

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

New experiences, like Sunday school, may cause some anxiety on the part of your child. Try to make these experiences very positive by preparing your child. Here are a few hints:

- Tell your child beforehand what is going to happen.
- Reassure your child that you will be picking him or her up after Sunday school.
- Leaving the classroom quickly makes the separation easier on you and your child.

Time with God

Being the parent of a two year old means that life is very hectic. It's sometimes very hard to take a few moments for yourself. Zephaniah 3:17 gives you a reason to take a little break:

The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.

Take time out of each busy day for a few moments to be quiet and think about God's great love and how precious you are to Him. Allow His peace to swell over you and quiet your heart.

Toddler Tickler

Pick the Right Utensil

Two-year-old Tyler came bounding back from the fairgrounds, where his dad was taking tickets and stamping hands at the gate. Proudly he announced, "I got a stamp on my knifehead!" Perplexed, I repeated, "Your knifehead?" He pointed to show me, and grinned. "Oh," I said, "you mean your forehead?" "Yeah!" he nodded enthusiastically. "My forkhead."

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Time with Your Toddler



God Made Our Eyes

based on Genesis 1:27-30; Psalm 119:18; Proverbs 20:12

This week's Bible story is "God Made Our Eyes." Read the story from here and Bible storybooks many times—toddlers like and need repetition to learn.



The Bible tells us that God made us.

(Hold hands open like a book.)

God made us special. God made our eyes. God made our eyes so we can see.

(Point to your eyes.)

God made our eyes to see a dog and a cat.

(Point to dog and cat.)



God made our eyes to see a tree and apples.

(Point to tree and apples.)

God made us special from our head to our toes!

(Point to your head, then your toes.)



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

1. What did God make so we can see? (Eyes)
2. Who made our eyes? (God)

Look what I made!



During craft time, your child colored with clusters of crayons. A good way to ask your child about his masterpiece is with a statement like, "Tell me about your picture." Tell your toddler how much you enjoy seeing the things he makes.

