# Today's Suggested Schedule—June 2021, Week 4

Bible Words: "I can trust in God. I am not afraid." Psalm 56:11, NIrV

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**

Act It

## **Craft Time**

All Fall Down

# **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 and blocks set up as a wall in story time

**LEADER:** "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you! I need your help telling our Bible story today.

"Today's true story from the Bible (hold up the Bible) begins with a man named Joshua who was the leader of God's army.

"One day, God told Joshua to go take over the city of Jericho, but Jericho had a big, strong wall all the way around it. Joshua knew that God had a plan, and he knew he could always trust God. God told Joshua to have the soldiers march around the wall for six days.

"Joshua trusted God and did what He said. Let's walk around the wall! (Circle the wall.) They did this for six days. On the seventh day, God told Joshua to have his men walk around the wall seven times and blow their horns. (Circle the wall and pretend to blow trumpets.) Walk with me. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. When Joshua said, 'Go,' they shouted. Everyone shout with me. (Knock the wall down.) And the wall fell down!

"When Joshua trusted God and did what He said, the wall fell down! 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: "All Fall Down" Activity Page, cardstock, construction paper, scissors, glue sticks, and a marker

## What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "All Fall Down" on cardstock and cut, one per child. Cut rectangles and squares from the construction paper. Write child's name on each child's paper.

During the Activity: Encourage children to glue the rectangles and squares on their paper.

## What You Say:

During the Activity: "In our story today, Joshua trusted God and did what God told him to do. God told Joshua to take his army and march around Jericho each day for six days. On the seventh day, God told Joshua to march with his men around the wall seven times while blowing their horns and then shout when Joshua said, 'Go.' When they did, the wall came crumbling down!

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

**Key Question:** Who can trust God?

**Bottom Line:** I can trust God. **Basic Truth:** God loves me.

# 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: "Elijah and the Fire" 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, NIrV.

**LEADER:** "Friends, can you believe it's already the LAST week of the month? Crazy, right? Remember, God loves us so much that He gave us Jesus. And guess what? You can change the world because Jesus loves you! Let's sing this out with all we've got!

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

"I'm SO glad God sent us Jesus to show us just how much He loves us. And, because God loves us, we can trust Him. 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 the children to say the verse with the motions.

"Because [Basic Truth] God loves me, and because He sent Jesus, [Bottom Line] I can trust God. Now it's your turn. One more time with all you've got, who can you trust?"

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

First Look Press Play: Get in the mix

## **STORY**

What You Need: Bible

**LEADER:** "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I can't wait to hear another true story from the Bible. Are you guys ready? (*Pause*) Great! Then what are we waiting for? Let's go!

VIDEO: "Elijah and the Fire" from Wonder

**LEADER:** "God is SO powerful! God can do anything! When we remember that God can do anything, it helps us trust God. *[Bottom Line]* I can trust God, and you can trust God. Who can trust God?"

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

LEADER: "Louder! 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, You are the one true God, and there is no one else like You. You are powerful and loving and always with us. Thank You for being so awesome! I hope we never, ever, EVER stop trusting You. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."