

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

"The LORD is enthroned as King forever." (Psalms 29:10)





ABC & 123

Letter: k
Number: 5

Life



Day 1

Bible Exploration:

Read about David as King. Also discuss the verse for this week and how the Lord is King over all.

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

Theme Adventure:

Check-out some books from the library about kings, queens, and royalty.

Make a crown to wear this week. Cut a piece of paper in half length-wise, cut a few points along the top, and tape the pieces together to form a crown.

Add jewels and embellishments as desired.

ABC Exploration: Teach the sound **k k k** Pretend to place a crown on your head and say "k-k-k-king."

Make a <u>"k" Pencil Topper</u>.

123 Exploration: Show your child the number 5. Go on an "exploration" with binoculars and find the number 5 in and outside your house.

Self Help: Practice the skill of spreading this week. Teach your child to spread butter, peanut butter or jelly with a butter knife.

Day 2

Bible Exploration:

Read some of King David's songs (psalms).

Make a tambourine from two paper plates. Decorate the plates, add a few beans inside and staple them together. Make up your own songs of praise to God.

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

Theme Adventure:

Using blocks or legos, build a castle.

Math Exploration:

Number Posters: Write a number 5 on a sheet of paper. Glue kernels of popcorn around the number. Hang the sheet up beside the number 4 from last week or set it aside to make a book later.

ABC Adventures:

Build pre-reading skills with this Beginner Sort.

Chore: This week, teach your child how to set the table. One easy idea is to outline a plate, fork, spoon, and knife on a large piece of construction paper. Laminate it and make a placemat to help your child remember where each item belongs.

A Parable About the King

Brainstorm Bible stories about kings and kingdoms.

Bartholomew and the Oobleck

This book is probably too long for most preschoolers, but I just kind of highlight a few things and then we <u>make Oobleck!</u>

Day 3

Bible Exploration: Read about wise king Solomon

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

Bible Exploration:

Theme Adventure:

letters, and other creations.

just use any words you'd like.

We will be skipping ahead to Daniel next week, so you may want to read through stories about Elijah, Elisha, and Josiah.

Add glitter or sparkly beads or jewels to play

dough. Spend some time making numbers,

While you're creating, take some time to

brainstorm rhyming words with your child. You can make them theme-based (like King—sing) or

Other Ideas

Find a book about castles or search on the internet for more information about kings and kingdoms.

Read God's Blessings Grow — Part 9 (from The Big Picture Bible Story Book).

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

- Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns
- Composer Study: Beethoven
- Artist Study: Leonardo DaVinci

My Ideas:

Theme Adventure:

Use shapes to build a castle on paper. You'll need two rectangles, two isosceles triangles, two equilateral triangles, one circle, one square, and one square with the center cut-out and cut into two pieces (see our castle if you need help).

You can also print out the attached printable and use it for a patterns.

ABC Exploration:

Write the letter k with a highlighter all over the "K" page in the Alphabet journal.

Have your child trace the letters with a pencil.

Math Exploration:

If you have craft jewels, have your child <u>use them to make patterns</u>. Otherwise, use the attached printable and make some "jewels" by sprinkling with glitter or adding sequins. Use these to make patterns.

Manners:

During mealtimes, focus on chewing with mouths closed.

ABC Exploration:

Cut a circle from styrofoam. Use a knife (parent's job) to make the outline of a k into a piece of styrofoam (from an egg carton, cup or other tray). Press it onto an ink pad and make a "royal seal" on the letter k printable. Add to your alphabet wall.

Review the sound and gesture for letter "k".

<u>Draw a king on a small sheet of paper</u> (and write a k on it) and add it to the "Treasure Map".

Service:

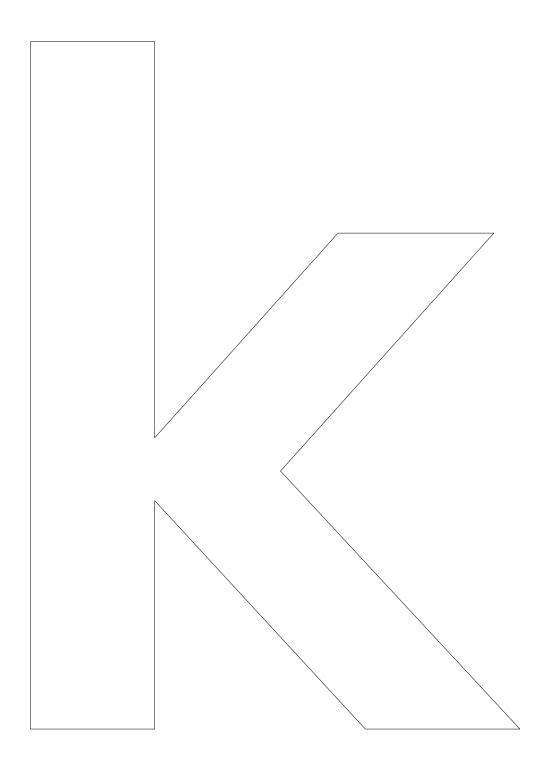
Elect a "King-for-the-Day" or "Queen-for-the-Day". The person selected actually picks a way to serve someone else. (Discuss how royalty usually have servants, but God is the King and humbled himself to become a servant.)

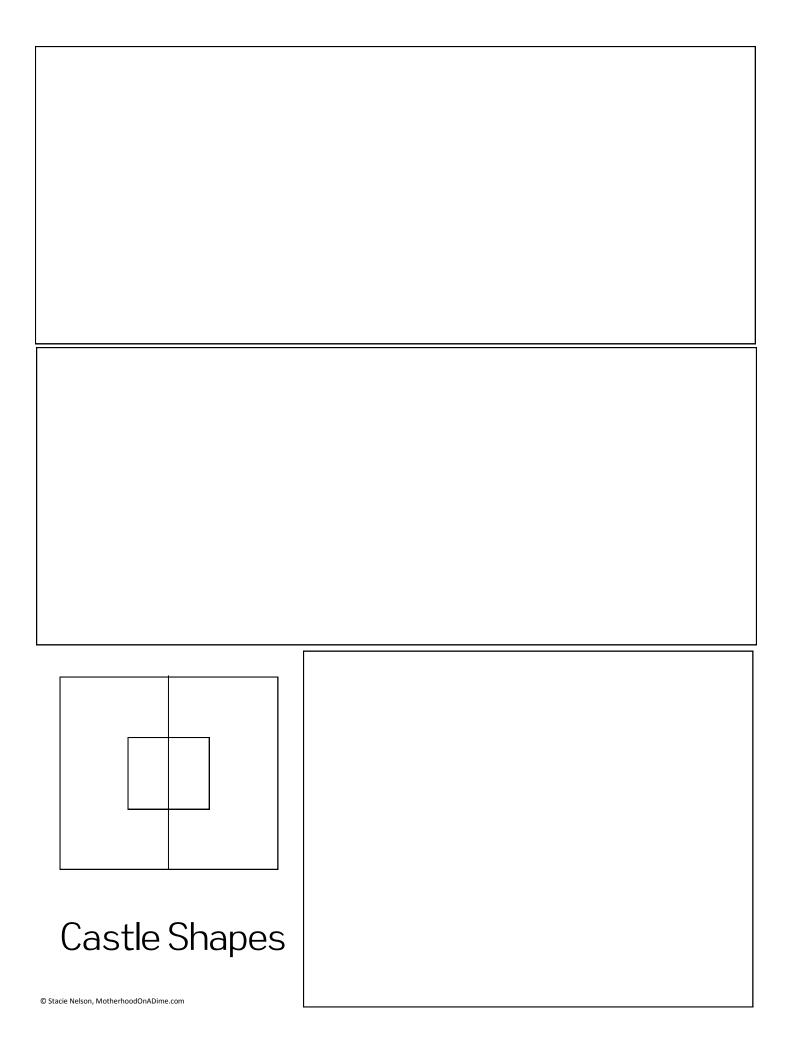


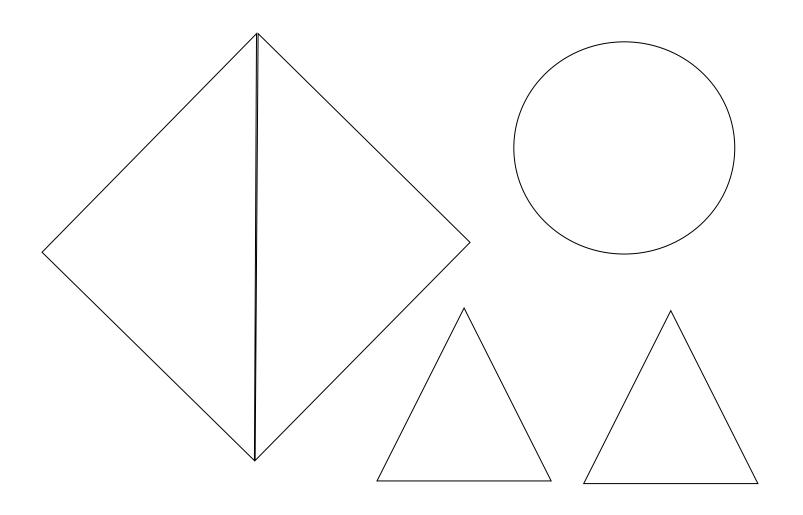
Card Match: This was initially a Valentine activity, but it goes well with our King theme.

Bead Stringing: Pipe cleaners and beads help develop fine-motor skills.

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>.







Jewels for Patterning

