

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*

"Then those who were in the boat worshiped Him saying 'Truly You are the Son of God.'" —Matthew 14:33

Bible

Theme  
"b" is for Boat

ABC & 123  
Letter: b  
Color: Red

Life

Book  
Bag

# Day 1

## Bible Exploration:

Read about Jesus calming the storm and talk about the story with your child.

Sing "I've Got Peace Like A River" from WeeSing.

## Theme Adventure:

This week we are focusing on boats. Collect and read some books from the library about boats.

Put together a "shape" boat". Cut a paper plate in half. Use a small craft stick for a mast, and two triangles for a sail. Glue the boat onto a jumbo craft stick.

Cut a slit in a large blue sheet of construction paper and insert the boat through it. Save for Bible time tomorrow.

**ABC Exploration:** Teach the sound *bbb*. Form your left hand into the shape of a lower-case **b** and say "b -b -b -boat."

Make lower-case "b" Pencil Topper.

**Color Exploration:** Place a sheet of red paper on the floor. Ask your child to go on a color hunt to find red items to place on the paper.

## Self Help:

This week practice using a tissue and basic nose-blowing/wiping skills.

## Toy Boat

Build your own toy boat with items from around your house.

## Boats

This book is great for teaching vocabulary about boats. You may also want to look online and see what pictures of different kinds of boats you can find to share with your child.

# Day 2

## Bible Exploration:

As you are reading the story today, use the craft from yesterday. When it is stormy, move the boat on the craft stick in the water. When Jesus calms the storm, make the boat calm in the water.

Decorate the boat and add the Bible verse to it.

Sing "I've Got Peace Like A River" from Wee Sing.

## Theme Adventure:

Pick out a variety of items and do a sink or float experiment. Fill a small bowl or tub with water, ask your child whether he thinks something will sink or float, and have them put it in the water.

Put all of the items that sink on one side of the bowl and all of the items that float on the other side.

## Math Exploration:

Play a Counting Boat Game: Cut out the boats on the attached printable. Decorate a blue sheet of paper to be the ocean. Have your child roll a die (or two) and put that number of boats into the ocean.

## ABC Exploration:

Write or stamp the letter b in the Alphabet Journal.

## Chore:

Teach your child how to clean a mirror.

# Day 3

## Bible Exploration:

Read about the disciples in the boat and Jesus walking on water.

Sing "I've Got Peace Like A River" from WeeSing.

## Theme Adventure:

Make foil boats. Test out different sizes and shapes in a tub of water. Which floats best? Try adding legos or coins. Which sinks last?

**ABC Exploration:** Use the phrase "b sees d" to help your child remember the direction each letter faces. Have them make the letters with their hands facing each other in front of them. Color the printable "b sees d" sheet included in the download. Add an eye and a mouth in the center of each letter. Outline the letter.

## Color Exploration:

Make a red collage. Add photos of red items from a magazine, red scrap paper, ribbon, buttons, felt, etc. Write the word "red" on the collage somewhere and save to make a color book.

## Manners:

Practice knocking on closed doors and waiting for a response before entering.

# Day 4

## Bible Exploration:

Reread about Jesus walking on the water.

Make Oobleck. Make your fingers "walk" on the Oobleck by pushing down hard. See what happens if you push your fingers gently.

If you have plastic people or animals, you can also make them "walk on the water."

## Theme Adventure:

Make a boat snack. Cut the fruit in half (apples, bananas, pears, etc.). Place a toothpick on the back of the "boat" and add a fruit leather sail!

## ABC Exploration:

Have your child draw a boat on the printable b and color it. Cut it out and add it to the alphabet wall. (or alphabet notebook).

Review the sound and gesture for letter "b". Write a b on a small piece of paper, have your child draw another boat. Add it to the "Treasure Map".

## Service:

Purchase toiletries (toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, etc.) and take them to a local homeless shelter or other organization to help those in need.

# Other Ideas

Make a boat for imaginary play from a box or laundry basket. Add a blue blanket or sheet "ocean".

If you know someone who has a boat, take a field trip and look at it.

Freeze water in a small rectangular container (like a juice box). Pretend the ice block is a boat and float it in the bathtub. You could even have races if you make more than one.

Try a Dancing Raisin experiment.

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

- Hymn: It is Well with My Soul
- Composer Study: Vivaldi
- Artist Study: Jackson Pollock

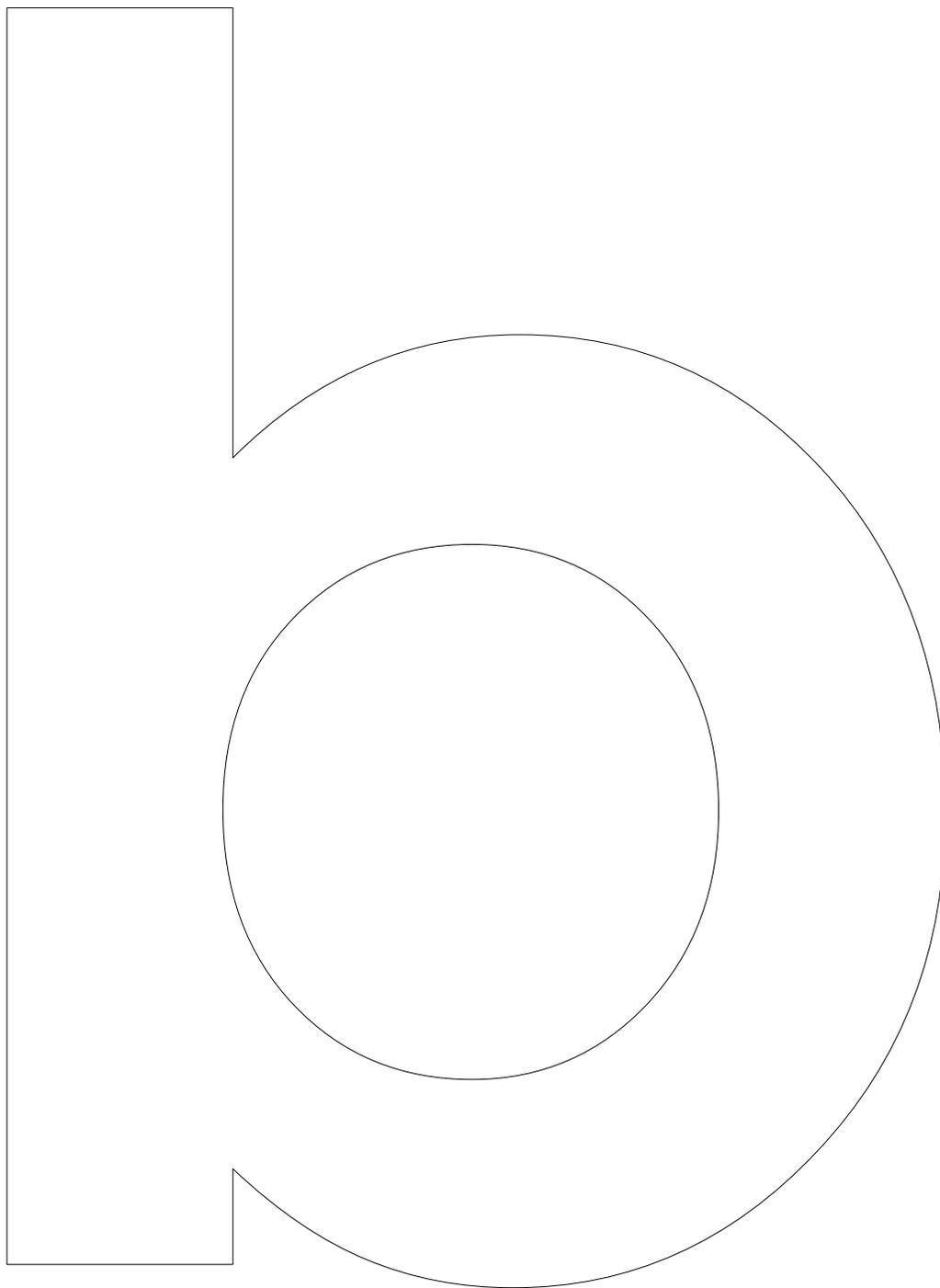
## My Ideas:

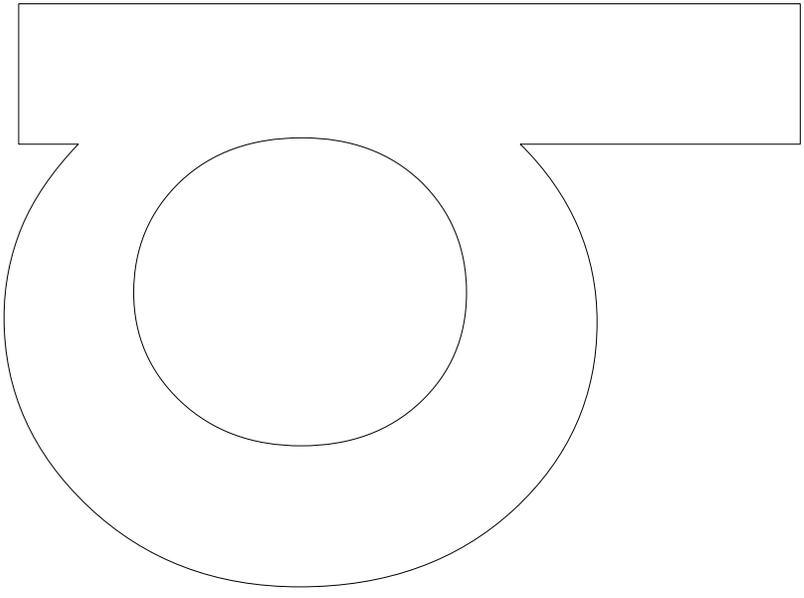
Pool Noodle Stringing: Cut apart a pool noodle and let your child string it on a rope.

Parking Space Number Game: Use this idea with various transportation toys including boats!

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

Learning  
Bags





**SEES**

