

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

Two-year-old children have an inner sense of wonder about God's special world. From the tiny insect to the majestic mountains, they seem to be amazed. Here are more ways to help your child realize who created this special world.

- As you go for walks, take time to touch and feel objects God created. Remind your child that God made each one special and different.

- Tell your child daily how unique and special God made him or her. Remind your child how God formed him and will take care of him.

Time with God

As a parent of a two year old, you may receive many little "gifts." A gift may be a hug, an unexpected thank you, or even a warm wilted flower. Each one means so much because it is done out of love and comes from the heart.

While such gifts from a child are precious, there is a gift that is worth even more.

But the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 6:23

That gift is the ultimate gift we can receive.

As you rejoice in the little gifts you receive from your child, rejoice even more in God's gift to you through Jesus' death and resurrection.

Toddler Tickler

Good Move

We recently moved into our home that we built, so building had been the main topic of conversation with our two-year-old son, Jared. Capitalizing on this, I taught him the days of Creation. Going over each day, he told me what God had made. "What did God do on the seventh day?" I asked. "Why, Mommy, He moved in."

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Time with Your Toddler



God Made People based on Genesis 1:26-31

This week's Bible story is "God Made People." Read the story from here and Bible storybooks many times—toddlers like and need repetition to learn.

The Bible tells us that God made people.

(Open arms wide.)

God made the first man. His name was Adam.

(Hold up the first finger of your left hand.)

God made the first woman. Her name was Eve.

(Hold up the first finger of your right hand.)

God made more people.

He made mommies and daddies who care for us.

(Hug yourself.)

God made you, and God made me.

(Point to a child and then yourself.)

God made people.

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

1. What did God make? (People)
2. Who made people? (God)



Look what I made!



During craft time today your child drew with wet chalk on paper. Ask your child, "What happened to the chalk when it got wet?"