



# WEEK 2

## PRESCHOOL LESSON OUTLINE

# BLUEPRINTS

### THE BIG IDEA

Love is the foundation of God's plans.

### THE BIBLE

God So Loved the World:  
John 3:14-21

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### WELCOME TIME

- MUSIC** | Plan for Praise
- ACTIVITY** | Jenga Challenge
- ACTIVITY** | Pyramid Plans

### TEACHING TIME

- SCRIPTURE** | John 3:14-21
- THE BIG IDEA** | Love is the foundation of God's plans.
- VIDEO** | Blueprints, Episode 2
- ACTIVITY** | Things You Love the Most
- PRAYER**

### DISCUSSION TIME

- SNACK** | Construct Your Own Snack
- ACTIVITY** | Hoppin' Heart Hunt
- ACTIVITY** | Built on Love
- MEMORY VERSE** | Memory Pieces

### PLAY TIME

- ACTIVITY** | Coloring Page
- ACTIVITY** | Built on Love – Remodel
- ACTIVITY** | Construction Zone



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## HACKS FOR TODDLERS

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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 | Jenga Challenge**

Consider changing up this activity so you start with one Jenga block and the younger kids try to build as tall of a tower as possible on top of that one block. After making the point about needing a good foundation, you can try building a tower again with a firmer foundation of three to five blocks.

#### **ACTIVITY | Things You Love the Most**

Consider having the toddlers roll out Play-Doh and stamp heart shapes onto the Play-Doh using plastic, heart-shaped cookie cutters. As they roll and stamp, talk about things they love.

#### **ACTIVITY | Hoppin' Heart Hunt**

To accommodate toddlers who might not know their alphabet yet, put each of the letters on different color hearts. When you call out the letter, also call out the color of the heart that letter is on.



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## PRESCHOOL LESSON GUIDE

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### THE BIG IDEA

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### THE BIBLE

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## WELCOME TIME

### MUSIC | Plan for Praise

- This month is all about blueprints. **Do you remember what a blueprint is?**
- That's right! Blueprints are another word for "plans." That's the kind of blueprints we're talking about! God's plan for our lives.
- God's plans for us are built out of God's amazing love for us.
- Let's sing this song as a reminder that we can trust God and God's love for us no matter what!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Lead kids into a fun time of praise! Pick one song to be your theme song for the month, such as "[Jeremiah 29:11](#)" or "[I Know the Plans](#)."*

### ACTIVITY | Jenga Challenge

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play a game of [Jenga](#), using a life-sized [Jenga](#) set if available. Have kids go around taking turns removing one block and placing it on top of the stack. Play until the tower falls over, and repeat if you have time.*
  - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** *Consider changing up this activity so you start with one Jenga block and the younger kids try to build as tall of a tower as possible on top of that one block. After making the point about needing a good foundation, you can try building a tower again with a firmer foundation of three to five blocks.*
- You all were concentrating so hard to make sure you didn't make the tower fall.
- The tower fell eventually because it didn't have a good foundation to stand on.
- A foundation is the bottom part of a building that supports the whole structure. It needs to be strong and sturdy so everything can stand tall.
- That's what we're talking about today — the foundation of God's plan for you and me!

**ACTIVITY | Pyramid Plans**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Using a pack of [plastic cups](#), work together as a group to build a tower. Remind the kids about the lesson they heard about in the previous activity about needing a firm foundation. When the kids are done building, ask one of the leaders to go around and try to blow down the tower by using a [handheld fan](#). A pyramid with the largest base (like a square pyramid) should be the strongest.
- **What did we do to make our tower strong?** That's right! It was important to make sure our foundation, the bottom of our tower, was as strong as possible.
- We'll hear today what the foundation of God's plan is!

**TEACHING TIME****SCRIPTURE | John 3:14-21**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Open a Bible in front of you to John 3:14-21, then show this [video](#).
- This is a true story about a man named Nicodemus who we can read about in the book of John in the Bible. Nicodemus had lots of questions about Jesus and what God's plan was. **Do you have any questions?** For example:
- **Why did God send Jesus?**
- Jesus explains that love was the reason why God sent Jesus to Earth to save us from our sins. Love is also the reason why Jesus rose again. God's love is what the whole plan is built on.
- **Who is God's love for?**
- God's plan was to save everyone from their sins. All they had to do is believe!
- God's amazing love is for you, too! Everything God does for you is done out of love.

**THE BIG IDEA | Love is the foundation of God's plans.**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Print or write the Big Idea on a piece of [blueprint paper](#), roll it up and put it in the blueprint tube from last week. Ask the same or a different volunteer to dress up as a construction worker to reveal today's Big Idea. Ask one of the kids to come up to the front to open the tube and take the paper out to reveal the Big Idea.
- This week's Big Idea is: **Love is the foundation of God's plans.**
- Let's try it together:
  - **Love** (Cross your arms over your chest.)
  - **is the foundation** (Stomp your feet on the ground.)
  - **of God's** (Point up to the sky.)
  - **Plans** (Hold your hands out together in front of you with your palms up so your hands look like an open book.)

**VIDEO | Blueprints, Episode 2**

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

### ACTIVITY | Things You Love the Most

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each kid some Play-Doh. Ask them to think about something in their life that they love and sculpt it out of Play-Doh. Allow the kids to talk about why they chose that specific thing and what they love about it.
  - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Consider having the toddlers roll out Play-Doh and stamp heart shapes onto the Play-Doh using plastic, heart-shaped cookie cutters. As they roll and stamp, talk about things they love.
- **What is the thing you love the most?**
- **How do you treat the things you love?**
- When you love something, you look out for it and do everything you can to love and protect it. God's love is why God decided to take care of everything we needed and more.
- You'll never love something as much as God loves you! **Love is the foundation of God's plans.**

### PRAYER

- Dear God, you knew that your plan would need a strong foundation. We are so happy that foundation is your love! Thank you for loving us so much that you sent Jesus to us. Help us to show our love for you, too. Amen.

## DISCUSSION TIME

### SNACK | Construct Your Own Snack

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each kid jumbo marshmallows and pretzel sticks and help them build a variety of structures (e.g., cube, house, person, pyramid, etc.). While they munch on their construction masterpieces, ask them these questions:
- **Do you remember what a foundation is?**
- **Where does a foundation go?**
- **What is the foundation of God's plans for us?**

### ACTIVITY | Hoppin' Heart Hunt

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Cut out construction paper hearts and write the letters "L," "O," "V," and "E" three times each, making twelve hearts total. Hide the twelve construction paper hearts around the room for the kids to find – but they must hop during their hunt. Once they're all found, spread out the twelve hearts on the ground with the letters facing up. As you call out each letter in order – L, O, V, and E – have the kids hop to that letter. (Since you have multiple hearts for each letter, this should prevent too much crowding.)
  - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** To accommodate toddlers who might not know their alphabet yet, put each of the letters on different color hearts. When you call out the letter, also call out the color of the heart that letter is on.
- Hearts remind us of love. Love is why God sent Jesus to us!
- **What was the name of the man who asked Jesus lots of questions in our story today?**

- Jesus told Nicodemus that God loves us so much that God made a special plan. What was that plan?
- Does God love just part of the world or does God love the whole world?
- Remember, **love is the foundation of God's plans.**

#### ACTIVITY | Built on Love

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each kid all the pages of the Built on Love printable and twelve [popsicle sticks](#). Have kids arrange the popsicle sticks on each page to form the letters for the word "LOVE" and glue them to the pages.
- L-O-V-E . . . **what word did you make?** Love! **Love is the foundation of God's plans!**
- We heard in our story today that God loves the whole world.
- **Does that mean God loves you?**
- **Does that mean God loves me?**
- **Does that mean God loves our families?**
- **Does that mean God loves the people who are nice to us?**
- **Does that mean God loves the people who are mean to us?**
- **Is there anyone God doesn't love?**
- **Who can you tell this week about God's love?**

#### MEMORY VERSE | Memory Pieces

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Write Jeremiah 29:11 on [blueprint paper](#) and cut them paper into as many pieces as number of kids in your group. Pass out one piece of the verse to each kid. Encourage the kids to puzzle the verse back together. Once all the pieces are found, glue them down and have the kids repeat the verse after you.

## PLAY TIME

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

#### ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Provide this week's coloring page and some crayons or markers. Review today's Bible story and Big Idea as the kids color.

#### ACTIVITY | Built on Love – Remodel

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Write the word "LOVE" in big letters on the floor using masking tape. Have kids take LEGO or wood blocks and place them over each letter. Encourage them to say the Big Idea as they do this – **Love is the foundation of God's plans.**

**ACTIVITY | Construction Zone**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Create a construction site for free play using a large shallow bin filled with [kinetic sand](#), rocks, and [toy construction vehicles](#). Create more than one station depending on how large your group is.

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