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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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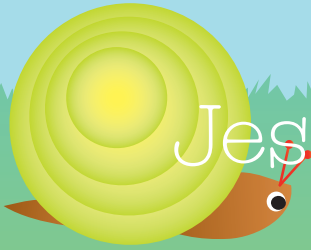
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**BOTTOM LINE:**  
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**BIBLE WORDS:**  
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(1 Peter 5:7, NIV).

*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.*

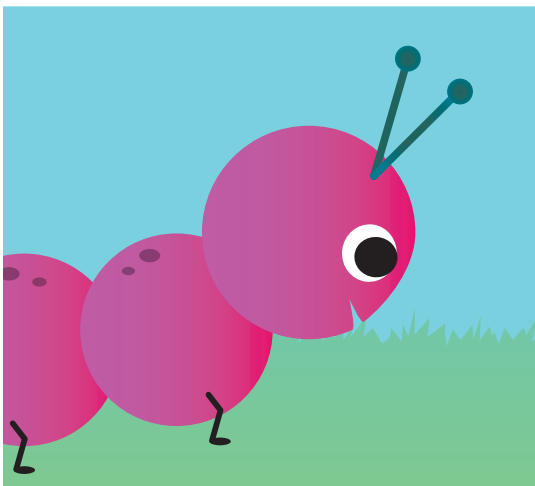
**Here's an overview of what you'll be teaching toddlers this month.**

**Monthly Playtimes**

- Pet Care
- Shake, Shake
- Big Hug
- Baby Care

**Supplies**

- Baby doll
- Baby wipes
- Shakers
- Small plush animals



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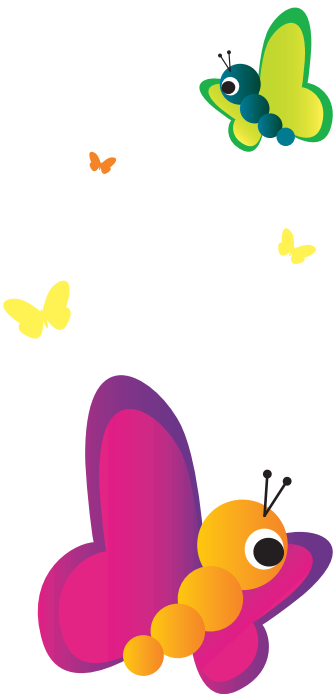
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We have provided four playtimes to teach the monthly bottom line through one-on-one as well as small group play. Repeat each activity as long as there is interest. Remember, toddlers LOVE repetition.

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. Pet Care

**What You Need:** Small plush animals

**What You Do:** Play with the plush animals. Talk about the different animals and what care they might need. Play as long as there is interest.

**What You Say:** "Let's take care of the animals. We need to hug the animals. Can you give them a big hug? Let's give them some pretend food. Pretend to feed your animal. Jesus cares about the animals, and Jesus cares about you! Yes, Jesus cares about you!"

## 2. Shake, Shake

**What You Need:** Shakers

**What You Do:** Give each toddler one or two shakers. Shake the shakers by your side for "Jesus cares about" and in an up-in-the-air punch for "you." Say the chant to the typical "Cha-cha" rhythm while standing and dancing. Older children will want to march around the room while saying the chant.

**What You Say:** "Hey everybody. Did you know that Jesus cares about you and you and you and you? That's right. He does! Does everyone have a shaker? Let's do the Cha-cha.

Jesus cares about you.  
Jesus cares about you.  
Jesus cares about you.  
Yeah!"

## 3. Big Hug

**What You Do:** Walk around the room and visit with each child. Tap them on the right shoulder. Tap them on the left shoulder. Tap them on their nose. Give them a big hug.

**What You Say:** "One [tap on the right shoulder],  
Two [tap on the left shoulder],  
Jesus cares about you [tap the nose and give a big hug]."

## 4. Baby Care

**What You Need:** Baby dolls and baby wipes

**What You Do:** Sit with two or three toddler friends while they hold their babies. Let them wipe the various parts of the baby while you name the body parts. Continue as long as there is interest.

**What You Say:** "Are you holding your baby doll? Are you taking good care of her? Can you find your baby's leg? Let's wipe her leg. What is this? That's her arm. Let's wipe her arm. Where is her nose? Let's wipe her nose. You are doing a great job taking care of your baby. You care about your baby, and Jesus cares about you. He does! Jesus cares about you!"