

Toddlers in COLOUR

Learning COLOURS through Bible Stories
Fun Fish Toddlers



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Welcome to “Toddlers in COLOUR” Learning COLOURS through Bible Stories

Welcome to ‘**Toddlers in COLOUR,**’ a Fun Fish Toddlers’ guide for learning through Bible stories and COLOURS. Jesus always communicated with children at their level. The Bible says, *‘He took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them’* (Mark 10:16).

- He made them **feel safe** - He drew them close to himself.
- He gave them **focused attention** – He reached out to each child.
- He **affirmed** them – He gave them God’s blessing.

And every person who works with little children can do the same.

The theme of this book is ‘**Learning**’, and it happens best in a safe environment. The topic, ‘**Bible Colours,**’ gives a toddler the chance to reciprocate focus on God as they learn their colours. The heart attitude of this series is to affirm these children, bless them and enable them to move on in confidence.

Each Bible story in this series teaches a colour, for even though the Bible doesn’t emphasize colours, they were there. The sun is YELLOW. Clouds are WHITE. Leaves are GREEN. And each story teaches a life lesson, helping a toddler learn how to live.

‘**Toddlers in COLOUR,**’ explores twelve Bible stories and what they mean. The ‘memory line’ enables a toddler to build a solid foundation for life. “Be kind to each other” (Ephesians 4:32), for every person is dear to God.



Enjoy the adventure of “**Toddlers in COLOUR**”!

Suggested Fun Fish Toddlers Structure

Welcome

Theme Song: to the tune of “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star...”

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Introduce Colour and Topic:

Have the memory line pegged on a clothesline. (Download free from <https://www.funfish.org.uk/toddlers%20in%20colour.html>) Also, download the appropriate COLOUR cards ready for each session. Add a new one for each new session. Talk about the colour, where it is found or used, and link it to the topic for that day.

More songs:

Bible Story (interactive):

- A dramatized telling of the story with puppets, dolls, toy animals and props.
- Invite Toddlers to take part as they wish.

Reflective Time (interactive):

Ask questions about the story, for even toddlers have opinions. Always thank them for their contribution. Always take seriously what they say. Link the story to the shape. For example, ‘Whenever you see the colour “red”, always remember to be honest.’ Then end with the **memory line**.

Bean Bag Prayers:

Prayer is a challenging concept for a toddler. To help, hand out beanbags (or a soft toy animal) and place a cloth on the floor in front of them. They can hold up their beanbags during the one sentence prayer. Then when the ‘Amen’ is said, they can throw their beanbags onto the cloth. But remember to always begin with, ‘I shall say a prayer. If you want, you may join in...’ Praying is a choice.

Craft of your choice and best related to the story.

Close with Theme Song

Session 1: Be Fair – RAINBOW – Noah and His Big Boat

Memory Line: “Be kind to each other.” (Ephesians 4:32)

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Colour and Topic:

Rainbow in the sky. Rainbow in a prism. Rainbow in a bubble. If you are able, make some bubbles with a bubble maker. Let the toddlers come close and look at them. See if they can find the colours.

Bible Story: Noah and His Big Boat (Genesis 6 - 8)

Dolls, puppets, or dressed-up wooden spoons:

Noah

Family

Animals

Materials needed: (feel free to replace the items with what you already have)

Rainbow

Boat

A pile of grass

Reflective Time (interactive):

How was Noah fair? How can we be fair? Sometimes it is hard though, especially if we want something badly. Like when mum asks us to share out the sweets, but we keep them all.

Review the memory line and remember a rainbow means, ‘Be fair.’

Short Prayer: “Dear God, help us to always be fair. Amen.”

Sing a song:

“Toddlers in COLOUR” card for this session:



Story 1: Noah and His Big Boat (Genesis 6-8) (Be Fair)

God made the world, and it was good. But people started fighting, making others do their work. God looked around and said, “I’m so sad. This is so unfair.”

Only one man was good. He was fair. “Noah,” God called to him, “Please build a boat.”

Noah looked at the plans. He called a family meeting. He showed the plans to his wife, sons and their wives. “Let’s get started right now,” they said.

Everyone helped. They made long boards. They nailed them together. They built the biggest, tallest, longest boat ever.

Then they filled it with food. Grass. Nuts. Honey. Figs. Bread and oranges.

Suddenly God called, “It’s time, Noah! You and your family climb into the boat.” God then called the animals, a girl and boy of every kind. They climbed in as well. And Noah was fair. He gave everyone a space. The little ant and gigantic elephant. Then God shut the door.

Suddenly, FLASH, BANG. Lightning. Thunder. It rained hard for forty days and nights.

The boat started moving and it floated for a year. Everyone on board shared their food. Everything was fair. Then God sent a wind and the rain dried up. The boat hit the ground. BUMP!

But Noah waited. He was fair. He let God be the boss and say when they could get off. A few days later God said, “Noah, you can get off! Go, build houses and grow food.”

Everyone jumped off. “Hurray!” they shouted. “THANK YOU, GOD!”

God smiled and put a RAINBOW in the sky. He said, “I will never flood the whole earth again. This RAINBOW will always remind me.”

Session 2: Don't Fight – BLACK – Joseph and His Coat

Memory Line: "Be kind to each other." (Ephesians 4:32)

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Theme Song: to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

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Colour and Topic:

Bring some BLACK items to the **story**. Black is also when we cover our eyes with our hands. Black is when the lights go out at night. People wear lots of black - socks, shoes. But black also for when people are sad, and one thing that makes them sad is fighting.

Bible Story – Joseph and His Coat (Genesis 37)

Puppets, dolls, soft toys, or dressed-up wooden spoons

Joseph

Brothers

Another angry person

King

Materials needed: (feel free to replace the items with what you already have)

Coloured coat

Prison

Reflective Time (interactive):

Why do people like to fight? How can we stop fighting? Review the memory line and remember that whenever you see the colour BLACK, don't fight.

Short Prayer: "Dear God, help us to not to fight. Amen."

Sing songs:

"Toddlers in COLOUR" card for this session:



Story 2: Joseph and His Coat (Genesis 37) (Don't Fight)

Joseph had a beautiful coat. His dad made it specially for him. But Joseph's brothers didn't get one and now they didn't like him. "Go away!" they said. "You think you're better than us."

"No!" said Joseph. "Yes!" said his brothers. What a fight! Then those brothers pulled off his coat. They wouldn't give it back. They threw him into a hole. It was BLACK like night inside.

Joseph found another job very far away, but this time the lady didn't like him. "You think you're better than me," she shouted. "I want you in prison!"

"Please no," said Joseph. "GO!" she said. So, Joseph went to prison, and it was BLACK as night inside. Even though Joseph was so very sad, he wasn't mean back. He helped everywhere he could.

Then one day, the king had a terrible dream. He dreamed that the rain would soon stop, and food would run out. But, because Joseph was always so helpful, the king gave him a job. So, Joseph stored up mountains and MOUNTAINS and MOUNTAINS of food before it was too late.

Seven years later the rain did stop. The whole world went hungry, and everyone came to buy food. EVEN Joseph's brothers! Oh dear!

At first, they didn't know that it was Joseph. He was so grownup and important now. But as soon as they did, they said, "Joseph, we are so sorry for fighting with you! We should never have taken your coat. We should never have told you to go away."

"I know," said Joseph, "but I forgive you. Please, let's be friends."

The brothers hugged their brother. They didn't fight with him ever again. For nothing is better than when brothers are friends.

Session 3: Be Helpful – PURPLE – A Prince in the Desert

Memory Line: “Be kind to each other.” (Ephesians 4:32)

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Theme Song: to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

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Colour and Topic:

Purple is harder to find. Purple grapes and cabbage. Purple flowers. Have a jug of water and put in some drops of purple food colouring. Today’s topic is about being helpful. Sometimes helping someone just a little bit can go a long way.

Bible Story – A Prince in the Desert (Exodus 2)

Puppets, dolls, soft toys, or dressed-up wooden spoons

Moses in a purple robe

Seven sisters

Three bullies

The father

Materials needed: (feel free to replace the items with what you already have)

Well

Bucket

Sheep

House

Reflective Time (interactive):

How was Moses helpful in this story? How can you be help? Say the memory line together, and remember, whenever you see the colour PURPLE, be helpful.

Short Prayer: “Dear God, please help us to be helpful. Amen.”

Sing a song:

“Toddlers in COLOUR” card for this session:



Story 3: A Prince in the Desert (Exodus 2) (Be Helpful)

There was once a prince called Moses. He had everything he wanted. A PURPLE cloak. A grand house. He looked so important and strong.

But when he grew up, he did something awful. The king was so angry, Moses had to run far away. He ran to the desert all by himself. He didn't know where to go. He didn't know what to do. Now he had no servants to help him.

But Moses wasn't so awful that he didn't care about others. A few days later, he saw a well. This meant that there were people around. He sat down beside it and waited.

In the distance he saw a flock of sheep and seven sisters heading his way. He watched as they pulled up water from the well. They filled up big buckets so that their sheep could drink.

But another herd appeared with big, strong shepherd. They chased the seven sisters away. They chased the sisters' sheep away. Then they used the water the sisters had pulled up to water their own sheep.

Suddenly, Moses had enough. This wasn't fair. It wasn't right. He jumped to his feet. His PURPLE cloak billowed out. "Stop!" he shouted.

Moses chased those mean shepherds away. He chased their sheep away. "Don't you ever do that again," he called. Then he helped the seven sisters fill those buckets again. And the prince who had never done anything in his life, was suddenly helping others.

But that wasn't the end of the story. The seven sisters hurried home and their father said, "Why are you home so early?"

They replied, "A prince helped us. He watered the sheep for us."

"What?" said the father. "And you just left him there? Go find him."

So, Moses had supper with them, and he stayed with them. He took off his PURPLE cloak and helped take care of their sheep. Now he had another family.

Session 4: Don't Steal – RED – All Those Frogs

Memory Line: "Be kind to each other." (Ephesians 4:32)

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Colour and Topic:

RED means danger. A stop sign is red. It tells you to stop. A red light is red. It tells you to stop. The Bible says that stealing is wrong, taking something that doesn't belong to you. RED is a good reminder to STOP doing wrong.

Bible Story: All Those Frogs (Exodus 8)

Dolls, puppets or dressed up wooden spoons:

Moses

King

Soldiers

Materials needed: (feel free to replace the items with what you already have)

House

Frogs

Bugs

Red blanket

Palace

Reflective Time (interactive):

Stealing is wrong - that is because it belongs to someone else. The king in this story made people slaves. He took away their freedom. He didn't care what they thought. Review the memory line and remember that whenever you see the colour red, don't steal.

Short Prayer: "Dear God, help us not to steal. Amen."

Sing a song:

"Toddlers in COLOUR" card for this session:



Story 4: All Those Frogs (Exodus 8)

One day while Moses was taking care of sheep, God told him to go back home. This time, the king was acting terribly, turning God's people into slaves.

Moses packed his bag and slung it over his shoulder. Would the king listen to him. Would he still be angry with Moses for doing bad things? Moses wasn't exactly the person to say, "Stop doing what is wrong?"

But Moses had changed. He knew what was right. He walked across the desert and into the city. Everywhere he saw slaves.

"This is wrong!" Moses said to himself. He ran to the king. "This is wrong!" he said. "These slaves are God's people! Let them go!"

But the king shook his head. "I like slaves. They build my palaces, my roads, my parks. Go away, Moses."

"If you don't let them go, God will be sad. You will have trouble. So, please don't steal their lives. Please don't steal their freedom. Wouldn't you rather do what is right?"

"Get out!" shouted the king. His face turned RED.

So, God took over. He sent frogs. Big frogs. Little frogs, EVERYWHERE! In the palace. On the streets. Under the king's RED duvet on his bed.

The king couldn't sleep. "Soldiers, call Moses," he shouted. "Tell him that I am sorry and I will free the slaves. Tell him to send those frogs away!"

Moses prayed to God straight away and the frogs disappeared. But the king just laughed. "HA! Now I can keep my slaves."

So, God sent bugs and flies, grasshoppers and hail. But that king still refused to listen. He still wanted those slaves to belong to him.

Sometimes, it is hard to let go of what we want, even if we have stolen it. Everyone is important. No one should be free. God really does want us to respect others.

Session 5: Don't Complain - BLUE – That Sea Splits

Memory Line: "Be kind to each other." (Ephesians 4:32)

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Colour and Topic:

Blue is everywhere. Blue eyes. Blue sky. Blue water. If you take a plastic bottle half-full of water and shake it up, it makes waves inside. If you stop shaking, the waves stop. Complaining is like making waves. Try doing something about what you don't like. Don't just complain.

Bible Story – That Gigantic Sea (Exodus 13-14)

Puppets, dolls, soft toys, or dressed-up wooden spoons

Moses and his walking stick

King

Soldiers

God's people

Materials needed: (feel free to replace the items with what you already have)

A blue cloth draped over a chair for a chariot

Sea

Tents

2 plastic cups (Gently tap them together. They make a lovely horse sound.) (If you have many plastic cups, you could hand them out to the children, and they can help you make the tapping sound of many horses' hooves.)

Reflective Time (interactive):

What do you complain about? Washing your face? Brushing teeth? These things are good. How can you remember to stop complaining? Review the memory line and remember that whenever you see the colour blue, don't complain.

Short Prayer: "Dear God, help us not to complain. Help us to do what is good. Amen."

Sing a song

"Toddlers in COLOUR" card for this session:



Story 5: A Pile of Sea - (Exodus 13-14) BLUE

It was time to rescue God's people from the king. Moses went to the palace once again. He had his walking stick. "Please let God's people go."

The king sighed. He couldn't take those bugs anymore. "Okay!" he said.

Moses bowed and then he ran to God's people. "Pack up! The king says that we can leave. God is taking you home!"

The people packed. "We're going home," they sang.

They travelled all day. They camped that night by a gigantic sea. They set up tents. They were finally free!

But while God's people laughed and danced. The king changed his mind. He stomped and shouted. He complained. "Why did I let them go? Who is going to do my work. NOT ME!"

He jumped onto his beautiful BLUE chariot. His army jumped on their horses. They rode fast in the dark, dark night. "Come back!" they shouted.

God's people heard the shouts. They heard the horses' hooves. "We're trapped!" they cried. "The sea is here. The king is there."

"Don't be afraid," Moses said. "God will fight for you."

Then God told Moses what to do. "Moses, hold your walking stick over the sea." Moses did, and the wind started blowing. It blew all night. The sea piled up. It made a path at the bottom of the sea.

"LOOK!" Moses shouted early the next morning. "Follow me!"

He ran down the path. God's people ran too. The king tried to follow, but his BLUE chariot got stuck. How the king howled. How he complained, "Come back! Who is going to do my work? NOT ME!"

But Moses didn't listen. The people didn't listen. They crossed to the other side and Moses raised his walking stick. The sea went back. SWOOSH!

God's people stared. Then they danced and sang. They were finally free.

Session 6: God Will Help – GREY - Those Walls Fall Down

Memory Line: “Be kind to each other.” (Ephesians 4:32)

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Colour and Topic:

GREY isn't a bright colour, and it is easy to forget. There are grey streets and pavements, grey clouds. But they are important. We need roads for cars, safe places for us to walk, and we need rain. We also need God, and even though we don't see him, he is there.

Bible Story: Those Walls Fall Down (Joshua 5 – 6)

Dolls, puppets, or dressed-up wooden spoons:

Joshua

God's people

Priests

Materials needed: (feel free to replace the items with what you already have)

City wall

Trumpets

People on walls

Reflective Time (interactive):

You can tell God anything. He wants you to talk to him, when you are sad or happy, sick or well. And he loves to help you.

Review the memory line, and whenever you see the colour grey, remember that God helps.

Short Prayer: “Dear God, thank you that you help us and that you care. Amen.”

Sing a song:

“Toddlers in COLOUR” card for this session:



Story 6: Those Walls Fall Down (Joshua 5-6)

God's people wanted to go home, but they had a problem. Someone else had built a city on their land, with huge GREY walls all around.

Joshua, the leader, didn't know what to do. Those people simply refused to move. But God told Joshua what to do.

Joshua nodded and called everyone together. He said, "We're going to march around those big GREY walls for seven days, and no one must say a word. The priests will blow their horns."

On Day One they marched around once, the trumpets blasting away. But the people up on the walls looked confused. What was going on?

On Day Two, the same thing happened. But the people on the walls just smiled. "These people are strange," they told each other.

On Day Three, Four, Five and Six, the people on the wall hung over the walls. They laughed. They shouted, "Don't you have anything better to do?" But God's people refused to answer. They walked around without a word.

On Day Seven the people of the wall thought God's people would do the same. But on the seventh day, God's people marched around one, two, three, four, five six, seven times! Then Joshua told the priests to blow their horns long and loud. He told the people to shout. What a roar!

Those huge GREY walls began to wobble. They cracked and shook. Suddenly, SPLAT! They fell down flat.

So, God helped his people get back their land. They could finally move in. They could call it home.

Session 7: Be Kind – WHITE – David and Goliath

Memory Line: “Be kind to each other.” (Ephesians 4:32)

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Colour and Topic:

White sheep. White clouds. White teeth. White is everywhere. But there is one thing that isn't everywhere - kindness.

Bible Story: A Little White Stone (1 Samuel 17)

Dolls, puppets or dressed up wooden spoons:

David

Goliath

King

Materials needed: (feel free to replace the items with what you already have)

Sling

Stone

Armour

Tents

Reflective Time (interactive):

Who was unkind in the story? How can we be kind? But sometimes we are unkind as well. We can say sorry. Review the memory line and remember that whenever you see the colour white, be kind.

Short Prayer: “Dear God, help us to always be kind. Amen.”

Sing a song:

“Toddlers in COLOUR” card for this session:



Story 7: A Little White Stone (1 Samuel 17)

God's land was beautiful. The enemy wanted it and sent a mean bully to drive God's people out. He was tall, big, and very strong. His name was Goliath.

He shouted out, "I want a fight. If anyone can beat me, we will be your servants. But if I beat you, you will be ours. Ha ha!" That certainly wasn't kind.

But God's people didn't want to fight. They hid in their tents. Even their king. So, Goliath came back the next day and the next.

Now, far away, a boy named David was taking care of sheep. His father called him, "David! Go see how your brothers are doing in the battlefield."

David set off, but when he arrived, everyone was hiding. Goliath was shouting, "What a lot of scaredy cats! Come out and fight. Ha ha!"

David found his brothers inside their tents. "This isn't right!" David cried. "That giant isn't kind. WE are God's people. We shouldn't be afraid of him."

David talked to the king. "O king," he said, "I will fight, if you let me. Lions and bears have attacked my sheep, but God always helped me protect them."

The king nodded and David ran out. He picked up five smooth WHITE stones. He ran towards Goliath, but the giant only laughed. "Ha ha! You're only a little boy. You will certainly lose!"

David raised his sling and swung it around. "Goliath, God is on our side, and he always wins." The stone sailed through the air. It hit Goliath's head. SPLAT!

Goliath wobbled. He toppled and fell down hard. So, the enemy ran away, and David became the next king. And he was kind. He was good.

Session 8: Saying 'Sorry' – YELLOW – Prodigal Son

Memory Line: "Be kind to each other." (Ephesians 4:32)

Welcome:

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Colour and Topic:

Yellow is a happy colour. The sun is yellow. Sun flowers are yellow. Sand on the beach is yellow. But if someone takes your sweetie or your biscuit, and then they say, 'I'm sorry,' and give it back – that is a happy day.

Bible Story: All those YELLOW Coins (Luke 15)

Dolls, puppets, or dressed-up wooden spoons:

Father

Younger son

Pig farmer

Materials needed: (feel free to replace the items with what you already have)

The father's house

Money box

Pigs

Reflective Time (interactive):

It isn't easy to say, "Sorry," when we have done something wrong. But God can help us do what it right... Review the memory line and remember that whenever you see the colour yellow, it is good to say sorry.

Short Prayer: "Dear God, help us to say sorry when we get things wrong. Amen."

Sing a song:

"Toddlers in COLOUR" card for this session:



Story 8: All those YELLOW Coins - The Lost Son (Luke 15)

A long time ago there was a man called Jesus who told amazing stories...

A man and his son worked together every day. "This is hard work," said the son. "I want to have some fun."

Finally, one day he had enough. "Dad," he said, "give me the money that belongs to me. I'm moving away. No more hard work for me."

The dad gave his son some boxes full of YELLOW coins. The son put them on a wagon. "Bye, Dad," he called. He moved far away.

He bought a house with YELLOW chairs. He ate YELLOW bananas and YELLOW cake. Everyone wanted to be his friend, but then he ran out of money.

He sold his house, his chairs, and clothes. His friends disappeared as well. "I'm so hungry!" said the son. "I suppose I should get a job."

He found a farmer. "Please, give me a job." The farmer told him to feed smelly pigs. But that son so hungry, he ate the pigs' YELLOW mush. YUK!!

Suddenly, a thought came into his head. "My dad has lots of food. He can eat anything he wants. So, why am I starving here? I will go home and say, 'Dad, I am so sorry for going away. You don't have to treat me like a son. Let me be a servant instead.'"

The farmer didn't like that son to stop feeding his pigs, but that son just left. He wanted to go home. And guess what? When his dad saw him coming, he ran to his son. He gave his son a hug and kiss.

"Dad," said the son. "I'm so sorry. I don't deserve to be a part of this family."

The dad just laughed. He called the servants, "Quick! Get the best robe and put it on my son. Let's have a party. I thought my son was dead, but he is alive. He was lost, but now he is found."

What a party they had!

Session 9: Be Caring – BROWN – Where Are You, Sheep?

Memory Line: “Be kind to each other.” (Ephesians 4:32)

Welcome:

Theme Song: to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

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Colour and Topic:

If you can, take a paint pot and mix all the colours together. It turns muddy brown. Brown is everywhere. The ground is brown. Tree trunks are brown. Many animals are brown. And just as brown is everywhere, if you look around, so is caring for others. Lots of people give a helping hand, making a card for someone sad. Sharing. We can all be caring like that.

Bible Story “Where Are You, Sheep?” (Matt 12: 11-12)

Dolls, puppets, or dressed-up wooden spoons:

Jesus

The shepherd

One sheep

Materials needed: (feel free to replace the items with what you already have)

Hole

Brown cloth for mud

Rope

Brown chair

Book

Reflective Time (interactive):

Is there someone you care about? Your mum or dad, brother or sister? How can you show them that you care? Review the memory line and remember that whenever you see the colour BROWN, show others that you care.

Short Prayer: “Dear God, help us to be care for others. Amen.”

Sing song:

“Toddlers in COLOUR” card for this session:



Story 9: “Where Are You, Sheep?” (Matthew 12: 11 – 12)

Someone asked Jesus a funny question. “Is it wrong to help someone on my day off?” So, Jesus told them this story.

“Imagine if a someone has a sheep and this one is his favourite. He loves it and hugs it. He gives it special food. He knits it a scarf. Then one day his sheep falls into a hole, but he doesn’t know it.

He sits outside in his big BROWN chair. He sips his juice and reads a book. He smiles and stops to look around. Where is his precious sheep?

Now, do you think he would say, “This is my day off. If my sheep is lost, that its problem. I’m not going to worry, because I’m having a break.”

NO! He jumps up and calls, “Sheepy! Sheepy! Where are you?” He listens. Shhhh! Maybe he can hear it. He runs around in circles looking for it.

Suddenly he hears, “BAA! BAA!”

Now, do you think he will smile and say, “Ah, I can hear it. No need to worry. I’ll go back to reading my book.”

NO! He runs towards the sound. He finds his sheep in a hole - a very, very deep hole. His sheep is scratched and sad. His sheep is BROWN with mud. Now, do you think he will say, “Oh, my sheep can’t go anywhere. I’ll just leave it there. I’ll go finish my book.”

NO! He runs back to the house. He gets some rope. He pulls out his sheep. He hugs it and pats it. “Oh, my beautiful sheep,” he will say, “I am so happy I found you.” Now he is BROWN with mud as well!

But he doesn’t go back to his book. He carries his sheep home. He puts plasters on its scratches. He completely forgets that it is his day off because he loves his sheep so much...

Then Jesus turned to the person and said, “If it is right to rescue your special sheep, it is always right to help someone on your day off. You see, people are much more precious than sheep.”

Session 10: Don't Give Up - PINK - A Little Girl

Memory Line: "Be kind to each other." (Ephesians 4:32)

Welcome:

Theme Song: to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Twinkle, twinkle, little star. God loves you just as you are.

Up above the world so high. Like a diamond in the sky.

Twinkle, twinkle, little star. God loves you just as you are.

Colour and Topic:

If you mix up your colours, you get different colours. Pink is made by mixing white with a little bit of red. (If you are able, mix food colouring in water, or paint on a plate.) If you add a little more red, it will become even more pink.

Bible Story: A Little Girl (Mark 5)

Dolls, puppets, or dressed-up wooden spoons:

Jesus

Girl

Dad

Crowd

Materials needed: (feel free to replace the items with what you already have)

A little bed

Pink blanket

Field

Reflective Time (interactive):

Sometimes it is easy to give up, especially when problems are huge, or when things get hard. Like... buttoning your coat or tying your shoes. But keep on trying. Review the memory line and remember that when you see the colour pink, don't give up.

Short Prayer: "Dear God, help me to never give up. Amen."

Sing a song:

"Toddlers in COLOUR" card for this session:



Story 10: A Little Girl (Mark 5)

There was a dad, and he had a beautiful daughter. He loved her. He played with her. He gave her a PINK dress.

One day she got ill. She shivered. She coughed. She covered herself with a PINK blanket. The dad called the doctor.

The doctor came and gave her some medicine, but she only got worse. But the dad didn't give up. He called the doctor again. "There is nothing I can do," the doctor finally said.

The dad was so sad. He didn't know what to do. But then he heard that Jesus was in town. He ran down the road. He saw a crowd. "I must find Jesus!" he thought.

He pushed through the crowd. "Let me through!" he said. He didn't give up. He kept on going.

He finally found Jesus and fell on his knees. "Jesus," he said, "my little girl is very sick. Please come and put your hands on her head so that she can get better and live."

Jesus nodded and followed him, but there were so many people who wanted to be with him. It took him a while to move on. Then a neighbour tapped the dad on his shoulder. "Your daughter is dead. Don't bother Jesus."

But Jesus heard. He said, "Don't be afraid. Your daughter will be okay. Let's go to your house right now."

They hurried down the road and got to the house. Everyone was crying, but Jesus said, "She's only asleep."

They burst out laughing. They thought it was a mean joke.

But Jairus didn't give up. He took Jesus inside, and Jesus picked up that little girl's hand. He said, "Little girl, I tell you, get up!"

She smiled and threw off her PINK blanket. She stood up. She walked around. And what did the dad do? He gave his little girl a very long hug!

Session 11: Be Giving – GREEN– A Big Meal

Memory Line: “Be kind to each other.” (Ephesians 4:32)

Welcome:

Theme Song: to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Twinkle, twinkle, little star. God loves you just as you are.

Up above the world so high. Like a diamond in the sky.

Twinkle, twinkle, little star. God loves you just as you are.

Colour and Topic:

Green is everywhere in the world, except the desert, where everything is brown. You need water to keep grass green, to keep trees green, and to keep plants green. And if you remember to water your plant, it will stay green.

Bible Story: A Big Meal (John 6)

Dolls, puppets or dressed up wooden spoons:

Jesus

Boy

Helpers

Crowd

Materials needed: (feel free to replace the items with what you already have)

12 Baskets (or bowls)

Fish and bread

Green cloth for field.

Reflective Time (interactive):

Sometimes we want to give a gift, but we don't know what to give. What did the boy give? What did Jesus give? Giving is more than just giving things. It is doing nice things for people. Review the memory line and remember that whenever you see the colour green, be giving.

Short Prayer: “Dear God, help us to give to others. Amen.”

Sing a Song:

“Toddlers in COLOUR” card for this session:



Story 11: A Big Meal (John 6)

Everyone sat on a mountain with Jesus. One little boy came as well. He brought a packed lunch. Five loaves and two fish. He sat on the GREEN grass and listened with everyone else. No one wanted to miss a word.

Suddenly Jesus turned to his helpers. “Helpers, it’s time to eat. Let’s give everyone some lunch.”

The helpers jumped up in shock. “What? This is impossible. There are too many people here. We can’t feel them all.”

Then they had an idea. “Did anyone bring a lunch?” they called to the crowd. They thought everyone would say yes. Only a little boy raised his hand.

“I did,” said the boy. He opened his packed lunch!

The helpers stared. “This is nothing,” they said, “but let’s tell Jesus anyway.”

“This is perfect!” said Jesus. He took the food and bowed his head. “Dear God, thank you for what you give. Amen.”

He broke the fish and bread and passed them to his helpers. The helpers passed them out to the crowd. Soon everyone had enough. That food kept coming and coming.

Then Jesus said, “There is so much food left on the GREEN grass, everyone, let’s tidy up!” So, they filled up twelve baskets with leftover fish and bread.

“How did that happen?” asked the boy.

Jesus smiled. “You gave me little. God made it big.”

And that is what happens when we give. It doesn’t just bless us, it blesses everyone.

Session 12: Be Honest – ORANGE - A Very Sick Lady

Memory Line: “Be kind to each other.” (Ephesians 4:32)

Welcome:

Theme Song: to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

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Up above the world so high. Like a diamond in the sky.

Twinkle, twinkle, little star. God loves you just as you are.

Colour and Topic:

Orange is a fun colour. An orange fish in a fish tank. An orange fruit that you can eat, or even an orange carrot. But what if a friend has an orange pumpkin and you want it very much. You might take it, but then you can be honest. You can say, “I’m sorry,” and give that pumpkin back.

Bible Story: A Very Sick Lady (Luke 8)

Dolls, puppets, or dressed-up wooden spoons:

Sick lady

Jesus and helpers

Crowd

Materials needed: (feel free to replace the items with what you already have)

Orange scarf for sick lady

Street

Houses

Reflective Time (interactive):

Sometimes it is hard to be honest and say that things aren’t right. It could be easy to hide and pretend that everything is okay. Review the memory line and remember that whenever you see the colour ORANGE, be honest.

Short Prayer: “Dear God, help us to be honest. Amen.”

Sing a song:

“Toddlers in COLOUR” card for this session:



Story 12: A Very Sick Lady (Luke 8)

A lady was very sick, but she wore an ORANGE scarf, just to look like she was happy. One day she heard that Jesus was in town. She thought, “I’ll sneak up behind him and touch his robe. Maybe that will make me well.”

But Jesus was surrounded by a huge crowd. Everyone pushed and shoved. Everyone wanted to stand next to Jesus. Everyone wanted to talk to him.

That lady pulled her ORANGE scarf over her face. Step by step she pushed through the crowd. “I’m almost there,” she whispered. “Just one more step...” Then someone pushed her away.

She started again. “Just one more step...” Someone pushed her away.

Finally, she saw a space, just enough for her arm. She reached out and touched Jesus’ cloak. Suddenly, BAM, she knew she was well!

The crowd pushed her away. PHEW! No one had noticed. Then suddenly she heard Jesus call out, “Who just touched me?”

Jesus’s helpers stared at him. “Jesus! Everyone is touching you. The whole world is here. What are you talking about?”

Jesus kept looking around. “I just felt power leave me.”

The lady knew she couldn’t hide anymore. “I did,” she called.

People made a path for her. She held her ORANGE scarf tight. She looked at the ground. Would Jesus get angry for taking without asking?

She knelt down. “Jesus, I’ve gone to doctors for twelve years, but they couldn’t help. Then all I did was touch your cloak and now I am well!”

“My daughter,” said Jesus, “because you believed, you are well. Go in peace and don’t be afraid.” Jesus really cared for that lady. But he also knew that she had to tell him what she had done. It is so important to be honest.

The End 😊

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