

## Toddler Group Planning

### Summer Term

This terms' planning begins to explore Jesus and his life.

The first half term explores Jesus as a leader, a healer, a teacher and a storyteller.

After half term this theme continues looking at miracles and then how Jesus talks to God and how we can. It ends with some of the 'I am' statements

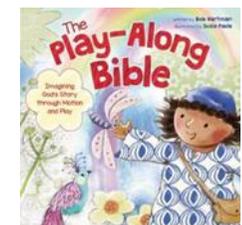
### Stories

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.



First Half Term

Date	Theme	Story	Talk about...	Craft Activity	Structured/ Sensory play	Prayer Time
w/c 16 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Jesus our friend</b>	BBSB p 198 <b>Jesus the friend</b> – story of Zacchaeus. (Luke 19:1-9)	The story. How Jesus wants to be our friend. (This is the first concept Toddlers engage with of Jesus). How can we be a good friend? Talk about being kind, caring, other characteristics and how Jesus loves us always.	Large collage of a friendship tree, with hand prints.  <a href="https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/588775351255406914/">https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/588775351255406914/</a>  Or on pre-cut out paper figures – make a special friend.	Toy figures in sand/ water. Animals – farm set.  Role play – home, dolls, food.	Dear God, Thank you for our friends and for being able to have Jesus as our friend. Amen
w/c 23rd April	<b>Jesus the healer</b>	BBSB p146 <b>Jesus Heals a man.</b> Could us multiple examples (Matthew 8:1-4)	Jesus healed and made many people better.	Children draw and cut out hand and stick plaster 'Cross' on to it.  <a href="http://www.blessingoverflowing.com/sunday-school-crafts-jesus-heals/">http://www.blessingoverflowing.com/sunday-school-crafts-jesus-heals/</a>	Assortment of dolls/ cuddly toys. Plasters, bandages and medical sets. Allow children to 'make better' things in their care.  Brown playdough to represent mud/ dirt used on blind man's eyes.	Dear God We pray for anyone we know who is not well or needs your help. Amen
w/c 30 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Jesus the leader.</b>	BBSB p136 <b>Meeting Jesus</b> – (Mark 1:16:20) If the children are older you may want to also include BBSB p152 Jesus the leader – And how he went on to call the 12	Jesus called Peter and Andrew (and eventually had 12 disciples). They were fishermen. They left everything to go and follow Jesus	Fish and net craft	Water play, boats or fishes, nets.	Dear God We thank you that you sent Jesus to show us how to live. Amen

		disciples.				
w/c 30 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Jesus the Teacher</b>	<p>Read <b>Mark 6: 34</b> – That Jesus began to teach them many things</p> <p>Or scripture union book '<b>Jesus teaches</b>'  <a href="http://www.eden.co.uk/shop/jesus_teaches_39095.html?site_id=162595&amp;adtype=pla&amp;device=c&amp;product_id=39095&amp;gclid=CJ0KCQjwkD3VBRDzARIsAAdGzMBzbqT-a-7d4ZwONXGmVnVvGY09r9XlcwL78DYh3Oc1oY2pGnrHT0aAu4cEALw_wcB">http://www.eden.co.uk/shop/jesus_teaches_39095.html?site_id=162595&amp;adtype=pla&amp;device=c&amp;product_id=39095&amp;gclid=CJ0KCQjwkD3VBRDzARIsAAdGzMBzbqT-a-7d4ZwONXGmVnVvGY09r9XlcwL78DYh3Oc1oY2pGnrHT0aAu4cEALw_wcB</a></p>	<p>Jesus taught his disciples and many people about God. Many people would crowd about him to hear him talk. Jesus taught them to 'Love one another'</p>	<p>Decorate Love heart shaped biscuits or cakes with love heart sweets.</p>	<p>Role play – dolls/ animals – taking care of things.</p>	<p>Dear God We thank you for all the new things we get to learn every day and for the people who take time to show and teach us. Amen</p>
w/c 7 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Jesus the storyteller.</b>	<p>BBSB p155 <b>The story of Two Builders</b> (Matthew 7:24-27)</p>	<p>Jesus told lots of stories. Many, many people came to listen to these stories. He explained how we could live our lives in a good way that would please God through these stories. Talk about the houses and what Jesus meant by the foundations. The house that did not move was safe and strong. Just like people who listen to Jesus.</p>	<p>Decorate house template – sponge paint or collage. Bible verse can be added.</p> <p>Template:  <a href="https://lettheirlightshine.files.wordpress.com/2015/01/house-1.pdf">https://lettheirlightshine.files.wordpress.com/2015/01/house-1.pdf</a></p>	<p>Building blocks/ lego – building houses.</p> <p>Experiment with different materials to make houses – recycling waste etc.</p>	<p>Dear God We thank you for our homes and ask you to keep us safe there. Amen</p>
w/c 14 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Jesus the storyteller</b>	<p>BBSB p158 <b>The story of the seeds</b></p>	<p>Tell the story. Show the children seeds. Everyone we</p>	<p>Planting session. Plant a seed in a pot for the</p>	<p>Digging and planting in tray or outside area.</p>	<p>Dear God We thank</p>

		(Mark 4:1-9)	meet is different, same as the different soils that the seeds were planted in. God wants us to do the best that we can.	children to take home Or plant cress seeds	Using soil or sand, plant pots, hand tools and fresh or plastic flowers.	you that you made us just the way we are and we are all different. Amen
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**Second Half Term**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Story</b>	<b>Talk about...</b>	<b>Craft Activity</b>	<b>Structured/ Sensory play</b>	<b>Prayer Time</b>
w/c 4 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Jesus is... amazing.</b>	BBSB p168 <b>Jesus calms the storm</b> (Mark 6:45-52)	Jesus did amazing things. We call them miracles. Explain the story of the calming of the storm and how all his friends were amazed.	Boat craft  For example: <a href="http://faithsprouts.blogspot.co.uk/2015/03/jesus-calms-storm.html">http://faithsprouts.blogspot.co.uk/2015/03/jesus-calms-storm.html</a>	Water play with boats, nets or fishes.  Playdough story mat (print out and children mould play dough on)  <a href="http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.co.uk/2015/01/jesus-calms-storm-play-dough-mat.html">http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.co.uk/2015/01/jesus-calms-storm-play-dough-mat.html</a>	Dear God Please be us when something is frightening us and help us to be calm. Amen.
w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Jesus is... amazing.</b>	BBSB p 165 (John 6:1-15) <b>Bread for everyone – Feeding of the 5000</b>	Continuing with the amazing things Jesus did. Explain the story of the feeding of the 5000.	Make sandwiches – to eat together	Kitchen – pretend food preparation. Play picnics.	Dear God We thank for the food we are able to

					Play dough food.	enjoy. Amen
w/c 18 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Jesus talks to God</b>	BBSB p139 (Mark 1:35-37, Matthew 6:5-7)	Jesus shows us that we too can spend time with God and when we talk to him we call it praying. Say prayer together.	Decorate a simple toddler prayer to display in their room such as a bedtime prayer.  <a href="https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/321796335848041751/">https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/321796335848041751/</a>	Lego prayers <a href="http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.co.uk/2015/03/lego-or-duplo-prayers.html">http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.co.uk/2015/03/lego-or-duplo-prayers.html</a>  Create something they are thankful for in play dough  Create a quiet space such as a tent or a den.	Dear God We thank you that we can talk to you at any time and you hear us. Amen
w/c 25 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Praying as Jesus did/ Jesus' prayer</b>	BBSB p178/ 179 (Matthew 6:8-12) (Luke 11:2-4)	Jesus' friends wanted to pray like Jesus did so he helped them to pray. Talk to God in the same way as someone who loves you. Jesus taught them a special prayer 'The Lord's Prayer...' Explain simply each line <a href="http://www.barnabasinchurches.org.uk/acting-out-the-lords-prayer/">http://www.barnabasinchurches.org.uk/acting-out-the-lords-prayer/</a>	Making Bread (if you have cooking facilities)  Print off copies of the Lord's prayer for them to take home. Children could add a handprint or decorate.	Sand prayers – making handprints, rubbing away.  Kitchen play set  Create a quiet space such as a tent or a den	Read the Lord's prayer.
w/c 2nd July	<b>I am the light</b>	BBSB p167 This story explains the healing of the blind man in John 9: 1-12. Use this story or just the verse	Jesus said 'I am the light of the world' Explain that light helps us when we can't see or are scared.	Simple paper lantern or tissue paper stuck on small glass jar (with battery tealight)	Torches: Den space – light/ dark.  Blowing bubbles – noticing colours and	Dear God Be with us when we are scared or lonely and

		<p>John 8:12          "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."</p>	<p>Jesus is our light. When we're having trouble, lonely, scared or when we did something wrong, Jesus is the light to help us. If we don't have Jesus, it's hard to live the way we're supposed to</p>	<p>Both ideas here:  <a href="https://theimaginationtre.com/light-party-crafts-and-games-for-kids/">https://theimaginationtre.com/light-party-crafts-and-games-for-kids/</a>          or tissue paper light catchers for window (in cross or heart shape)</p>	<p>light.</p>	<p>help us to feel safe. Amen.</p>
<p>w/c 9<sup>th</sup>          July</p>	<p><b>I am the gate</b></p>	<p>BBSB p188  <b>I am the gate.</b>          (John 10:1-15)</p>	<p>Read the story. Talk about when we feel safe who makes us feel safe. Our mummy and daddy or the people who care for us. God sent Jesus to keep his friends safe forever.</p>	<p>Make a small gate out of lolly sticks or decorate cardboard gate.</p>	<p>Farm animals or zoo, with gates/ sections.</p>	<p>Dear God          We thank you for those people who look after us and keep us safe. Amen</p>
<p>w/c 16<sup>th</sup>          July</p>	<p><b>I am the good shepherd</b></p>	<p>BBSB p187  <b>I am the good shepherd</b>          (Luke 15:1-7, John 10: 11-18.)</p>	<p>Read the story of the lost sheep. Tell them Jesus said 'I am the good shepherd' (John 10) The shepherd thought all his sheep were special. He thinks we are all special too.</p>	<p>Sheep craft – with cotton wool or paper doilies.</p>	<p>Farm animals, sheep. Animals – doctors sets to look after stuffed animals.</p>	<p>Dear God          Help me remember I am special and that you made everyone else special too. Amen.</p>



