

JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER

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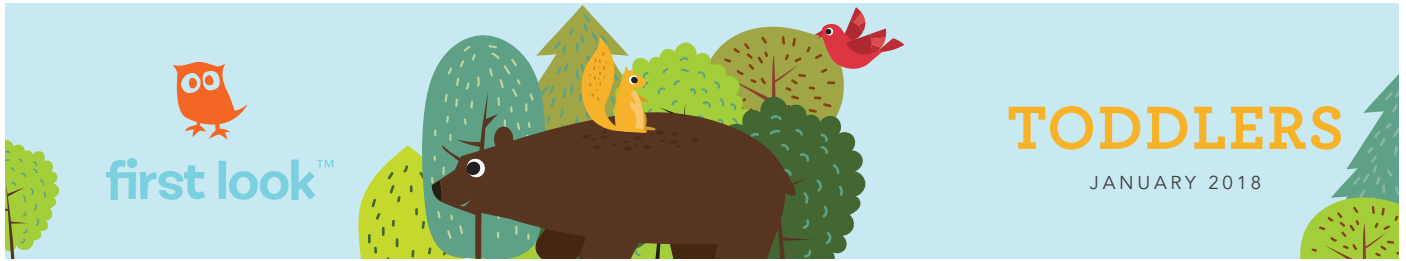
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BASIC TRUTH

**JESUS WANTS TO BE MY
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BOTTOM LINE

JESUS CAN DO ANYTHING.

BIBLE WORDS

**"With God all things
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MATTHEW 19:26, 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.

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.

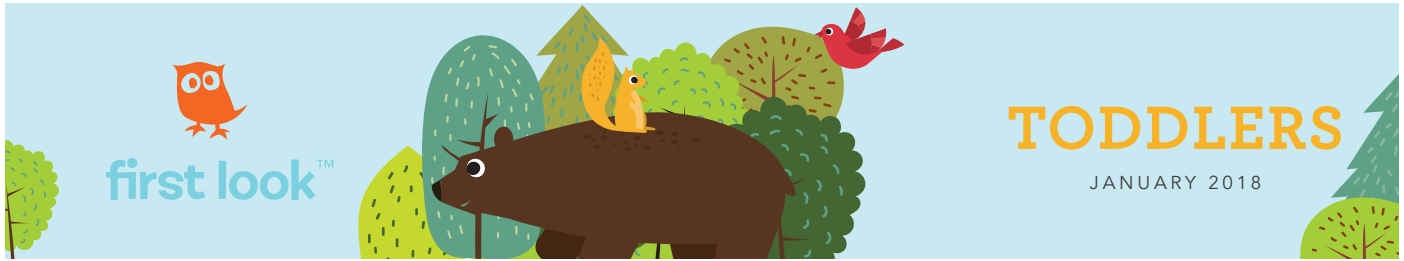
These toddler playtimes have also been produced as posters available at www.orangestore.org for you to hang on the wall for easy reference.

MONTHLY PLAYTIMES:

- Fishing
- Into The Boat
- Jesus Can Do Anything
- Match The Fish

SUPPLIES:

- Plastic tub
- Plastic balls
- Toddler-safe nets
- Tape
- Blue felt mat
- Felt fish matching pairs



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1. FISHING

WHAT YOU NEED: Plastic tub, plastic balls, toddler-safe nets

WHAT YOU DO: Before introducing the tub to the children, draw fish faces on the plastic balls and place them in the tub. Help children to fish with the net. Continue as long as there is interest.

WHAT YOU SAY: "Friends, come and fish with me. Let's pretend these balls are fish. Can you catch them with the net? Good job! The Bible tells us that Jesus helped some fishermen catch lots and lots and lots of fish. Jesus can do anything!"

2. INTO THE BOAT

WHAT YOU NEED: Tape

WHAT YOU DO: Use the tape to create an outline of a boat on the floor. Encourage the children to pretend to be fish and run/jump/hop/skip into the boat. Continue as long as there is interest.

WHAT YOU SAY: "Come and play with me. Do you see this boat? We are going to pretend to be fish going into the boat. The Bible tells us that Jesus helped some fishermen catch lots and lots and lots of fish. Jesus can do anything. Let's pretend to be those fish. Okay, fish, run into the boat. Great job! Now come back out of the boat. This time, jump into the boat. Wow! What great jumpers you are. Okay, back out of the boat. You are doing an awesome job being the fish from our Bible story!"

3. JESUS CAN DO ANYTHING

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

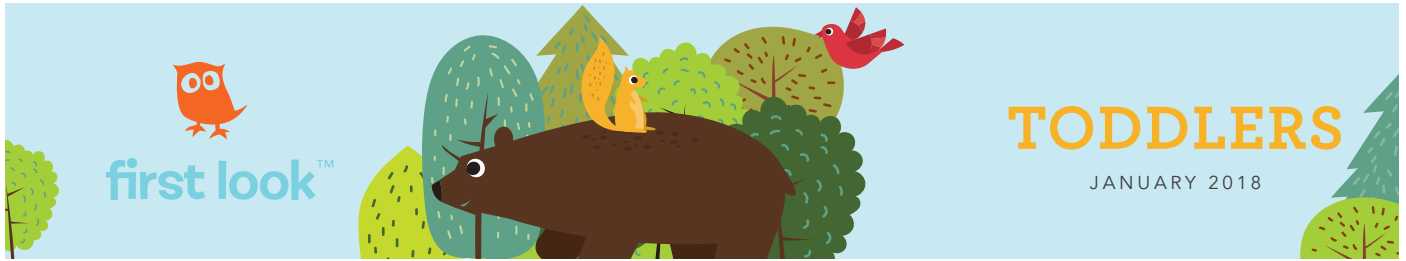
WHAT YOU DO: Sing the song below to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb" while marching around the room. Pump your fist on "Oh, yes He can!" Continue as long as there is interest.

WHAT YOU SAY: "Can you come and sing a fun song with me?"

"Jesus can do anything, anything, anything.

"Jesus can do anything, oh, yes He can!"

"Yay Jesus!"



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4. MATCH THE FISH

WHAT YOU NEED: Blue felt mat, multiple colored felt fish pairs

WHAT YOU DO: Gather a small group of toddler friends to sit next to the felt mat with you. Give them access to the felt fish and encourage them to place them on the felt mat in matching pairs. Take the fish off and do it again. Continue as long as there is interest.

WHAT YOU SAY: "Friends, come and sit with me by this blue mat. It's like the ocean. What swims in the ocean? Fish! I have some fish here. Let's put them in the ocean. Look, there are two red fish. Let's put them together. Oh, and there are two yellow fish too. The Bible tells us that Jesus helped some fishermen catch lots and lots and lots of fish. Jesus can do anything!"

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Catching Fish

LUKE 5:1-7

The extended toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the story and craft element that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos.

The extended toddler curriculum is designed to be used IN ADDITION to the monthly toddler curriculum.

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STORY TIME

- Tell It

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CRAFT TIME

- Fish

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STORY TIME

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some kids (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

WHAT YOU NEED: Preschool Bible

WHAT YOU SAY:

"This is the Bible. (*Hold up Bible.*) It has God's true stories in it. God gave us the Bible because He loves us. We love the Bible. (*Give Bible a hug and lay it open in front of you.*)

"Today's Bible story is about Jesus. Jesus is special because Jesus is God's Son. **Jesus can do ANYTHING**, and I can't wait to tell you what He does in our story today!

"One day, Jesus was in a boat with a fisherman named Peter. Peter had been fishing with his friends, and he couldn't catch any fish. Jesus told Peter to throw his nets into the water and try one more time. That's when Jesus did something Peter couldn't do. Jesus made Peter's net full of fish. There were SO MANY fish!

"Peter was amazed at all of the fish! He knew that Jesus was very special and could do things we can't. **Jesus can do anything.** True story!

"Who can do anything? Jesus can do anything."

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CRAFT TIME

Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

WHAT YOU NEED: "Fish" Activity Page, white cardstock, multiple colors of tissue paper squares, and glue sticks

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Fish" onto cardstock and cut on the dotted lines. Each child needs a half page. Be sure your tissue paper is cut into squares.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Retell the story as the children glue tissue paper onto the fish.

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Today's Bible story is about Jesus. Jesus is special because Jesus is God's Son. **Jesus can do ANYTHING**, and today we heard about how He helped a man named Peter.

"One day, Jesus was in a boat with a fisherman named Peter. Peter had been fishing with his friends, and he couldn't catch any fish. Jesus told Peter to throw his nets into the water and try one more time. That's when Jesus did something Peter couldn't do. Jesus made Peter's net full of fish. There were SO MANY fish!

"Look at your paper. Do you see the fish? Let's use this tissue paper to fill in the fish with color. Every time you see this fish you can think about how many fish were in Peter's net.

"Peter was amazed at all of the fish! He knew that Jesus was very special and could do things we can't. **Jesus can do anything.** True story!

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