

Today's Suggested Schedule—June 2021, Week 3

Bible Words: “I can trust in God. I am not afraid.” Psalm 56:11, NlrV
Jericho • *Joshua 5:13–6:27*

Bottom Line: You can trust God.

Basic Truth: God loves me.

The toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the story and craft element that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos.

The toddler curriculum is designed to be used in conjunction with the monthly crawler curriculum. Feel free to use both in your classrooms.

Story Time

- Draw It

Craft Time

- Big Heart

Story Time

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

What You Need: Preschool Bible, butcher paper, and markers

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) is about a man named Joshua (*draw a stick man*) who was the leader of God's army. (*Draw armor on the stick man.*)

"One day, God told Joshua to go take over the city of Jericho. (*Draw a city.*) But Jericho had a big, strong wall all the way around it. (*Draw a wall all around the city.*) Joshua knew that God had a plan, and he knew he could always trust God. God told Joshua to have the soldiers . . . (*draw men with horns around the city wall*) . . . march around the wall and blow holding their horns for six days. Joshua trusted God, and did what He said. On the seventh day, God told Joshua to have his men walk around the wall one, two, three, four, five, six, seven times. (*Draw a circle around the wall seven times as you count.*) God told Joshua to tell the soldiers to blow their horns and to shout. They did, and the wall fell down!

"When Joshua trusted God and did what He said, the wall fell down! (*Draw the city with a broken wall and rubble.*) Yay, God! Joshua knew that he could trust God's plan because Joshua trusted God. We can trust God, too! I can trust God, and **[Bottom Line] you can trust God.**"

Craft Time

Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

What You Need: “Big Heart” Activity Page, cardstock, scissors, dot markers, wet wipes, and a pen

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Big Heart” on cardstock, one per child.

During the Activity: Retell the story. Encourage children to fill in the heart.

What You Say:

During the Activity: “Look! Everyone has a big heart. Let’s fill it in with the dot markers. *(Pause.)* Good job!

“Your heart says, ‘God loves me.’ God loves [child’s name] and [child’s name] can trust God. *(Repeat with each child.)* You can trust God, and I can trust God. ***[Bottom Line] You can trust God.***”



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Gideon • *Judges 6–8*

Memory Verse: "I trust in God. I am not afraid." Psalm 56:11, NIV

Key Question: Who can trust God?

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LARGE GROUP (20 minutes)

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

VIDEO: "Jesus No Matter What" Dance Moves Music Video

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

VIDEO: "Gideon" from *Wonder*

LARGE GROUP: Worship (10 minutes) • Story (10 minutes)

Engage kids' hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible story, worship, and prayer experience in a Large Group setting.

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WORSHIP

What You Need: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Psalm 56:11, NIV.

LEADER: "Hey, everyone! Are you ready for worship? It's time to tell God 'Thank You' for loving us and sending Jesus to be our friend forever. God LOVES you and me so much, and He proved His love when He sent Jesus. That's the best reason to trust Him. Tell me, **who can trust God?**"

CHILDREN and LEADER: *[Bottom Line]* "I can trust God."

VIDEO: "Jesus No Matter What" Dance Moves Music Video

LEADER: "Because God sent Jesus, you have a friend who is always by your side! I'm so thankful that **[Basic Truth] God loves me!** The Bible teaches us that 'I (*point thumbs to chest*) trust in God (*point up*). I am not afraid (*cross hands back and forth and shake head*),' Psalm 56:11. (*Open hands like a book.*) Let's say it together.

Lead children to say the memory verse and do the motions.

"Yes! I know **[Bottom Line]** I can trust God. Who can trust God?"

CHILDREN and LEADER: *[Bottom Line]* "I can trust God."

STORY

What You Need: Bible

LEADER: “Hello, friends! I’m [your name], and I can’t wait to hear a true story from the Bible. I think our friends at the Clubhouse are ready – are you? (*Pause*) Great! Here we go!

VIDEO: “*Gideon*” from *Wonder*

LEADER: “You’re never too small to trust God! You can trust God, and **[Bottom Line] I can trust God.** Tell me, **who can trust God?**”

CHILDREN and LEADER: **[Bottom Line] “I can trust God.”**

LEADER: “Again! **Who can trust God?**”

CHILDREN and LEADER: **[Bottom Line] “I can trust God!”**

LEADER: “Yes, you can! Okay friends, it’s time to pray. Let’s close our eyes and talk to God together.”

PRAYER

LEADER: “Dear God, we can trust You. It doesn’t matter if we’re big or small, we can always trust You. Please help us trust You when we have doubts. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”