day. Jesus told his helpers to give them some food before they left for home. The helpers could only find 5 loaves and 2 fish in a boy's lunch basket. Jesus had the people sit down. He thanked God for the food. He gave it to the people. After all the people ate, the helpers picked up 12 baskets of extra food. Jesus fed thousands of people with just 5 breads and 2 fish. Jesus always takes care of us.

Handwork: add loaves and fish to the basket

### **Jesus Calms the Storm – Matthew 8:23-27**

Jesus had been teaching people all day. He got in a boat with his special helpers. The boat was rocking gently up and down. Jesus was very tired, and he went to sleep. But the wind started blowing harder. The waves crashed into the boat. All the disciples were scared. They woke up Jesus. He told them not to be scared. Jesus looked at the wind and the waves. He said, "Be still." The waves stopped crashing. The wind stopped blowing. Jesus friends were amazed. Even the wind and waves obey Jesus.

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### **Jesus Heals 10 Lepers – Luke 17:11-19**

10 men were very sick. They were so sick that they could not live with their family. The doctors could not make them better. Everyone was scared to be around these men because they might get sick too. The men heard that Jesus was nearby. They asked Jesus to help them. He told them to go to the priests. As they went, they became well. They were not sick anymore. The 10 men were very happy. One man ran back to Jesus to say thank you.

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### **Jesus Heals Blind Man – John 9:1-12**

There was a man who couldn't see. He had never seen the sky or a bird or his mommy. One day he was sitting by the road. Jesus was walking down the road. Jesus stopped and picked up some mud. He put the mud on the blind man's eyes. He told the blind man to go wash off the mud. The blind man went to a pool of water. As soon as he washed his face, he could see. He was very thankful to Jesus for making him better.

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### **Review Jesus Miracles**

Jesus had power from God. He did many things that we could never do. When there was only 5 breads and 2 fish, he fed thousands of people. He didn't want the people to be hungry. When a big storm made the boat almost tip over, Jesus told the wind and waves to be still. He told his helpers to not be afraid of storms. When Jesus saw the 10 men who were sick, he made them well. The blind man washed Jesus' mud off his eyes and was able to see. Jesus has God's power. He can still take care of us today.

Handwork:

## **Seek Jesus**

*I seek you with all my heart. Psalm 119:10*

Luke 19:1-10

Visuals: tree branch, tree, fingerplay

Zacchaeus

Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus. He had heard so many good things about Jesus. He went to the side of the road where Jesus was walking. He was too short to see over the crowd. He ran ahead and climbed a tree. Now he would be able to see Jesus. When Jesus came, he looked up into the tree and said, "Zacchaeus, come down. I am going to your house." Zacchaeus was so excited that Jesus came home with him. He loved Jesus very much.

Handwork: Zacchaeus figure moves up and down tree

## **How We Worship**

*Worship the Lord with gladness. Psalm 100:2*

Worship means telling God how good He is. God loves for us to worship Him. It makes us feel closer to God when we worship him. We can worship anytime and any place. We can worship by ourselves or with other people.

Visuals: song books, Bibles, collection plate, communion trays, pictures of big church, instruments,

### **Worship-Prayer: Jesus Prays Matthew 6:9-14**

One of the things that God loves for us to do is to worship. One part of worship is praying. Some people bow their heads and fold their hands to pray. Some people get on their knees. Some people raise their hands toward God. Prayer is talking to God. Jesus showed us how to pray. He told God he loved him and asked for God to help him. Jesus told us to ask God for whatever we need.

God always listens to our prayers.

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**Worship-Singing: Jesus Sang** Matthew 26:30

One of the things that God loves for us to do is worship. One part of worship is singing. Some people sing songs that they make up. Some people read the words in a book. Some people use microphones while others sing softly. In big church, someone helps us start a song all at the same time. Jesus even sang songs while he was here. Singing makes us happy as we worship God.

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**Worship-Giving: Widow's Mite** Mark 12:41-43

One of the things God loves for us to do is worship. One part of worship is giving. One day Jesus was watching people give money in big church. He saw lots of people giving a lot of money. Then one lady came and gave two small coins. It was all the money she had. Jesus said she did a good job by sharing her money. We can share what we have with Jesus, too.

Handwork: put pennies in a box