

Lesson 2

Starting Steps



Faith Activities for Families with Toddlers

Starting Steps is for families to use at home. It encourages you in your faith-journey and parenting. Use the ideas here and on the *Starting Steps* calendar throughout the week to extend and reinforce what your child learned.

At This Age

Two year olds learn about the world and the people in the world through play. It is important for parents to take time to play with their children. Here are a few ideas to get you started playing. As you and your child develop your playtimes together, you will discover favorite activities.

- Have a play tea party. Pretend to really drink and eat with your child.
- Play a game of hide-and-seek. Pretend to have a hard time finding your child even though you know exactly where she is.
- Get down on your hands and knees and give horseback rides.

Time with God

In Genesis 18:14 the Lord asks, "Is anything too hard for the LORD?" The answer to that question is always "No!" Psalm 147:5 says,

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.

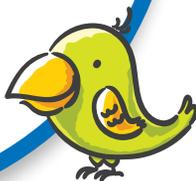
God is all-powerful and understands every aspect of your life. As you parent your young child, there will be times when you do not know how to handle a particular situation. At those times you can remember these verses from Genesis and Psalms. Rely on God's strength to help you overcome a problem. Praise God for His power! God's strength to help you overcome a problem. Praise God for His power!

Toddler Tickler

Barnyard Babble

My 18-month-old daughter loves to make animal sounds. One day I heard her in her room, reciting the ones she knew: "Sheep say Baaa! Cow say Moo! Puppy say Woof! Mama say No, no, no!"

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Time with Your Toddler



God Loves Mommies based on Genesis 21:1-6

The Bible story “God Loves Mommies” was taught in Sunday school today. Read the story from here and Bible storybooks many times—toddlers like and need repetition to learn.

God loves mommies. The Bible tells us about Sarah. Sarah wanted to be a mommy. But it took a long, long time.

(Open arms wide.)

God promised Sarah she would be a mommy.

(Point up.)

God kept His promise.

God gave Sarah a baby.

The baby was Isaac.

(Pretend to rock a baby.)

Now Sarah was a mommy.

God loved Sarah. God loves mommies.

(Point to heaven; then hug self.)

These questions can be used to help your child review the Bible story.

1. Who was a mommy? (Sarah)
2. Who loves mommies? (God)



Look what I made!

During craft time today your child drew a picture of a mommy. It was colored using chalk dipped in water. Ask your child about the picture saying, “Tell me how you colored your picture of Mommy.”