



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!

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"For unto us a child is born..."
Isaiah 9:6

Bible

Theme
Jesus

ABC & 123
Review Week

Life

Book
Bag

Day 1

Bible Exploration:

Review the story of the birth of Jesus. Each day this week, we will focus on a different part of the story.

Today, talk about the angels in the story. Mary and the angel, Joseph and the angel, and the shepherd and the angels

Sing "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing".

Theme Adventure:

Draw an angel outline on a white paper bag. Bunch the opening of the bag around a flashlight, secure it with a rubber band, turn off the light, and dramatize the angels' visit to the shepherds.

Make an angel craft. Find your own or feel free to use one of these ideas:

*[Angel Handprint/Footprint](#)

*[Angel Ornament](#)

*[Paper Plate Angel Craft](#)

ABC Exploration:

Review all of the actions and sounds for each letter we've studied.

After reviewing, point to a letter and ask your child to make the sound.

123 Exploration:

Review numbers with the [Number Review Dry Erase idea](#).

Self Help: Practice pouring this week.

Day 2

Bible Exploration:

Review the role of the shepherds in the story of Jesus' birth.

Sing "The First Noel".

Theme Adventure:

Print out the letter J on cardstock. Use a hole punch to put holes around the outside edge to make a lacing card. Turn it upside down to make it a shepherd's staff.

Use Christmas ribbon to lace the card.

Make "Shepherd soup." Make a cup of hot chocolate (a hot drink to keep the shepherd's warm on a cold night), add marshmallows (sheep the shepherd's took care of), and stir with a candy cane (the shepherd's staff).

Math Exploration:

Practice counting with [Number Jump](#).

ABC Adventures:

Use printable letters from previous lessons, slip them into page protectors or laminate them, and have your child form the letters with playdough.

Chore: Depending how small your trash can is, you may be able to train your children to empty the trash.

[The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey](#)

[The Three Gifts of Christmas](#)

Day 3

Bible Exploration:

Review the story of the wise men following the star and bringing gifts to Jesus.

Sing "O, Holy Night".

Theme Adventure:

Make a star craft. Use your own idea or try one of the following:

*[Starry Apple Prints](#)

*[Contact Paper Star Ornament](#)

*[Tissue Paper Star](#)

ABC Exploration:

Squirt some shaving cream (the cheap, foamy stuff works best) onto a table. Call out letters for your child to write in the shaving cream. Smooth it over to "erase".

Manners:

Instead of reaching across the table, train your child to ask politely for more food or drink.

Day 4

Bible Exploration:

Have your child use the Nativity they made last week or one that you have at home to retell the story of the birth of Jesus.

Sing "Joy to the World".

Theme Adventure:

Have a [birthday party for Jesus](#).

Be sure to light up some candles, make a pretty cake, and sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus!

You might also consider playing some games, singing carols, or watching a movie.

ABC & Math Exploration:

Review: Outline the various shapes on the printable with small stickers.

Service:

Purchase or find gently-used blankets, hats, coats, scarves, etc. and donate them to a homeless shelter.

Other Ideas

Read *God's Promised One is Born: Part 13* (from [The Big Picture Bible Story Book](#)).

Watch "Follow that Star" a VeggieTales movie.

Dress up as shepherds, wise men, Mary, Joseph, an angel, etc. and act out the story.

Look through my [Christmas Pinterest board](#) for more ideas.

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

- Hymn: Trust & Obey
- Composer Study: Handel
- Artist Study: Matisse

My Ideas:

Learning Bags

Christmas Tree Count: Use this idea to review numbers.

Wrapping Paper: Put some tape, scissors, small boxes, and inexpensive (or used) wrapping paper into a bag. Let your child practice wrapping the boxes. This is excellent for fine motor skills.

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

