



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 [read this blog post](#). You can also find a [listing of resources to use with God's Little Explorers on this page](#).

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

"Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace." (Daniel 3:17)

Bible

Theme

"f" is for Fire

ABC & 123

Letter: f
Number: 6

Life

Book

Bag

Day 1

Bible Exploration:

Read or review the story about Elijah and the prophets of Baal.

Sing "Give Me Oil in my Lamp" from Wee Sing.

Theme Adventure:

Check-out some books from the library about fire and fire safety.

Set up a fire escape route and practice a home fire drill.

ABC Exploration: Teach the sound *fff*. Wiggle your fingers like flickering flames and say "f f f fire."

Make a "f" Pencil Topper.

123 Exploration: Show your child the number 6. Go on an "exploration" with binoculars and find the number 6 in and outside your house.

Self Help: Practice the skill of cutting this week. Supervise closely and only allow your child to use a dull butter knife. Bananas and olives are some of the first things I let my children slice.

Fire, Fire

Arthur's Fire Drill

Day 2

Bible Exploration:

Read the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and the fiery furnace. Discuss the Bible verse.

Sing "Give Me Oil in My Lamp" from Wee Sing.

Theme Adventure:

Do this simple fire experiment. Afterwards practice "Stop. Drop. Roll."

Math Exploration:

Number Posters: Write a number 6 on a sheet of paper. Rip up red and orange pieces of construction paper and glue them onto the number 6.

ABC Adventures:

Review the letters we've studied so far with this Alphabet Review Game.

Chore: This week, teach your child how to sweep the floor. Use this simple sweeping tip for preschoolers.

Day 3

Bible Exploration: Review the story of the Fiery Furnace.

Cut four men from a magazine or ask your child to draw four men and cut out the figures. Glue them onto a piece of paper. Cover the figures with red, orange, and yellow tissue paper flames. Print the Bible verse across the bottom of the picture.

Sing "Give Me Oil in My Lamp" from Wee Sing.

Theme Adventure:

Play the game "[Don't Touch, Get Help.](#)"

ABC Exploration:

Find the letter f in magazines or the newspaper. Cut them out and glue them to the "f" page.

Using the tissue paper from Bible Exploration, cover the printable f with flames.

Manners:

During mealtimes, practice how you want your children to behave when they finish a meal. Do you want them to ask to be excused? Do they just need to wait until everyone is done? Walk through your expectations with them.

Day 4

Bible Exploration:

Make "flames" by attaching a crepe paper streamer to a craft stick (*like we did for our [simple kites](#)*).

Use the flames while you dramatize the story.

You may also want to turn on some music and use the flames for dancing.

Theme Adventure:

Make a [Fire Truck Snack](#).

ABC & Math Exploration:

Use the streamer flames to "write" letters and numbers in the air.

Review the sound and gesture for letter "f". Draw a fire on a small sheet of paper (*and write a f on it*) and add it to the "Treasure Map".

Service:

Begin to think about a service project you can do for Christmas. Pack a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child, buy gifts for a child through the Angel Tree program, or be part of Toys for Tots.

Other Ideas

Read *Another Very Sad Day: Part 10* (from [The Big Picture Bible Story Book](#)).

Find information about the studies below on the [Resource Page for God's Little Explorers](#):

- Hymn: It Is Well
- Composer Study: Beethoven
- Artist Study: Leonardo DaVinci

My Ideas:

Learning
Bags

Pasta Noodle Sort: Buy different colors and shapes of pasta. Have your child sort them.

Spray Bottle Shoot: Fill an empty spray bottle with water. Write letters or numbers with chalk on the sidewalk outdoors. Have your child spray the letters as you call them out or have them name the letter as they spray it. (*This is more of a review game than a true "Learning Bag".*)

See how to use the bags on the [Busy Bag Resource page](#) and find more [Learning Bag activities on the Busy Bag page](#).

