

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](mailto: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*

"...He called His disciples, and He chose from them twelve whom He also named apostles..." -Luke 6:13

Bible

Theme

"n" is for Name

ABC & 123

Letter: n  
Number: 10

Life

Book  
Bag

# Day 1

## Bible Exploration:

Read about Jesus calling his disciples. This week we are talking about names, and how Jesus called his disciples by name and they responded.

Learn to sing the "12 Disciples" (voice and piano version). A more contemporary version called the [12 Disciples Song](#).

## Theme Adventure:

This week we are focusing on your child's name.

Consider [writing a letter this to your child about how you chose his or her name](#). Let your child know how special they are to you and to God.

Write your child's name on a large sheet of paper. Have them [trace over their name with several colors](#).

**ABC Exploration:** Teach the sound *n n n*. Cup your hand and turn it like a lower-case *n* and say "n -n -n -name."

Make lower-case "n" [Pencil Topper](#).

**123 Exploration:** Show your child the number 10. Go on an "exploration" with binoculars and find the number 10 in and outside your house.

## Self Help:

Work this week to teach your child how to comb or brush his/her hair.

## Chrysanthemum

Put together this [printable name book](#).

## God's Names

This is a nice family devotional book to use to learn about the names of God.

# Day 2

## Bible Exploration:

Reread the story of Jesus calling his disciples. Dramatize the story together (for example, use a blue blanket for the Sea of Galilee and have your child pretend to fish. Call them by name to come follow!

Learn to sing the "12 Disciples" (piano version). A more contemporary version called the [12 Disciples Song](#).

## Theme Adventure:

[Play a name game](#). Make cards with the letters of your name and your child's name(s). Turn them over and place in a pile on the floor. Take turns picking out a letter. If the letter is in your name, keep it. If not, return it to the pile.

Each player "wins" when they have all the letters to make their name.

## Math & ABC Exploration:

Make [play dough name puzzles](#).

Use play dough and cut out the letter n with a cookie cutter. Have your child trace the cut-out part onto the letter *n* page in the alphabet notebook.

If you don't have letter cookie cutters, you can try this [tactile name rubbing](#) idea instead.

## Chore:

Teach your child how to clean the sink and wipe down the counter-top.

# Day 3

## Bible Exploration:

Review the stories of Jesus calling his disciples. See if they can remember any names of the disciples.

Print out the sheet with the names of the disciples. Ask your child to “be an illustrator” and draw pictures of the disciples on the page. You may want to help and add your own drawings, too.

## Theme Adventure:

Make [name cookies](#). If you don’t have letter cookie-cutters, use frosting and write each letter of your child’s name on separate cookies.

You can also go outside and “write” your name with nature using sticks, leaves, rocks, etc.

**ABC Exploration:** Do a name cheer. For example, if your child’s name is Josh:

*Give me a J. J*  
*Give me an O. O*  
*Give me an S. S*  
*Give me an H. H*  
*What’s that spell? Josh!*

**Math Exploration:** Number Posters—Write a number 10 on a sheet of paper. Print your child’s name 10 times, have them cut out the names, and glue them to the number.

## Manners:

Teach or review with your child how to cough or sneeze into his or her elbow to avoid using her hands and then touching someone or something else.

# Day 4

## Bible Exploration:

As you talk about the disciples with your child today, share how they left everything when Jesus called them. They followed Him.

Discuss ways we can follow Jesus.

Play a game of “Follow the Leader”.

## Theme Adventure:

Make a craft stick name puzzle. Let your child draw a picture on the craft sticks or glue a photo to the craft sticks. Find [complete directions here](#).

## ABC & Math Exploration:

Have your child write her name on the printable and color it. Cut it out and add it to the alphabet wall.

Review the sound and gesture for letter “n”. Write an N on a small piece of paper, have your child draw a picture of themselves, and label it with their name. Add it to the “Treasure Map”.

## Service:

When you make name cookies on Day 3, make up some extra dough and make cookies for someone else. They may feel pretty special if you make their name in cookie letters!

# Other Ideas

Read *God’s New People Are Called: Part 15* (from [The Big Picture Bible Story Book](#)).

Try to make a [tactile name rubbing](#).

Have a special [Sharing All About Me](#) time.

Write your child’s name on a piece of paper and have them glue small bits to it to form a name collage.

Have fun making up rhymes with your child’s name.

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

- Hymn: Onward Christian Soldiers
- Composer Study: Vivaldi
- Artist Study: Jackson Pollock

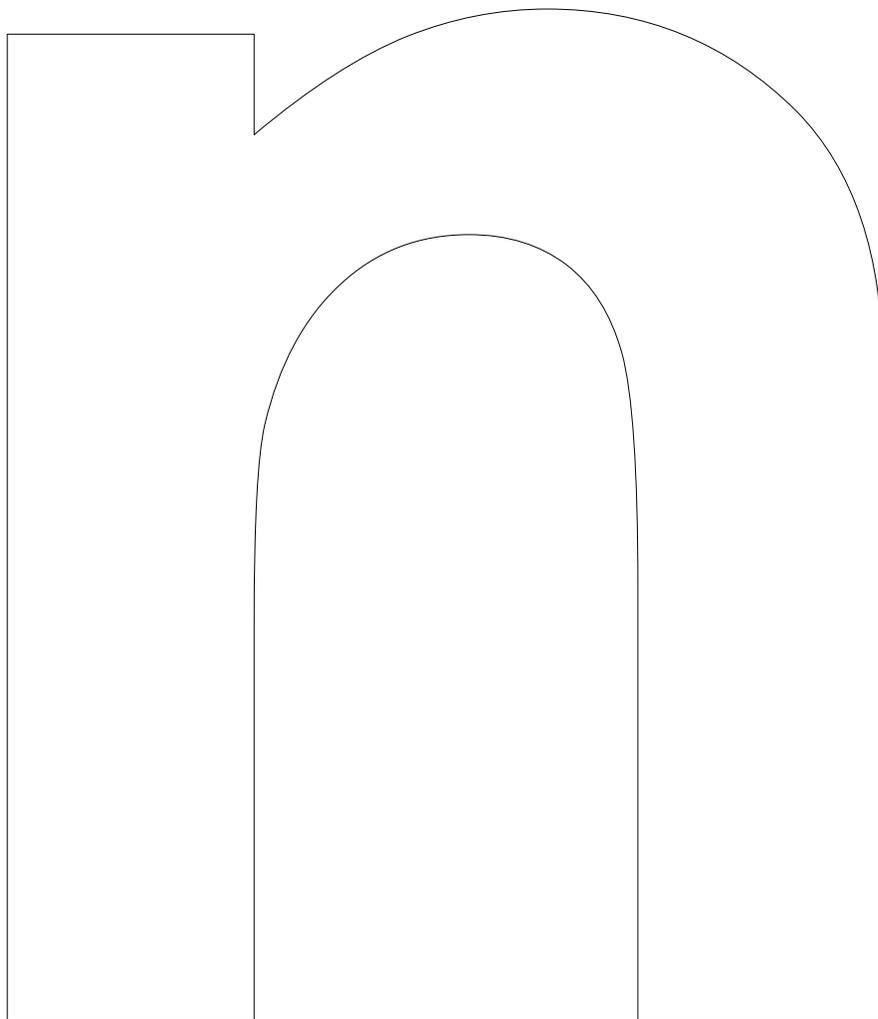
## My Ideas:

Learning  
Bags

**Names on a Notecard:** Write your child’s name on a notecard (start with first name—and add the middle and last names later). Cut the letters apart. Have your child put the letters in the correct position to spell his name. Store in a bag.

**Craft Stick Name Puzzle:** Use the craft stick puzzle you made on Day 4 to make a puzzle busy bag.

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



Peter

James

John

Andrew

Philip

Thomas

Bartholomew

Matthew

James

Thaddeus

Simon

Judas