

Toddler Group Planning

Autumn Term

This terms' planning is a great place to start with new families. It explores who we are and all about us. Moving then into the creation, we introduce our great big God who created our world. The stories develop to show that God speaks and is in communication with us.

The planning also marks times of year such as harvest, remembrance and advent.

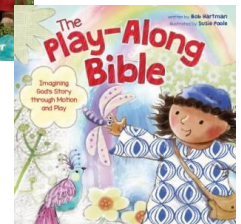
Stories

Stories in the planning can be found in most children's Bibles and **feel free to use any versions** that suit the age of your children and your group. The planning makes reference to stories in **The Big Bible Storybook** and **The Play-Along Bible**. Both have good versions that make it easy to share stories with under 5's.

Occasionally other stories may be suggested throughout, these can usually be found cheaply online, with links provided. Again, use your own versions to fit with the theme if you have them.

Sensory Play

The planning includes weekly ideas for structured or sensory play. Young children learn through play and through their senses. Having opportunities for them to engage with themes in the story throughout the session can help to both develop their spirituality and help them understand the story.



First Half Term

Date	Theme	Story	Talk about...	Craft Activity	Sensory play/ (additional toys.)	Prayer Time
Week 1	Who am I? Welcome	'You be You' by Linda Kranz https://www.amazon.co.uk/You-Be-Linda-Kranz/dp/158979747Z	Talents and skills, things that make us special.	Create (paint) your own stone fish http://www.sunhatsandwellieboats.com/2016/03/12-favourite-story-book-activities-for.html OR painting a bubble wrap fish shape. https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/133771051406618026/	Water play – fishes Play dough fish	Thank you God for our gifts and that we are all special. Amen.
Week 2	Smallest & Biggest	God knows me Psalm 139 Big Bible Story book - p17	What's the smallest thing you've seen? What's the biggest thing you've seen? What's the biggest thing you haven't seen?	Weaving https://www.daniellesplace.com/html/free-lesson-psalm-139.html (bottom of page)	Small creatures sensory play Large animals play dough.	Thank you God that you know every part of us and that you care and know us. Help us to know you more. Amen.
Week 3	Harvest	The Prickly hedgehog https://www.amazon.co.uk/Prickly-Hedgehog-Mark-Ezra/dp/1854301284/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1503665766&sr=8-1&keywords=the+prickly+hedgehog	What is harvest? We thank God for our food and for rain to grow our food. Not everyone has enough food. How can we share – link to story.	Making bread – bread mix – make rolls or hedgehogs. (bake at home) https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/hedgehog-rolls	Playdough Hedgehogs or Natural exploration basket (leaves cones etc)	Thank you God for providing food for us to eat. Help u to think about how we can help people who are hungry. Amen.
Week 4	Creation 1	Creation Earth and sea/ light and dark	Story	Paper plate sunshine/ cloud (paint, or tissue/ cotton wool) OR Handprint sunshine https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/362399101242010461/	Water play – watering cans. Tent - mirrors and torches, stars and light and dark etc.	Thank you God for creation. Thank you God that you love us. Amen.

Week 5	Creation 2	Animals of Creation	Favourite animals	Animal masks http://www.firstpalette.com/Craft_themes/Animals/animalmasks/animalmask.html OR any animal craft (lots of ideas online)	Sea creatures – water play Animals – sand/ spaghetti in tray.	Thank you God for animals, all shapes and sizes. Amen.
Week 6	Creation 3	People of Creation	Story	Make themselves on people papercut out (pre-cut out or can buy from poundland)	Small dolls/ figures – can be in a range of materials – sand, lego, shaving foam etc.	Thank you God for creation. Help us to be close to you each day. Amen
Week 7	God Speaks	Noah (Big Bible Story book - p22)	Who tells us things that are important? People who love us – our family, friends or people who look after us.	Any Rainbow craft. Ideas: http://stayathomeeducator.com/snipped-yarn-rainbow-craft/ https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/353391901984830140/	Animal tracks in paint. Building blocks - build an ark Noah's ark toys	Thank you God for talking to Noah and telling him to look after all the animals. Amen

Second Half Term

Date	Theme	Story	Talk about...	Craft Activity	Sensory play/ additional toys.	Prayer Time
Week 1	Remembrance	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pv_ub7Be7oA Cbeebies poppies animation (if appropriate)	The bravery of people who gave their lives for us. How it is important we remember them. What peace means. How we can bring peace.	Poppy craft with cake cases https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/164662930102686855/	Play dough poppies – red play dough	Thank you God for the people who keep us safe. Help us to be kind to each other. Amen
Week 2	God Speaks	Samuel (BBSB p59)	Where are our special places/ where do we feel safe? Where do we go when we need quiet time?	Samuel bed craft https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/429882726921289901/ OR Listening ears headband https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/52987733090048837/	Tent - cushions, quilt or cots OR dolls equipment, putting babies to bed.	Thank you God for talking to Samuel and for repeating what you said so he could hear you. Amen.
Week 3	God Speaks	Mary & Angel (BBSB p120-1)	God can speak to us through others	Paper plate/doily angel Lots of ideas here: https://www.google.co.uk/search?biw=1600&bih=771&tbm=isch&sa=1&q=angel+craft&oq=angel+craft&gs_l=psy-ab.3..0j0i67k1j0l2.58959.61302.0.61582.11.11.0.0.0.150.1251.4j7.11.0....0...1.1.64.psy-ab..0.11.1238.SsicPILsH9&g	Sounds – musical instruments. Sensory sound basket with any everyday objects for exploration https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/32791903508692792/	Thank you God for sending an angel to Mary, to bring her the amazing message of Jesus. Amen.

Week 4	Advent	Getting Ready for Jesus Board book https://www.amazon.co.uk/Getting-Ready-Christmas-Board-Books/dp/0310975611/ref=sr_1_3?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1501703868&sr=1-3&keywords=getting+ready+for+Jesus	How are we preparing for Jesus this Christmas	Create a stable (figures to be added next week) Could be 3d E.g.- box or flat with lollypop sticks https://www.activityvilla.co.uk/stable-frame-craft	Use oats, seeds or corn kernels in sensory tray plus barn animals https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/107804984809144658/	Thank you God for those in the world around us who get things ready for us. Amen.
Week 5	Nativity	(BBSB p124)	Read the story – children could dress up if you have dressing up outfits.	Make figures to add to nativity scene.	Nativity scene/ toys for children to play with https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/85286986673915556/ http://livingmontessorinow.com/montessori-inspired-nativity-activities-and-focus-on-the-nativity-blog-hop/ Costumes to dress up in – if any are available?	
Week 6	Christmas Party/ celebration or	(BBSB p124)	Celebrate together as you break up for Christmas break.	Christmas cards, biscuits	Christmas play dough http://oneperfectdayblo	

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