



Welcome to *God's Little Explorers Preschool Curriculum*! I'm so excited to be sharing this journey with you. If you would like to know more about God's Little Explorers, please [read this blog post](#). You can also find a [listing of resources to use with God's Little Explorers on this page](#).

Each week, I will be sharing the lesson plans I'm using with my youngest daughter (*and my five-year-old, too...once we started, she didn't want to be left out*). We'll be exploring one letter (in no particular order), various math concepts, thematic projects (like cooking, crafts, and science), and one Bible story per week.

The curriculum is written to be four days each week. I recommend using the fifth day for a field trip and/or service project each week to enhance the theme and your child's learning.

I've written the lessons to be approximately 30-45 minutes if you complete the top three sections (Bible, Theme, and ABC & 123). The Life Skills section adds a little more time depending how thorough you are in teaching the various skills. The Other Ideas section, Book Bag, and Learning Bags are just extra ideas I share in case you want to switch-out a project, extend the learning, or don't like an activity I have included in the main lesson. Ideas that work for my children won't necessarily work for yours, so feel free to change and adapt the curriculum to fit your child's needs and your own!

This is a work-in-progress, so feel free to email me with your ideas and suggestions. You can contact me at motherhoodonadime@gmail.com. Please feel free to share this program with friends by sending them to [the landing page for God's Little Explorers](#). Please remember, this material is copyrighted, so you may not redistribute or sell these plans. Thanks for your help!

Blessings!

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Noah walked with God.
Genesis 9:6b

Bible

Theme
"Z" is for Zoo

ABC & 123

Letter: Z
Shape: Rectangle

Life

Book
Bag

Day 1

Bible Exploration: Read the story of Noah's Ark. Review this week's Bible Verse, "Noah walked with God." Genesis 6:9b

Sing "Who Built the Ark?" from Wee Sing.

Theme Adventure: Read books about the zoo you already have at home or from the library. Talk about what you find at a zoo, who works at a zoo, your favorite animals in the zoo, etc.

Afterwards, make zoo animals. You can either use [toilet paper rolls and clip-art](#) to make some animals or [try these clothespin animals](#).

ABC Exploration: Teach the sound z z z. Gallop like a zebra and say "z-z-z-zebra in the zoo."

Make a "z" Pencil Topper.

Paint a box for [Rainbow Letter Practice](#). You can have your child practice writing the letter z, make various shapes in the salt, and review other letters we've already learned.

Self Help: This week, have your child practice identifying and writing his or her first and last name. You can use this [Rainbow Name Trace activity](#) to help (and go along with the Bible story).

Day 2

Bible Exploration: Talk about the story of Noah that you read yesterday. Use a cardboard box for an ark, stuffed animals for the animals on the ark, and act out the story with your child.

Sing "Who Built the Ark?"

Theme Adventure:

Craft: Make a lion from a paper plate. Paint the outside ring orange. Paint the inner circle light brown or yellow. Allow to dry. Add wiggly eyes and draw a nose and mouth. Cut small fringe around the orange edge of the paper plate.

ABC Exploration: While you have the paint out, cut -out the letter z printable, put it in a cardboard shoe box, dip a marble in paint and put it in the box. Once you've placed the lid on the box, roll around the painted marble to make "zebra stripes" on the letter z.

Math Adventure: Purchase a bag of animal crackers and use them to do [animal cracker math](#). Sort, count, and make simple addition problems with them.

Chore: Make a chore chart. Pick out just a few chores to begin with and add more when they are ready. Here is a ["Helping Hands" chore chart](#) and here is a [printable chore chart](#).

Here are a [few chores my girls did when they were preschoolers](#).

Noah's Ark by Peter Spier

Make a [Noah's Ark Craft](#).

Good Morning Gorilla

Make a [craft cage for the animals](#).

Polar Bear, Polar Bear

Make a [polar bear snack](#).

Day 3

Bible Exploration: Reread the story of Noah and sing "Who Built the Ark?"

Review this week's verse.

Listen to "See the Camel" on Wee Sing (#46)

Make a [Rainbow Craft](#) from office dots.

Theme Adventure: Make a [zoo for the animals you made on Day 1](#). Use blocks, craft sticks in playdough, or legos to make the zoo.

Pretend play: You can also make a big zoo in your home. Use stuffed animals and put them in different rooms in your house. Your child can be the zoo keeper and take care of them!

Shape Adventure: Use the binoculars you made to go on a hunt for triangles. Use play dough to form triangles (you can use the triangles to make the playdough zoo above).

Roll "snakes" with the playdough and make the letter z.

Manners: Have your child practice shaking hands and introducing themselves.

Day 4

Bible Exploration: Reread the story of Noah. Talk about how Noah obeyed God even when it was challenging and no one else believed he was doing the right thing.

You can make an [ark snack with a banana, nut butter, and animal crackers](#).

Theme Adventure:

Physical Activity: Play an [animal movement game](#). Call-out the name of a zoo animal and have your child move like that animal.

ABC Exploration: Review the sound and gesture for letter "z". [Add an animal sticker or draw an animal \(and write a z on it\) and add it to the "Treasure Map"](#).

Make a big z from electrical or masking tape on the "z" page in the alphabet notebook.

Service: Donate old blankets or towels to an animal shelter in your town. You could also contact them and see what is needed most at the animal shelter, purchase an item, and take it to the shelter.

Other Ideas

Field Trip: Go to the zoo!

Make "[Rainbow Circles](#)".

Play [Sequence for Kids](#).

[Paint this parrot and use handprints](#) to make the wings. You can also learn about Henri Rousseau and his jungle scene paintings.

Find information about these studies on the [Resource Page for God's Little Explorers](#):

- Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King
- Composer Study: Franz Joseph Haydn.
- Artist Study: Henri Rousseau

My Ideas:

Learning
Bags

[Animal Counting](#): This busy bag includes printable animal sheets. You will need some milk caps or other lids.
[Sandpaper and Yarn Letter Practice](#): Cut-out lengths of yarn and have your child build letters on sandpaper.

See how to use the bags on the [Busy Bag Resource page](#) and find more [Learning Bag activities on the Busy Bag page](#).

