

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

"...I was blind, and now I can see!" –
John 9:25

Bible

Theme

"v" is for Vision

ABC & 123

Letter: v
Color: Green

Life

Book

Bag

Day 1

Bible Exploration:

Read the story of the The Blind Man Sees (John 9).

If they aren't familiar with it, teach your child the word "vision" and talk about how Jesus restored the man's vision.

(Vision is the word we will use this week to teach the letter v, so I want to be sure the children understand the meaning of the word.)

Sing "Jesus Sees Me" from Wee Sing.

Theme Adventure:

This week we are talking about the five senses: taste, touch, smell, hearing, vision.

Make a "Five Senses" booklet. [Find instructions here.](#)

ABC Exploration: Teach the sound **v v v**. Put your fingers around your eyes like glasses and say "v-v-v-vision."

Make a lowercase **"v"** Pencil Topper.

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

Self Help:

Practice sharpening pencils.

Day 2

Bible Exploration:

Reread the story of the The Blind Man Sees.

Give your child [brown play dough and wiggly eyes to act out the story.](#)

If it is nice outside, you could also mix up some mud in a bucket, draw some sidewalk chalk eyes, and cover them with mud. Use a hose to rinse off the mud.

Theme Adventure:

Put a small amount of a food item—like coffee, chocolate, lemon, peanut butter, popcorn, anything with a distinctive odor in a small plastic cup (make sure you can't see through it). Cover the lid with foil or tissue paper. Have your child smell the cup and record what they think is in the cup.

Next, blindfold your child and give them a taste of the item in each cup. Record the answers. Check to see if they were right.

Math Exploration:

Print out the number squares on cardstock. Cut them apart and find items with various textures to glue on the cardstock. You might use beans, noodles, buttons, cotton balls, feathers, paper clips, etc. [Glue one textured item to the one. Glue two of another textured item to the two, and so on.](#)

Chore:

Bring in mail or newspaper and put it in the appropriate place.

My Five Senses by Aiki

Print out a photo of your child or have them draw a picture of themselves. Label the body parts according to the sense: label eyes with the word vision, label ears with the word hear, label mouth with the word taste, label nose with the word smell, label hands with the word feel.

The Listening Walk by Paul Showers

Record sounds from around your house (dryer, dog barking, chair squeaking, refrigerator opening, water running, and so on). Play back the sounds for your child and see if they can guess what each sound is from.

Day 3

Bible Exploration:

Review the story of The Blind Man Sees.

Sing "Jesus Sees Me" from Wee Sing.

Theme Adventure:

Play a game of [sound memory](#): place objects that make noise (rice, bells, beans, coffee grounds, etc.) into a plastic egg. You will need two of each kind. Have your child pick up an egg and shake it. See if they can pick up another egg and match the sound.

ABC Exploration:

Write the letter v in the Alphabet Journal. Use masking tape to form the letter v in the Alphabet journal or have your child write the letter or cut it out of magazines and glue it in the journal.

Color Exploration:

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

Manners:

Talk to your child about the importance of not commenting on someone else's physical features or characteristics unless they are giving them a compliment.

Day 4

Bible Exploration:

Review the story of The Blind Man Sees. Make chocolate pudding (mud) and paint with it.

You may even want to have your child draw a picture of the man on paper and "paint" his eyes with mud.

Theme Adventure:

Explore outdoors today and focus on each sense one at a time.

Vision: What do you see? What colors do you see?

Hearing: What sounds can you hear when listening quietly?

Smell: Can you smell anything outside today?

Touch: Feel leaves, rocks, twigs, etc.

Taste: Don't taste anything outdoors, but have the rest of the pudding from Bible time for a snack!

ABC Exploration:

Draw a [few v's and add wiggly eyes to the v printable and add it to the alphabet wall or file it away for an alphabet book](#).

Review the sound and gesture for letter "v". Write v on a small piece of paper and draw a picture of eyes or add some wiggly eyes to the page. Add it to the [treasure map](#).

Service:

Make a sensory basket to give to someone. Include an item for each of the five sense. Be creative! Some ideas might include a candle for smell, homemade cookies for taste, a magazine for vision, a book on CD for hearing, and a fuzzy stuffed animal for touch.

Other Ideas

Make mud pies.

Make glasses out of pipe cleaners or cardstock. Tape colored cellophane or tissue paper in the frames.

Turn on a CD or MP3 player quietly. Have your child leave the room while you hide it. Have them find the CD player by listening for the sound.

Read "A Blind Man Sees" (Part 18) of [The Big Picture Bible](#).

Sing a song to help you remember the five senses:

(Tune of Frere Jaques)

I have five senses. I have five senses.

Yes, I do. Yes, I do.

Seeing, smelling, tasting. Seeing, smelling, tasting.

Touching, hearing. Touching, hearing.

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

- Hymn: Amazing Grace
- Composer Study: Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
- Artist Study: Paul Cezanne

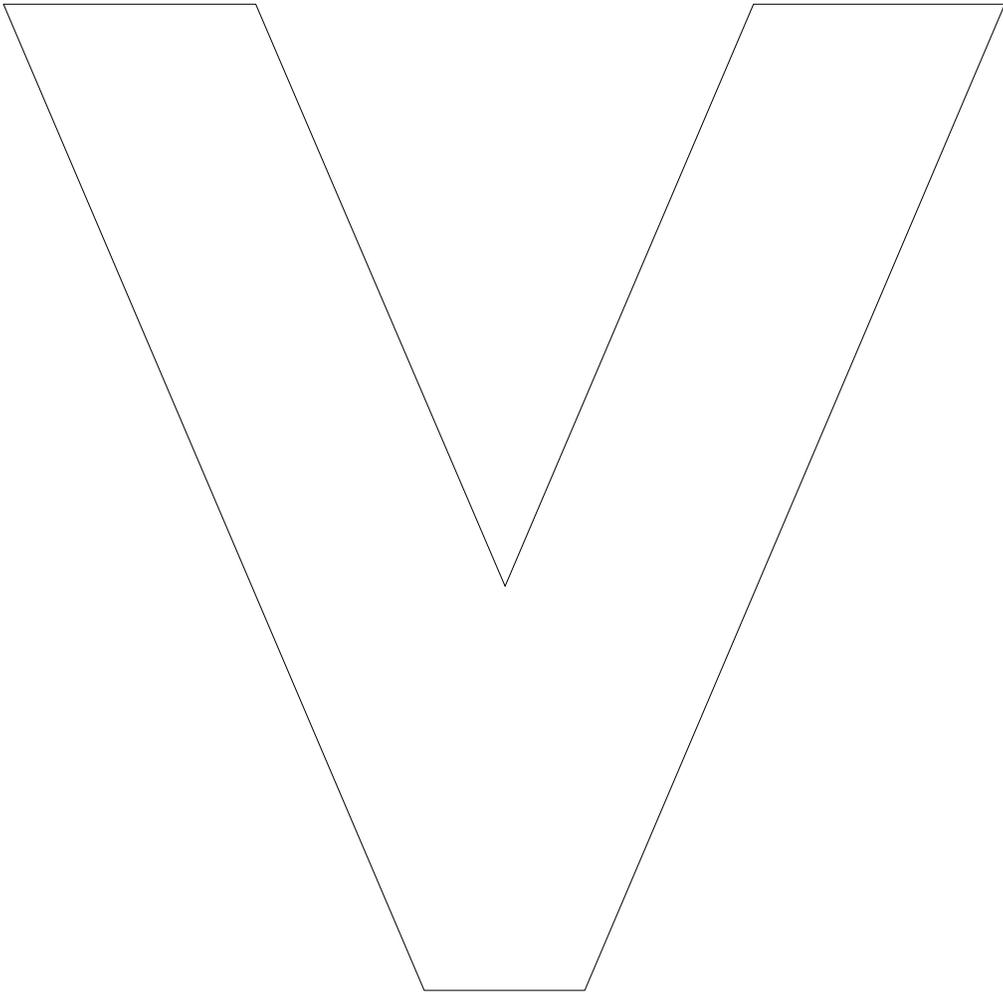
My Ideas:

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[Cotton Ball Busy Bag](#)

Collage Bag: Fill a bag with scraps of paper, various craft items, and various textured items. Include a glue stick and piece of paper. Have your child make a collage with the items in the bag.

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



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