

Starting Steps



Faith Activities for Families with Toddlers

Starting Steps is for families to use at home. It encourages you in your faith-journey and parenting. Use the ideas here and on the *Starting Steps* calendar throughout the week to extend and reinforce what your child learned.

At This Age

Having to apologize can be difficult at any age. But two year olds have an exceptionally hard time saying “I’m sorry.” They do not yet understand how their actions affect other people. Here are a few ideas to encourage your child to begin taking responsibility for wrong actions:

- Teach your child when to say “I’m sorry.”
- Be sure to ask for your child’s forgiveness when you’ve done something wrong.
- Be a model for your child to show when and how to apologize.

Time with God

Two year olds have many fears—fear of the dark, fear of new places, maybe fear of new situations. Our children aren’t the only ones who have fears. Parents of two year olds can also have fears—fear of raising a child in today’s world, fear of adequately providing for a family, fear of making it through another day.

Psalm 91:2 tells us of a place to take all these fears.

I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

God will keep us safe from our fears. As we deal with our fears by trusting in God, we will be able to deal with our child’s fears better.

Toddler Tickler

Even the Praying Mantis?

My children found a dead bug on the floor. My two-and-a-half year old, Jenae, felt compassion for it and was sad. Her four-year-old brother, Josh, tried to console her and said, “It’s OK, Jenae, he’ll be in heaven waiting for us.” Her concern ended, and she said, “I don’t want to go to heaven if bugs are there!”

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Time with Your Toddler



God Made Little Animals

based on Genesis 1:24-25

The Bible story “God Made Little Animals” was taught in Sunday school today. Read the story from here and Bible storybooks many times—toddlers like and need repetition to learn.

The Bible tells us that God made little animals.

(Curl up as small as you can.)

God made the little mouse who squeaks and runs very fast.

(Run in place.)



God made the little cat who cuddles and says, “meow.”

(Say “meow.”)



God made the little butterfly who flies around the sky.

(Move arms as if flying.)

God made them all.

(Point up.)

Only God could make the little animals.

God made little animals.

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

1. What did God make? (Little animals)
2. Who made little animals? (God)

Look what I made!

Your child created today's masterpiece by pressing and cutting out animal shapes from play dough. Ask your child what she used to make the animal.

