

Welcome to *God's Little Explorers Preschool Curriculum*! I'm so excited to be sharing this journey with you. If you would like to know more about God's Little Explorers, please <u>read this blog post</u>. You can also find a <u>listing of resources to use with God's Little Explorers on this page</u>.

Each week, I will be sharing the lesson plans I'm using with my youngest daughter (and my five-year-old, too...once we started, she didn't want to be left out). We'll be exploring one letter (in no particular order), various math concepts, thematic projects (like cooking, crafts, and science), and one Bible story per week.

The curriculum is written to be four days each week. I recommend using the fifth day for a field trip and/or service project each week to enhance the theme and your child's learning.

I've written the lessons to be approximately 30-45 minutes if you complete the top three sections (Bible, Theme, and ABC & 123). The Life Skills section adds a little more time depending how thorough you are in teaching the various skills. The Other Ideas section, Book Bag, and Learning Bags are just extra ideas I share in case you want to switch-out a project, extend the learning, or don't like an activity I have included in the main lesson. Ideas that work for my children won't necessarily work for yours, so feel free to change and adapt the curriculum to fit your child's needs and your own!

This is a work-in-progress, so feel free to email me with your ideas and suggestions. You can contact me at motherhoodonadime@gmail.com. Please feel free to share this program with friends by sending them to the landing page for God's Little Explorers. Please remember, this material is copyrighted, so you may not redistribute or sell these plans. Thanks for your help!

Blessings!

Stacie Nelson

"And we know that in all things, God works for the good of those who love Him who have been called according to His purposes." Romans 8:28





ABC & 123

Letter: C Number: 1

Life

Book Bag

Day 1

Bible Exploration: Read the story of Joseph. Make a "Coat of Many Colors" from a grocery sack. See if your child can name the colors of the paint.

Sing "Rejoice in the Lord Always" from Wee Sing.

Talk about the verse for this week and how it applies to the life of Joseph.

Theme Adventure: Read books you have (or check some out from the library) about colors.

Use the primary-colored paints you already have out from the Bible Exploration to make secondary colors with this <u>Paint Mixing in a Bag project</u>.

ABC Exploration: Teach the sound ccc Point to two different colors on your clothing and say "c-c-c-colors."

Make a "c" Pencil Topper.

123 Exploration: Show your child the number 1. Go on an "exploration" with binoculars and find the number 1 in your house.

Self Help: Practice your phone number with your child. A song we like to use is to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star."

(Insert your number) 331-4102, 331-4102, 331-4102, 331-4102 Yes, we know our phone number 331-4102

It's very repetitive, but good for getting the number into your child's mind.

Day 2

Bible Exploration: Reread the story of Joseph. Talk about the end of the story when he is in charge of the grain. Bring out a rice bin and let them do some sensory play in the rice with various containers, scoops, measuring spoons, etc.

Sing "Rejoice in the Lord Always". Review this week's verse.

Theme (& Math) Adventure:

Write a number one on a sheet of paper. Have your child glue colorful buttons or small pieces of fabric on it. Begin a number line on a wall or set it aside to make a number book. We will be adding more numbers through the coming weeks.

ABC Exploration: Print out the sheet with the letter c on it eight times. Have your child trace around each c in a different color. Then, use watercolor paints to color each c in the corresponding color.

Print out the other ${\it c}$ sheet and ask your child to paint it with all kinds of colors. Add the ${\it c}$ to your letter wall.

Chore: This week, we are practicing watering plants. Teach your child how you would like them to care for plants, how much water they need, how to pour the water, etc.

Mouse Paint

Mix colored water to see what happens.

Color Kittens

Make a color wheel.

Bible Exploration: Make a puppet of Joseph. Use a paper bag and scraps of fabric to create his coat of many colors. Allow to dry.

Sing "Rejoice in the Lord Always" from Wee Sing.

Theme Adventure: Review the number one and colors by asking your child to bring you **one** red item, one orange item, one yellow item, and so on.

Math Adventure: Sort beads or other small objects by color in a muffin tin. Use tweezers for more advanced fine-motor skills.

Count the number of beads in each color.

Manners: Have your child practice not interrupting when you are speaking to someone else. (This takes years of practice!!)

I have my girls put a hand on my shoulder if they are needing my attention when I'm talking to someone else. They still need lots of practice, but it is beginning to work sometimes!

Bible Exploration:

Have your child retell the story using the puppet they made yesterday.

Spend a little time today talking about Joseph forgiving his brothers and what it means to forgive. Review this week's verse.

Sing "Rejoice in the Lord Always" and/or review other songs from the previous weeks.

Theme Adventure:

Play Candyland, Twister, or another color game you already have at home.

Make a melted "crayon of many colors."

ABC Exploration: Review the sound and gesture for letter "c". <u>Draw colored-lines all over a small</u> sheet of paper (and write a c on it) and add it to the "Treasure Map".

Use a stamp (or make your own stamp) and print the letter *c* all over the Alphabet Book (from Week 1).

Service: This week, serve each other at home. Brainstorm ideas with your child and have them pick a service project to do for a sibling or parent.

Other Ideas

Field Trip: Head to the grocery store and look for fruits in all colors of the rainbow. Combine them together to make a colorful fruit salad!

Make a Personalized Color Book.

Practice tracing letters and numbers with Rainbow Letter Writing.

Read God's People Grow—Part 5 (from The Big Picture Bible Story Book).

Find information about the studies below on the Resource Page for God's Little Explorers:

- Hymn: Take My Life, and Let It Be
- Composer Study: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.
- Artist Study: Piet Mondrian

My Ideas:



Button Snake: Use felt to make a button snake. Use it for patterning, sorting, etc.

Egg Carton Color Sort: If you have plastic eggs and an egg carton, you can easily make this color sort!

See how to use the bags on the <u>Busy Bag Resource page</u> and find more <u>Learning Bag activities on the Busy Bag page</u>.



