



WEEK 2

PRESCHOOL LESSON OUTLINE

REVEALED

BIG IDEA

I can be a part of something big.

THE BIBLE

The Mustard Seed: Matthew 13:31-32

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HACKS FOR TODDLERS

REVEALED

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HOW TO HACK THIS SERIES FOR TODDLERS

In children's ministry, you've got a wide range of ages you need to engage every week, but toddlers tend to get overlooked. But you know your toddlers need more than just babysitting, so here are a few adjustments you can make to this week in order to keep your toddlers more engaged.

ACTIVITY | Making a Masterpiece

Some of our toddlers may not be ready for the fine motor skills associated with this activity. An alternative activity for toddlers would be sensory play with a bin filled with corn! Before group time, fill the bottom of a shallow basin with drained canned corn. Add some scoops and small cups to the basin. As the kids play in the sensory bin, describe the smells, textures, temperatures, and colors in the bin. Tell about how plants grow from seeds like these kernels of corn.

THE BIG IDEA | I can be part of something big.

For our younger audience, you can focus on growing, as being "part of something big" might be too abstract for their age group. Hold a toddler's hands and gently lift them high over the kid's head as you say, "So big!" With a smile on your face gently move the child's arms around playfully and tell the how big they are growing everyday.

BIBLE STORY | Matthew 13:31-32



It's always a good idea to keep toddlers' hands busy while talking to them. Prepare a gallon-sized zip top bag filled with clear hair gel and a handful of mustard seeds. Seal the top of the bag closed with duct tape. Show the kids how to push the mustard seeds around inside the bag. Tell the Bible story as the kids play with the bag! Be sure to supervise bag play carefully.

SNACK | A Little Bit of Mustard

The older preschoolers may not object to trying a little bit of mustard for this snack time, but toddlers may! Make some graham cracker or Oreo crumbs and give each toddler a small bowl filled with them (or have them help you make the crumbs in their own bowls). Give the kids a chance to dig in the edible “dirt” and talk about how seeds grow in dirt!

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Karen's passion is connecting little ones to the truths of the Bible. Kids learn when they are playing, so Karen writes fun lessons that will help teachers show kids how much Jesus loves them.

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When Karen is not doing a Bible study with her church friends or helping out at her kids' school, she is often sewing. Karen makes stuffed animals, blankets, toys, and even clothes with her sewing machine.

If you'd like to chat about how your church can more strategically connect parents with ways to teach babies, ones, and twos about the Bible, reach out. She would love to connect with you!

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PRESCHOOL LESSON GUIDE

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BIG IDEA

I can be a part of something big.

THE BIBLE

The Mustard Seed: Matthew 13:31-32

WELCOME TIME

ACTIVITY | Making a Masterpiece

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each kid a copy of the week 2 printable. Give them each a cup of bird seeds and glue. Instruct them to glue the lines of their drawing and carefully place the bird seeds on the glue. You can also apply the glue for them.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** An alternative activity for toddlers would be sensory play with a bin filled with corn! Before group time, fill the bottom of a shallow basin with drained canned corn. Add some scoops and small cups to the basin. As the kids play in the sensory bin, describe the smells, textures, temperatures, and colors in the bin. Tell about how plants grow from seeds like these kernels of corn.

ACTIVITY | Royalty Says

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play a game of Simon Says, but wear a crown and a sash to be either a queen/king!
- I am your queen/king for the day! Today, you are going to do everything I say. When I say "His/Her Majesty says," you must do it! But if I don't say, "His/Her Majesty says," don't do it!

TEACHING TIME

MUSIC | Worship Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Have kids sing-along and dance to some praise songs, like these:

- [“My God”](#) by Go Fish
- [“God Takes Care of Me”](#) by Crossroads Kids Club

THE BIG IDEA | I can be part of something big.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play some royal king/queen music (like [this one](#)) as you read the following to the kids. Make this very dramatic for the kids to enjoy.
- Hear ye, hear ye! Today, on this special day, I have an important announcement for all of you. As your king/queen, I am here to tell you some BIG news! Are you ready for it? The BIG news is we can all be a part of something big!
- Our Big Idea this week is, **I can be a part of something big!** Can you say that with me in your best ROYAL voice?
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Hold a toddler’s hands and gently lift them high over the kid’s head as you say, “So big!” With a smile on your face gently move the child’s arms around playfully and tell the how big they are growing everyday.

VIDEO | Revealed, Episode 2

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Show this week’s preschool [teaching video!](#)

BIBLE STORY | Matthew 13:31-32

- Last week, we learned how God can help us grow and we learned what kind of soil seeds need to be in to grow healthy. This week, we are going to look at a very special seed called the mustard seed.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Look up Matthew 13 and read it to your preschoolers. You may choose to use an image such as [this](#) to help illustrate the Bible story.
- **What is a mustard seed?** A mustard seed is a super teeny, tiny seed.
- **What does a mustard seed grow into?** A really big tree!
- **Why do you think God told us a story about a super tiny seed?** To help us understand that God can use even something so small for something big!
- God’s Kingdom is like a teeny, tiny mustard seed because it started out small, but as people come to love God, Heaven becomes huge, just like the mustard tree!
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Prepare a gallon-sized zip top bag filled with clear hair gel and a handful of mustard seeds. Seal the top of the bag closed with duct tape. Show the kids how to push the mustard seeds around inside the bag. Tell the Bible story as the kids play with the bag!

ACTIVITY | Building Blocks

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each child two, large building blocks (such as LEGO Duplo or Mega Bloks). Place one block on the ground and ask the kids to go in a circle adding just one block. Measure the height of the blocks. Now, ask each kid to add their second block to the tower. Ask one child to hold the base of the blocks so the tower doesn’t fall.
- Each of these blocks represents one of you in God’s Kingdom. By yourself, you are just one block,

but when we add all of us together, we are all a giant tower!

- *Then, when we added a second block, maybe a friend we shared Jesus with, our tower grows bigger and bigger just like God’s Kingdom!*

PRAYER

- Let’s talk to God through prayer.
- Dear God, thank You for letting us be in Your Kingdom and Your family. Help us to share You with our friends so they can be in Your Kingdom, too!

DISCUSSION TIME

SNACK | A Little Bit of Mustard

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Give the kids pretzels for a snack and offer them a very small drop of mustard to dip their pretzel into, if they want.*
- Mustard is spicy! Even though you try just a little tiny bit, the taste is still very strong! Mustard comes from a big mustard plant. But remember our Bible story told us that a mustard seed is actually very tiny, but a big plant grows from the tiny seed!
- Just like the small mustard seed is a part of the big plant, we are also a part of something big – God’s Kingdom!
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** *Instead of having them try mustard, make some graham cracker or Oreo crumbs and give each toddler a small bowl filled with them (or have them help you make the crumbs in their own bowls). Give the kids a chance to dig in the edible “dirt” and talk about how seeds grow in dirt!*

ACTIVITY | Small Group Tree

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Draw the trunk of a tree on a poster board and hang it up on the wall at kid level. Give each child a paper leaf (available in your Printables folder), have them color it and write their name on it. When the kids are done with their leaf, help them tape it up on the tree. Ask the kids to color another leaf and this time, ask them to write a name of a friend they want to share Jesus with.*
- At first, our tree looked pretty sad without any leaves on it, but now with all of your colorful leaves, it looks like a happy tree!
- With the second leaf you added, the tree will keep getting fuller and fuller, just like God’s Kingdom family!
- **How big is a mustard seed when it’s planted?** It’s teeny tiny!
- **What happens to it when it grows in healthy soil?** It grows into a big tree!
- **Does a mustard tree grow really big?** Yes! A mustard tree grows up big and strong like the tree we made.
- **What does the seed remind us of?** That the family of God starts small, but gets bigger with our help!

ACTIVITY | Paint with Leaves

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Get some long leaves or fern branches for the kids to paint with. Help younger*

kids by placing the leaves into the paint for them. Let the kids move the leaves across a really big sheet of paper to make a picture.

- You are painting with leaves. I like the picture you are making! **Where did these big leaves grow from?** Plants grow from little, tiny seeds. Seeds are part of something big, just like we are part of God's big kingdom and family!

MEMORY VERSE | Jeremiah 33:3

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Write down all the words (or pictures that represent the words), including the reference, from the memory verse on separate sheets of paper (i.e., one word per paper). Ask for as many kid volunteers as there are sheets of paper and tape one paper onto each volunteer's back. Help the kids to "unscramble" themselves and put the words of the memory verse in the correct order.

PLAY TIME

While you're waiting for parents to pick up their kids . . .

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give the kids a coloring page, plus markers or crayons. As they are coloring, ask:
- **What is something big you want to be a part of?**

ACTIVITY | Explore a Plant

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Bring in a live plant and let the kids feel the leaves. Show them what the plant looks like up close with a big, plastic magnifying glass. Seal some seeds into an empty plastic bottle for the kids to look at.
- **This plant started from little seeds like these.**
- **The plant grows more and more leaves all the time.**
- **God wants His family to grow more and more every day with more and more people.**

ACTIVITY | Play-Doh Trees

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each kid some green Play Doh. Ask them to make plants and trees to help them remember the Bible story. Show the kids how to pinch off little pieces of dough to make little leaves. Walk around and ask each kid to share what they created with you!

Encourage your preschoolers to help clean up the room while they wait for their parents.