

Starting Steps

Craft and Take-Home



EACH WEEK PARENTS GET:

- interactive activities to continue the Bible learning at home

AND

- their child's "Masterpiece" in a fun frame.



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Dear Parent

Sept

Thank you for sending your toddler to Sunday school. Even at this young age, your child is able to learn many things about God and His love. Each week you will receive a page from *Starting Steps*. One side has your child's art in a picture frame. The other side helps extend your child's Bible learning into the week with an interactive Bible story and discussion starters about the craft. A quick, encouraging devotional, tips on how your child is developing, and an anecdote are also included to encourage you in your life as a parent. If your church made you a copy of the reproducible CD used in class, use this CD to review or pre-teach stories in the car, during devotion time, or during other special times you have with your toddler.

September

This Is the Bible

During the month of September your child will learn that the Bible is a very special book, it tells us about Jesus, it is God's Word, and it is true. The calendar gives you activities to do with your child which extend the Bible story throughout the week. You may want to save a few of your child's craft projects throughout the quarter as keepsakes of his or her toddler art.

October

Tell Me about God

These October lessons will share with your child different ways that God shows His love to us in a way that he or she can understand. Your child will hear that God made us; how God knows us; ways God takes care of us; and that God loves us. You and your child can use the activities on the calendar to extend the Bible story throughout the week.

November

God's Helpers

November finishes the quarter with lessons that teach your child about special people in God's Word who were helpers of God. Your child will learn about Miriam, Esther, Solomon, Paul, and Luke. The calendar gives you and your child activities to do which extend the Bible story throughout the week.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
<i>Starting Steps</i> sent home today. 5	6	Read the Bible story today. 7	8	9	Tell Bible stories to dolls or toys. 10	11
<i>Starting Steps</i> sent home today. 12	Point to pictures of Jesus as you read Bible stories. 13	14	Read the Bible story today. 15	16	17	18
<i>Starting Steps</i> sent home today. 19	20	Read the Bible story today. 21	22	Use toy people to act out Bible stories. 23	24	25
<i>Starting Steps</i> sent home today. 26	27	28	Talk about the true stories you read together. 29	30		

Oct

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	Read the Bible story today. 2
<i>Starting Steps</i> sent home today. 3	4	How many stuffed animals can your child hug? 5	6	Read the Bible story today. 7	8	9
<i>Starting Steps</i> sent home today. 10	11	12	Make people shapes with blocks. 13	14	Read the Bible story today. 15	16
<i>Starting Steps</i> sent home today. 17	18	Read the Bible story today. 19	20	Play a game of "Peekaboo." 21	22	23
<i>Starting Steps</i> sent home today. 24	25	26	Read the Bible story today. 27	28	29	Help your child feed a doll. 30

Nov

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	Have your child put a doll in a basket bed. 2	3	Read the Bible story today. 4	5	6
<i>Starting Steps</i> sent home today. 7	8	9	Read the Bible story today. 10	11	Let your child dress up as a king or queen. 12	13
<i>Starting Steps</i> sent home today. 14	Build a tower with blocks today. 15	16	17	Read the Bible story today. 18	19	20
<i>Starting Steps</i> sent home today. 21	22	Read the Bible story today. 23	24	25	26	Pretend to pack and go on a trip together. 27
<i>Starting Steps</i> sent home today. 28	29	30	Let your child "write" a letter. 1	2	Read the Bible story today. 3	4

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For Parents and Toddlers

Starting Steps is for families to use at home. It encourages you in your own faith-journey and parenting skills while extending what your child learned in class throughout the week. This week's Bible story is "The Bible Is a Very Special Book." Toddlers like and need repetition to learn—so read the story many times during the week.

THE Encouraging WORD

A Devotional for Parents

Raising a young child can leave a parent without energy, time, or strength. The reality is that you need to take time to renew yourself each day so that you can be an effective parent.

You can find daily spiritual strength and renewal in God's very special book—the Bible. Try to find a moment while your child is sleeping to spend time reading the Bible. God will daily touch you with His love and promises. His Word will give you strength. Pray with the psalmist in Psalm 119:28:

My soul is weary . . . strengthen me according to your word.

At This Age

Two year olds love looking at pictures or listening to a story. They can learn to appreciate and handle books correctly while building a strong language foundation. Here are some tips:

- Set a daily time to enjoy books with your child.
- Hold your child in your lap and talk about the book's story or pictures.
- Use books with heavy pages and shapes that easily fit your child's hands.
- Let your child help in selecting the story, holding the book, and turning the pages.

TODDLER TICKLER —"Naughty Tag-Team"

One day while I was running errands, I left my children in the car with a friend of mine. Apparently my 4-year-old was being quite obnoxious when suddenly she quit and said to her 2-year-old sister: "I'm tired of being naughty. It's your turn now."

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TIME WITH YOUR TODDLER/2



A Look at a Toddler/2 MASTERPIECE

Today your child finger-painted on foil. As you talk with your child about her masterpiece, ask her

how the paint felt. Talk about how the paint looks on the foil.

On the back of this page is a frame designed to display your child's craft. The printed title on the frame will help you remind your child about this week's Bible story.



INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY

This story is based on Habakkuk 2:2-3; 2 Peter 1:20-21.



This is the Bible.

(You and your child can point to a Bible.)

The Bible is a book.

(Hold hands open like a book.)

The Bible is a very special book. We learn about God in the Bible.

(You and your child can point up.)

The Bible comes from God.

(You and your child can point up.)

I'm glad God gave us a very special book. This is the Bible. The Bible is a very special book.

These questions can be used to help your child review the Bible story.

1. What is the Bible? (A very special book)
2. What book is very special? (The Bible)

THE BIBLE IS A VERY SPECIAL BOOK

