



WEEK 2

PRESCHOOL LESSON OUTLINE



BIG IDEA

I can trust God.

THE BIBLE

Joshua and Caleb in the Promised Land: Numbers 13:2-14:9

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

WELCOME TIME

- **ACTIVITY** | What Do You See?
- **ACTIVITY** | Epic Heroes

TEACHING TIME

- **MUSIC** | God Made A Way
- **THE BIG IDEA** | I can trust God.
- **VIDEO** | Epic, Episode 2
- **SCRIPTURE** | Numbers 13:2-14:9
- **ACTIVITY** | Exploration Station
- **PRAYER**

DISCUSSION TIME

- **SNACK** | Ten and Two
- **ACTIVITY** | Milk and Honey
- **ACTIVITY** | Whom Can We Trust?
- **MEMORY VERSE** | Memory Verse Match

PLAY TIME

- **ACTIVITY** | Coloring Page
- **ACTIVITY** | Fruits of the Promised Land
- **ACTIVITY** | Epic Heroes Reprise



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HACKS FOR TODDLERS



BY DARBY GEORGE

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 | What Do You See?

- Give toddlers the toilet paper tube binoculars and use them to spot things around the room. You can ask them questions like, "Can you find the clock?" or have them count how many of a certain item are in the room.

ACTIVITY | Exploration Station

- Create a sensory station for kids to find [small plastic fruit](#) hidden among beans or uncooked rice.

ACTIVITY | Ten and Two

- Today's snack is about kids identifying the difference between ten M&Ms and two Skittles (or vice versa). For toddlers, use only M&Ms. Give toddlers ten candies of the same color, and two of a different color.

MEMORY VERSE | Memory Verse Match

- Since most toddlers are pre-readers, introduce kids to this month's memory verse by teaching them the signs (a combination of SEE and ASL) we've provided.

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Hi, I'm Darby! I currently work in Columbus, Ohio with Cypress Church! I do everything birth-5th grade and I love every second of it! I've been serving and working with Cypress for over 10 years and I couldn't be more excited about what God has done and continues to do through the people here every single day. I have the opportunity to work with an amazing team of kids ministry leaders who push me to do better work every day and who I laugh with more than anyone else. We love kids, we love God, and we love helping kids love God. I am continually blessed to live out my calling by doing this work

each day! My family is the most important thing to me and I am blessed to have grown up knowing God and being pushed by my parents and siblings to know God more. If you bring me coffee, I'll be your best friend forever. I can always be bribed with chips and salsa. Nothing makes me happier than a freezing cold room, a comfy blanket, and a full pot of coffee.

If you'd like to chat with Darby about partnering with parents, what it means to lead children before having any of your own, or which is better: salsa or queso, reach out! She would love to connect with you!

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PRESCHOOL LESSON GUIDE



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WELCOME TIME

ACTIVITY | What Do You See?

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Before the kids arrive, print the What Do You See printable in color, if possible. Create toilet paper tube binoculars together, or make one in advance for each kid. Give each kid a pair of binoculars and tell them to look through their binoculars at the pictures.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Give toddlers the toilet paper tube binoculars and use them to spot things around the room. You can ask them questions like, "Can you find the clock?" or have them count how many of a certain item are in the room.
- **Can you name some of the things you see in this picture?**

ACTIVITY | Epic Heroes

- Just like the people in the Old Testament who went on epic adventures, so do heroes! **Can you pretend to be a superhero?**
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each kid some play props like masks, capes, foam swords, shields. Tell the kids to play and pretend to be heroes. You could even pretend to be in trouble and ask them to rescue you!

TEACHING TIME

MUSIC | God Made A Way

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play [this video](#) of "God Made A Way" by KidSpring and encourage the kids to sing and dance along.

THE BIG IDEA | I can trust God.

- This month, we have been talking about epic stories in the Old Testament of the Bible! Last week, we learned we can spend time with God anywhere.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Try a trust fall as a demonstration for today's Big Idea reveal. Ask for a kid volunteer to come up to the front. Tell the kid to stand in front you, facing the crowd. When they are ready, tell them to fall straight backward without looking back, then catch them! Do this a few times, as different kids volunteer to do the fall.*
- It takes a lot of trust to fall back into someone's arms and believe they will catch you, doesn't it? Well, luckily for us, God can always be trusted. That brings us to our Big Idea for this week: **I can trust God!** Everyone, say it with me: I can trust God!

VIDEO | Epic, Episode 2

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's preschool [teaching video](#).*

SCRIPTURE | Numbers 13:2-14:9

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Find or create a very large magnifying glass to use during the telling of this Bible story. Have kids pass the magnifying glass around while they listen.*
- So, remember God's people, the Israelites, were traveling on their way to Canaan, which is also called the Promised Land. As they reached the edge of Canaan, Moses chose twelve different men to go into Canaan and spy on what was going on there. Moses wanted to know what the land was like, what the people were like, and how they lived. Moses also told them to bring back some of the fruit they found there.
- The twelve spies went into Canaan (*Hold up the magnifying glass and walk around the room looking at all of the kids, then pass it to a kid*). They each gathered fruit from the land – grapes, pomegranates, and figs – and carried them back to the Israelites. They came back and told Moses and all of the people what Canaan was like! They said, "The land is full of fruit. It flows with milk and honey." That was great news to hear! This meant the land would be great for the Israelites to live in!
- But the spies continued and said, "The people are powerful and the cities are strong and large." Caleb and Joshua spoke up over the other ten spies and said, "But we should go and take over the land from these people! We can do it!" But the other spies argued with Caleb and Joshua. They said, "No! The people are too powerful and we will lose!"
- Caleb and Joshua trusted in God, though, and they new Canaan was the land God had promised to give to the Israelites. They continued to try and convince all of the other people that the land was wonderful and God would keep them safe.

ACTIVITY | Exploration Station

- Today, we learned about Caleb and Joshua and the adventure they went on in Canaan. Just like Caleb and Joshua, we are going to explore and see what we can find!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Place a large basin full of sand on a table the kids can reach. Inside of the basin, hide [small plastic fruit](#) beneath the sand. Give each kid a sifter and allow them to sift through the*

sand to find different fruits just like the twelve spies!

- ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Instead of sand and a sifter, use beans or uncooked rice and let kids use their hands to find the hidden fruit.

PRAYER

- Dear God, We know You will never break any of Your promises but sometimes, we get scared or worried. Please help us to trust You more and more every day.

DISCUSSION TIME

SNACK | Ten and Two

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give the kids ten M&Ms and two Skittles. Ask them to see if they can spot the two candies that are different from the rest.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Using only M&Ms, give toddlers ten candies of the same color, and two of a different color.
- **How were Joshua and Caleb different from the other ten spies?**

ACTIVITY | Milk and Honey

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Print the “Milk and Honey” coloring page and give one to each kid. Let the kids color the page. After a little time, give them one-inch yellow tissue paper squares and help them glue them onto the honey pot.
- The milk and honey the twelve spies found in Canaan showed them it was in fact the wonderful place God had prepared for them!

ACTIVITY | Whom Can We Trust?

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Before the kids arrive, write the word “trust” in large block letters on a piece of poster board. Ask the kids to tell you some of the people and things they trust. Write them on the poster board as they tell you. You can choose to have the kids gather around and color and doodle on the poster board while doing this activity.

MEMORY VERSE | Memory Verse Match

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Print the memory verse printable available in your week two folder. Hide the twelve cards around the room and ask the kids to find the two cards with the correct verse on it! Read the verse aloud and tell the kids to repeat after you!
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Introduce kids to this month’s memory verse, teaching them the signs (a combination of SEE and ASL) we’ve provided.

PLAY TIME

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

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each kid a coloring page along with crayons, markers, or colored pencils. Remind them of today's story, memory verse, and Big Idea as they color!

ACTIVITY | Fruits of the Promised Land

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give the kids fake fruit and plastic kitchen supplies and encourage them to play "kitchen." Remind them of the fruit the twelve spies brought back to show Moses and the Israelites.

ACTIVITY | Epic Heroes Reprise

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Bring back out the props from the Epic Heroes activity earlier. This time, tell the kids to pretend to be the group of spies that went into the Promised Land!

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