Toddler Group Planning - Year 2

Spring Term

This terms’ planning further explores Jesus and his life.

The first half term explores the stories that Jesus told. After half term the sessions explore people that Jesus met. This leads into sessions around Palm Sunday and Easter.

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. The Play-Along Bible also has 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.
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<td>Stories Jesus Told</td>
<td>Jesus tells a story – The good Samaritan. BBSB p175. The play along Bible p81 (Luke 10:25-37)</td>
<td>The Jews and the Samaritans were groups of people who didn’t like each other but the Samaritan man was the only man who stopped to help the man. He did something important for God.</td>
<td>Helping hand handprints or cut outs &lt;br&gt;<a href="https://goo.gl/images/xKVqYX">https://goo.gl/images/xKVqYX</a> &lt;br&gt;Paper doll shape – draw or decorate someone who has helped them.</td>
<td>Doctors set/ dressing up. Dolls, cuddly toys plus bandages/ plasters.</td>
<td>Dear Lord, &lt;br&gt;We thank you that there are people to help us. Help us to have courage to help others too. Amen.</td>
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<td>Week 2</td>
<td>Stories Jesus Told</td>
<td>A tiny seed. p181 (Matthew 13:31-32)</td>
<td>If you can bring some mustard seeds in to show the children how small they are. Explain how just knowing a tiny bit about Jesus can grow and grow until we are like that big strong tree, strong in our faith.</td>
<td>Decorating branches with ribbons or sing pipe cleaners. &lt;br&gt;<a href="http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/search/label/Mustard%20Seed">http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/search/label/Mustard%20Seed</a> &lt;br&gt;Planting seeds or small plants.</td>
<td>Seeds or pulses in tray. &lt;br&gt;Planting role play or actual planting.</td>
<td>Dear Lord, &lt;br&gt;We ask that the tiny seed of faith within us can grow strong. Amen.</td>
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<td>Week 3</td>
<td>Stories Jesus Told</td>
<td>A beautiful Pearl. p161 (Matthew 13:45-46)</td>
<td>You may have some pearls to show the children. Explain where they come from and that they are precious. Like all the pearls we will have lots of things in our life but Jesus will always be the one thing that is like that perfect pearl, the thing we are looking for.</td>
<td>Pearl topped biscuits. &lt;br&gt;<a href="http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2018/05/parable-of-precious-pearl-with-under-5s.html">http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2018/05/parable-of-precious-pearl-with-under-5s.html</a></td>
<td>Tapioca pearl sensory dough &lt;br&gt;<a href="https://teachbesideme.com/tapioca-pearl-sensory-play/">https://teachbesideme.com/tapioca-pearl-sensory-play/</a> or a treasure trove with costume jewellery/different jewels for them to explore.</td>
<td>Dear Lord, &lt;br&gt;Help us to find you, like that perfect pearl. Amen.</td>
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| Week | Stories Jesus Told | Light for the whole world. p186 (Matthew 5:14-16) | It is good to see light when it’s dark. You can be a light in the world by doing good things. Discuss what good things they could do? | Simple paper lantern. [https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/260364422190997060/](https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/260364422190997060/)  
Shiny or reflective materials for children to feel/ play with. | Dear Lord,  
Help us to do good things.  
Let us be a light in the world as you are. Amen. |
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| Week 4 | Stories Jesus Told | The lost sheep p187 (Luke 15:1-7) | The shepherd thought every one of those sheep was special. God thinks each and every one of us is special too. | Paper plate sheep [http://mrol.net/2018/01/06/sheep-craft-for-preschoolers/](http://mrol.net/2018/01/06/sheep-craft-for-preschoolers/) | Farm animals set  
Sensory materials in tray – shredded paper or shaving foam with hidden sheep toys. | Dear Lord,  
Help us to know you and to come back to you when we are lost. Amen. |
| Week 5 | Stories Jesus Told | The missing coin. p190 (Luke 15:8-10) | The lady doesn’t just leave her coin she spent a lot of effort finding it. It was precious to her. Jesus looks for people who are far away from God and is so excited when they get to know him better. | Coin headbands [http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2013/04/the-lost-coin-with-3-5s.html](http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2013/04/the-lost-coin-with-3-5s.html)  
Decorate large coins made of silver paper. | Play coins or money.  
Hidden objects or a treasure hunt. | Dear Lord,  
like the lady with her coin, find us when we are far away from you. Amen |
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<td>A woman fetching water</td>
<td>Jesus had never met the lady before but he knew all about her. Jesus knows</td>
<td>Paper cup well craft [<a href="https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/A_c_gFO9P9b8AH6SUjWSMVJRkFzgFTE">https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/A_c_gFO9P9b8AH6SUjWSMVJRkFzgFTE</a></td>
<td>Water play, filling containers.</td>
<td>Dear Lord, You know us so well. Help us to know more of you in our lives. Amen.</td>
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<td>p142. (John 4:3-30)</td>
<td>about us and loves us.</td>
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<td>Week 2</td>
<td>People Jesus met.</td>
<td>A man at work. p149</td>
<td>Matthew collected people’s money but took more than he should. He wanted to</td>
<td>Envelope money pouch. <a href="https://goo.gl/images/6DE2sN">https://goo.gl/images/6DE2sN</a></td>
<td>Play money, with shops/stalls.</td>
<td>Dear Lord, help us to share and be generous with all that we have. Amen.</td>
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<td>(Matthew 9:9-13)</td>
<td>be rich. When he met Jesus he knew he had to change and learn to be more like</td>
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<td>Jesus. We can learn to be more like Jesus.</td>
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<td>People Jesus met.</td>
<td>A woman with a gift. P157</td>
<td>In Jesus’ day people would wash their dusty feet if you went to their house.</td>
<td>Painted footprints with bible verse.</td>
<td>Sensory walk or feel – a range of things for children to experience the feel of. E.g.</td>
<td>Dear Lord, Help us to find ways to show others and you that we love you. Amen.</td>
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<td>(Luke 7:36-50)</td>
<td>This lady showed how much she loved Jesus by washing his feet. How can we</td>
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<td>large stones, pom poms, rope, gloop, sponges etc.</td>
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| Week 4 | People met. | Two friendly sisters. p176 (Luke 10:38-42) | Life can be very busy sometimes. It’s important that we find time for Jesus. We can talk to him when we pray and listen to him. | Mary and Martha lollypop stick craft.  
Focus on Jesus – finger labyrinths.  
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| Week 5 | People met. | Jesus and the children. BSBB P194 (Mark 10:13-16) | Jesus loves children. He always has time for you. It doesn’t matter how small you are, Jesus loves you very much. | Craft sticks or stones saying ‘Jesus loves (child’s name)’  
http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/search/label/Jesus%20welcomes%20the%20children | Dolls, small play. | Dear Lord, thank you that we can come to you and you welcome us. Amen. |
| Week 6 | Palm Sunday | BBSB p199 (Mark 11:1-11) | How do we welcome people? | Make a palm leaf to wave, cutting out handprints in green paper.  