

# Younger Preschooler Activities

God

## God is Good

### God Provides us Clothing

Supplies: Adult clothing (ties, hats, pearl necklaces, shoes, dresses) or child dress-up clothes (doctor, cowboy, princess, etc).

Do: Encourage the kids to dress up and play pretend. As they are playing, say God provides you with clothes to wear every day. He promises to provide ALL your needs. God is so good; He loves to bless his children!

### God Gives us Family and Friends

Supplies: Baby dolls or dollhouse families, baby items or dollhouse

Do: Encourage toddlers to play families with the babies or dollhouse dolls. Say: God has given you people who love you and take care of you! God has given you a family. God has given you friends. God has made you to love! You can love others. You can take care of others. God has given you His love. He loves you so much! His love and kindness go on forever! God is so good; He loves to bless his children!

### God Provides us Food

Supplies: snack.

As toddlers are eating, say: God is so good! He provides you with food to eat and water to drink every day. He promises to provide for ALL your needs. He takes care of you. God is so good; He loves to bless his children!

### God Provides us Homes

Supplies: Any type of blocks that toddlers can manipulate.

Do: Encourage toddlers to build homes using the blocks. As they are playing, say: God gives you a home, a place to rest your head. God takes care of you. God promises to provide for ALL your needs. God is good; He loves to bless His children!

## Paint Creation

Supplies: Photos of creation to show, pictures of creation to paint or blank paper, paint brushes and washable paint

Do: Show the children photos of the beautiful world God made for us or look outside to see His creation. Say: God made an amazingly, beautiful world for you to live in. He made so many different colors and so many unique animals. (Add specific descriptions from the photos or outside.) God is so good; He loves to bless His children! Let's make pictures together of the beautiful world God has given to us.

## God Gives us Jesus

Supplies: a Bible (yours or a kid-specific one) (If you use the Jesus Storybook Bible, this excerpt is on pg 17)

Say: There are lots of stories in the Bible, but all the stories are telling one Big Story. The Story of how God loves His children and comes to rescue them. It takes the whole Bible to tell this Story. And at the center of the Story, there is a baby. Every Story in the Bible whispers His name. He is like the missing piece in a puzzle...the piece that makes all the other pieces fit together, and suddenly you can see a beautiful picture. And this is no ordinary baby...This baby was Jesus. God sent him to the world to rescue us because of His great love for us. Jesus came and He died for me and for you! But He didn't stay dead - he rose again and defeated death! Because of Jesus, you can talk to God whenever you want. Because of Jesus, God is always with us. Because of Jesus, everyone who believes in Him will one day be able to live with Him forever. God is so good for sending us Jesus! He loves to bless His children!

## God Made Me

### Preschool Books

- God Gave Us You  
(<https://www.amazon.com/dp/1578563232?tag=abjelome-20&linkCode=ogi&th=1&psc=1>)

- I Prayed for You  
(<https://www.amazon.com/dp/071804987X?tag=abjelome-20&linkCode=ogi&th=1&psc=1>)
- Just in Case you Ever Wonder  
(<https://www.amazon.com/dp/0718075390?tag=abjelome-20&linkCode=ogi&th=1&psc=1>)
- Little One, God Made You Special  
(<https://www.amazon.com/dp/0310753007?tag=abjelome-20&linkCode=ogi&th=1&psc=1>)
- When God Made You  
(<https://www.amazon.com/dp/1601429185?tag=abjelome-20&linkCode=ogi&th=1&psc=1>)
- I am God's Dream  
(<https://www.amazon.com/dp/0593234731?tag=abjelome-20&linkCode=ogi&th=1&psc=1>)
- Hermie: A Common Caterpillar (<https://amzn.to/45f2e4e>)
- It's Ok to be Different  
(<https://www.amazon.com/dp/0973410450?tag=abjelome-20&linkCode=ogi&th=1&psc=1>)
- It's Not Easy Being a Bunny  
(<https://www.amazon.com/dp/0394861027?tag=abjelome-20&linkCode=ogi&th=1&psc=1>)

## God Made Me Verses

- Genesis 1:27
- Psalms 139:14
- Jeremiah 1:5
- Psalm 100:3
- Ephesians 2:10
- Psalm 119:73

## God Made Me Songs and Poems

### Jesus Loves the Little Ones Like Me

<https://youtu.be/XDG23KyrDa0>

Jesus loves the little ones like me, me, me  
 Jesus loves the little ones like me, me, me  
 Little ones like me,  
 Sat upon His knee,  
 Jesus loves the little ones like me, me, me

Jesus loves the little ones like you, you, you.  
Jesus loves the little ones like you, you, you.  
Little ones like you,  
Save you through, and through,  
Jesus loves the little ones like you, you, you.

## God Made Me

Tune: Old McDonald

I have hands because God made me, clap, clap, clap  
I have hands because God made me, clap, clap, clap  
With a clap, clap here and clap, clap there.  
Here a clap, there a clap, everywhere a clap, clap  
I have hands because God made me, clap, clap, clap

Additional Verses:

I have feet because God made me, stomp, stomp, stomp  
I have fingers because God made me, wiggle, wiggle, wiggle.  
I have knees because God made me, bend, bend, bend.  
I have arms because God made me, reach, reach, reach.

## God Made Me

Tune; This Old Man

Sing at a slower tempo than normal to allow time for pointing to the body parts mentioned in the song.

God me, God made,  
Thank You, God, for making me.  
With my eyes, and ears,  
A nose, and a mouth.  
Thank You, God, for making me.

Additional verse: With my head, my shoulders, my knees, and toes.

## God Made Me Poem

Here are my fingers, here are my toes.  
Here are my knees, here is my nose.  
Here are my feet that help me walk around.

Here is my mouth that can make sound.  
Here are my, my shoulders, my belly.  
Here is my tongue that eats grape jelly.  
Here is my hair that is crazy you see.  
Here is my smile that God gave me!

## Head and Shoulders

Tune: Mary Had a Little Lamb

Head and shoulders, knees and toes

Knees and toes (repeat 2x)

Head and shoulders, knees and toes

Clap your hands together

(Start slow and gradually increase the speed as you sing and do actions)

## God Made Me

God made my mouth (point to mouth)

God made my nose. (point to nose)

God made my fingers (wiggle fingers)

God made my toes (touch toes)

God made my eyes (point to eyes)

So I can see. (open hands and eyes wide)

God made me wonderful! (jump and make body wide)

God made me. (point to self with both thumbs)

## Activities and Crafts

Staple or bind all of the pages in this topic to form a book. Review the Bible stories as you look through the finished book

## Thank You, God Cover Page

<https://abcjesuslovesme.com/media/documents/Making%20Me.pdf>

Color

## God Made People Collage

With a piece of construction paper as the background, add pictures of people found in magazines and newspapers. Try to find a mixture of men, women, children, nationalities, ages, etc. Add the title "God Made People."

## Jesus Loves the Little Children

Print the God Made People poster

(<https://abcjesuslovesme.com/media/documents/God%20Made%20People.pdf>). Using the song Jesus Loves the Little Children as the main idea, color the people red, yellow, black, and white. Add faces and yarn hair. Draw or cut little pieces of fabric for clothing. Point to the corresponding color as you sing the song.

## I am Uniquely Made

Examine a fingerprint and explain how each person's fingerprint is unique. Use a magnifying glass to observe and compare fingerprints from different people.

## Boy and Girl Puzzle

Print the Boy and Girl Puzzle

(<https://abcjesuslovesme.com/media/documents/Boy%20Girl%20Puzzle.pdf>) printable. Cut each out and into four pieces. Give the child the puzzle pieces and have them form the boy and girl. Glue to a piece of construction paper and color

## God Made \_\_\_\_\_ Craft

On a piece of construction paper, attach a picture of the child or have the child draw himself or herself. Add the title "God Made \_\_\_\_\_" with the child's name.

## I am Special

Stand in front of a mirror and talk about different attributes of the child that makes him/her special.

## Create Me

Cut out the Me Poster (<https://abcjesuslovesme.com/media/documents/Me.pdf>) and place it on a piece of construction paper. Add yarn hair, facial features, clothes, etc to the silhouette. Add the child's name.

## God Made My Emotions

Cut the emotion faces out of the Emotions Printable (<https://abcjesuslovesme.com/media/documents/Emotion%20Face.pdf>). Color and glue on a piece of construction paper. Add the title “God Made My Feelings.”

## God Made Me Special Craft

With a white piece of construction paper as the background, glue on a picture of the child. Using an ink pad, have the child make finger prints around the photo. Add the title “God Made Me Special” with the child’s name.

## Life-Size Drawing

Have the child lay on a large piece of paper. Draw around the child. Add a face. Glue on hair using yarn. Lay clothes on the silhouette or draw on the clothes. Ask the child to point to different parts of his/her body on the silhouette.

## Hand or Footprint Ornament

Ingredients:

- 1 cup baking soda
- ½ cup cornstarch
- ¾ cup warm water

Directions: Mix dry ingredients in saucepan. Add plain or tinted (food coloring works well) warm water and stir until dissolved. Cook over medium high heat until it resembles play dough. Remove from heat and cool to touch. Knead on lightly cornstarched surface until smooth and soft. Roll to the desired thickness. Cut with cookie cutters. Add a hand or footprint if desired. Use a straw to make a hole for hanging. Embellish, paint, emboss as desired. Air dry for 24 hours turning once or twice to reduce curling.

# God Loves Me and God Loves People

## Learn a Memory Verse

Teach your toddlers the simple memory verse from 1 John 4:8 “God is love.”

Say: The Bible tells us in 1 John 4:8 that God is love (hold up your Bible). Can you say God is love? God is love! We are learning God's word. Say it with me again, God is love! God is love! (Add simple hand motions, pointing up or signing God and love.)

## God's Love is Bigger

Say: The Bible tells us God is love and that nothing can separate us from His love! He never changes, so we know His love for you never changes. God's love is bigger than all other love.

Say: How much does mommy love you? (show them how to open their arms wide.) "Mommy loves you thiiiiiiis much! But God's love is even bigger!" "How much does daddy love you? (Show them how to open their arms wide.) Daddy loves you thiiiiis much! But God's love is even bigger!" God's love is the biggest love there is! His love is bigger than all other love! And His love is forever."

You can also illustrate this point with building tall towers out of blocks. Build with your toddlers, then say: Wow! THIS tower is so tall! It is so big! But God's love is even bigger! His love for you is taller than the tallest tower! Nothing is bigger than God's love.!

## Nothing Can Separate

Supplies: Cardboard building blocks

Verse: Romans 8:37-39

Say: The Bible tells us that nothing can separate us from God's love.

Do: Show your toddlers how to build a wall and hide behind it.

Say: This wall separates me from you!

Play hide and seek with them a bit, then knock down the wall together, and say, "Nothing can separate us from God's love!" Repeat several times.

## God's Love Never Stops

Supplies: Stop sign made out of cardstock or cardboard. Or a red light made out of cardstock and green light made out of cardstock.

Do: Hold up the STOP sign and say "Stop! This sign says stop!" Hold up your GO sign. Say: "Go! This sign says go!"

Play red light green light.

Say: When I said STOP, you stopped! But God's love never stops. His love goes on forever."

## Love Sensory Box

Supplies: Clear container filled with rice, heart-shaped items, pink and red items to find (Plastic beaded necklace, ribbon, pom-poms, etc.), tiny shovels or other scooping tool.

Do: Hide the small items in the rice. Let your toddlers explore the rice with the scooping tools.

Say: While they are exploring, remind them of God's love for each of them and that nothing is greater than His love.

## Cut and Paste Activity

Supplies: Cut-out heart shapes in different sizes and colors, white glue, bowls for glue, q-tips, cardstock or construction paper.

Do: Before the lesson, write, "God loves you" over the top of the paper. Show toddlers how to dip a q-tip in the glue, rub it on the heart shapes, and stick it on their paper.

Say: "God loves you" as they work and remind them that no love is greater than His.

## Love One Another

Scripture: Matthew 22:37-39

Say: The Bible tells us to love one another, just as God loves us. We can love one another by giving hugs, by sharing, by showing kindness, by helping, and saying, "I love you." We can show love today by helping one another clean-up.

Example Clean-Up Rhyme to the Tune of Frere Jacques:

Help each other, help each other,  
To show love, to show love.  
Love one another, love one another,  
Every day. Every day.

## Hand Print Heart

Supplies: Poster board with a large heart drawn (big enough to fit multiple handprints), washable, kid-safe paint in different colors on paper plates, wipes to clean hands.

Do: Show toddlers how to put their hand in the paint and make a handprint inside of the heart on the poster board. Allow them to make handprints.

Say: Because of Jesus, we can love one another. Because of Jesus, we are a family. God tells us to love one another just as he loves us. And no love is greater than His!

## For God so Loved the World

Supplies: the Jesus Storybook Bible (pg. 36 and 17) or your own Bible

Scripture: John 3:16

You see, no matter what, in spite of everything, God would love His children with a Never-Stopping, Never giving up, unbreaking, always and forever love. Even when we run from God and disobey Him, He never stops loving us. The Bible is the story of how God loves his children and comes to rescue them. It takes the whole Bible to tell this story. And at the center of the story, there is a baby. Every story in the Bible whispers his name. He is like the missing piece in a puzzle—the piece that makes all the other pieces fit together, and suddenly you can see a beautiful picture. And this is no ordinary baby. This baby was Jesus. God sent him to the world to rescue us because of his great love for us. Jesus came and He died for me and for you! But He didn't stay dead—he rose again and defeated death! Because of Jesus, you can talk to God whenever you want. Because of Jesus, God is always with us. Because of Jesus, everyone who believes in Him will one day be able to live with Him forever. God's love was so great love that He sent us Jesus. Jesus' love was so great that he died for you. Nothing is greater than God's love!

## Sing Your Love is Deep

Supplies: Musical instruments or consider making some DIY instruments for your toddlers if you don't have instruments on hand.

Say: God loves each of you so very much! We can show love to God by praising Him through song! Let's sing about His love together.

Do: Pass out instruments and sing/dance together in praise of God's love.

Your Love is Deep by Bussey, Collins, and Smith

Your love is deep  
Your love is high  
Your love is long  
Your love is wide

## God Hears Me

Bible story: David escapes Saul and writes Psalms to God (1 Samuel 23:1-14, Psalm 86)

Bible verse: "I love the Lord because He hears my voice and my prayer for mercy" (Psalm 116:1)

Bible Point: God hears you.

## Consider This

Saul, jealous of David's popularity, kept David and his men on the run. But David repeatedly resisted opportunities to harm Saul, in spite of the danger he faced daily. Not only did David

have to flee from Saul (his own king), but he also chose to fight the Philistines (his people's enemy) at the same time!

After David escaped Saul in Keilah, the Ziphites located David and planned to deliver him to Saul. During this time, David wrote Psalm 54, in which he cries out, "Listen to my prayer, O God. Pay attention to my pleas."

Scholars are unsure exactly how long David ran from Saul. However, some historians estimate it to be around seven years! During that time, David had countless reasons to call out to God in desperation, triumph, sorrow, and loneliness.

## Why it Matters

Kids can tell you exactly what it's like to be ignored or unheard. They know what it feels like to talk to a busy parent or teacher who responds with a distracted "mm-hmm." They've been that hand, waving in the air, that didn't get called on to share an answer. And even when someone is tuned in, kids may not have the words to express what they're feeling. What a gift to discover that God hears every whispered worry or spoken celebration. The God who treasures us is eagerly awaiting conversation with us! Today help kids realize that not only does God hear our voices, but he also hears our hearts!

## Bible Story Snack

Supplies:

- Bible
- Rice chex cereal (1/2c/person)
- Skittles or dried fruit (2Tbsp/person)
- Popcorn (1c/person)
- Sandwich-size resealable plastic bags (1/person)
- Measuring cups
- Tablespoon
- Napkins (1/person)

## Tips

For preschoolers, consider using puffed corn instead of popcorn.

## God Hears You

Give each person a bag of the Bible story snack. Have each person eat a piece of square cereal. Invite them to call out words to describe the flavor.

Say: God listens to us when we talk with him. The plain flavor of this cereal reminds us God hears and cares about our prayers about simple, everyday things, such as hopes to make a sports team or wanting to make new friends.

Next, everyone can eat a piece of popcorn, then call out descriptions of the flavor.

Say: This salty snack reminds us of salty tears we may cry when we feel sad or afraid. Our prayers can seem bigger or more important when we're facing something sad or scary.

Now everyone can take a piece of candy from the bag to taste and call out descriptions of the flavor.

Say: The sweet candy reminds us we can pray to talk with God when life is sweet—when things are good and our hearts feel like celebrating!

Invite kids to tell about something they're looking forward to that they'd like to celebrate with God.

Say: No matter what you pray about, God hears you! Psalm 116:1 says, "I love the Lord because He hears my voice and my prayer for mercy." God listens for your voice and cares about every prayer you pray.

## God Helps Me

### Bible story: Noah's Ark

Genesis 6:8-9:17

God helps Noah build a big boat, called an ark, for Noah's family and two of every animal.

### Memory Verse

"I know that God helps me."

Psalm 54:4 NIRV

### Talk about the Bible story

Open the Bible together and read Genesis 6:8-9:17

## Engagement Questions

- Who helps you do big things?
- What is something big that you can do?

## Prayer

“Dear God, thank You for all of the big things you give us to do. Thank You for helping us do big things. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

## Engage in Everyday Moments Together

### Morning Time

When you go into your child’s room, cuddle them and say, “Good morning, (child’s name)! I wonder what big things God has for us to do today!”

### Cuddle Time

Cuddle with your child and pray: “Dear God, there is no one more powerful or bigger than You. No one loves us as big as You do. If we ever need help, You are the one who can help us.”

### Drive Time

While on the go, look for people building things. What are they building? Talk about how God told Noah to build a boat even though Noah had never built a boat before. God helped Noah, and Noah was able to do a very big thing.

### Bath Time

Add colorful craft pom-poms to bath time. Work with your child to make a rainbow with the pom-poms on the side of the tub. Talk about how God said every time He saw a rainbow in the sky, He would remember His promise to never cover the world with water again.