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# Curriculum for Preschoolers



We want preschoolers to take a first look at who God is and understand...



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**BOTTOM LINE:**  
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**BIBLE WORDS:**  
"I am fearfully and wonderfully made," (Psalm 139:14, NIV).

Toddler classrooms are one of the most unique places in the church. Between the diaper changes, snacking, and rocking, there are small windows of playtime that are an amazing opportunity to teach children about their loving heavenly Father. This curriculum is designed to bridge the gap as your young toddlers move from the baby room towards the twos.

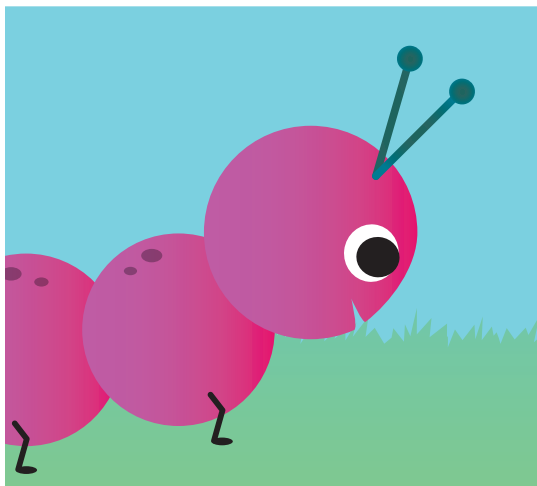
**Here's an overview of what you'll be teaching toddlers this month.**

**Monthly Playtimes**

- Look at Me
- Tickle, Tickle
- Diaper Cycle
- Cuddle Rhyme

**Supplies**

- Toddler mirror



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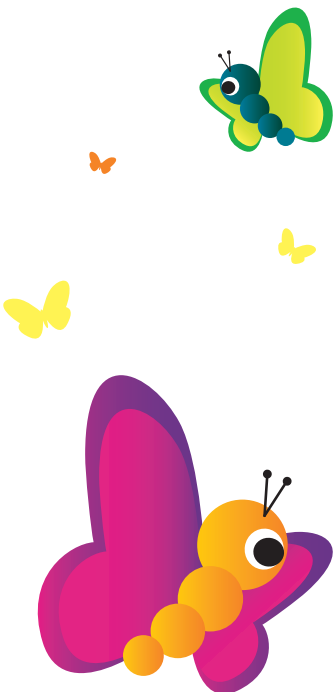
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We have provided four playtimes to teach the monthly bottom line through one-on-one as well as small group play. Repeat each activity as long as there is interest. Remember, toddlers LOVE repetition.

These toddler playtimes have also been produced as posters available at [www.therethinkstore.org](http://www.therethinkstore.org) for you to hang on the wall for easy reference.



# Monthly Playtimes

## 1. Look at Me

**What You Need:** Toddler mirror

**What You Do:** Stand or sit with a toddler friend in front of the mirror. Continue as long as interest holds.

**What You Say:** "[Child's name], come and sit with me. Let's look in the mirror. Who's in the mirror? I see [child's name] in the mirror. [Child's name], God MADE you. Where's [child's name]? There he is! God made [child's name]."

## 2. Tickle, Tickle

**What You Need:** No supplies are needed.

**What You Do:** Sit with a toddler friend and have some tickle fun. Start with their toes and work your way up to the nose. Touch their feet, tummy, hands, fingers and nose.

**What You Say:** "Come and sit with me. Do you know that God made you? God made your toes. God made your feet. God made your tummy. God made your hands. God made your fingers. God made your nose. God made you!"

## 3. Diaper Cycle

**What You Do:** After you change a child's diaper, hold the child's feet and gently make cycling motions with their legs. Do not force if they resist.

**What You Say:** "God made [Child's name] legs. They are so strong! I'm glad God made your legs. I'm glad God made you. God made YOU! Yeah!"

## 4. Cuddle Rhyme

**What You Do:** Hold and rock a toddler while singing the following rhyme to the tune of "Are You Sleeping." You can keep singing the song as long as there is interest substituting other words for *eyes*, *ears*, *fingers* and *smile*.

**What You Say:** "Can you come and sit with me. I want to sing a song with you.  
God made your eyes  
God made your ears  
God made YOU  
God made YOU

God made your fingers  
God made your smile  
God made you  
God made you.

Yeah! [Clap.]"