



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!

Stacie Nelson

"The Lord said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him 'This is what the Lord says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me.'" Exodus 8:1

Bible

Theme

"i" is Insects

ABC & 123

Letter: i
Number: 2

Life

Book

Bag

Day 1

Bible Exploration: Begin the story of Moses. Focus on the story of him as a baby today. You may even want to use one of your child's dolls to act out the story.

Theme Adventure: Read books you have (or check some out from the library) about insects.

Make a jar for insects from a clear, clean plastic or glass jar. If using plastic, poke a few holes around the top (not in the lid or it will crack) with a hammer and nail.

Have your child decorate the jar with stickers, construction paper, etc.

You can see samples of [bug jars we've made here](#) and [here](#).

ABC Exploration: Teach the sound *iii*. Brush your arm (like you're getting rid of a pesky fly) and say "i-i-i-insect."

Make an ["i" Pencil Topper](#).

123 Exploration: Show your child the number 2. Go on an "exploration" with binoculars and find the number 2 in your house.

Self Help: This week, help your child learn your address. One fun way to do this is by making up stories with your child that include your address.

For example: "Once there was a little girl named Suzy James who lived at 4472 18th Road in Shining Sea, Alabama. She loved to..."

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Make a [Caterpillar Cookie Cake](#).

Caterpillar, Bugs, and Butterflies: Take Along Guide

Take a field trip to a butterfly garden or botanical gardens. Take along the guide and see what kinds of insects you can spot.

Day 2

Bible Exploration: Read more of the story of Moses. Read as far as the plagues.

While you are reading, have your child [make playdough "bricks"](#) and talk about how the Hebrew people were slaves and had to work hard. Keep the bricks out for the ABC Exploration below.

Sing "[Pharaoh, Pharaoh](#)".

Theme Adventure:

Head outside and [go on an insect hunt](#). Try to catch one in the jar decorated yesterday.

Examine the insect with a magnifying glass. What kind of bug is it? What makes it different from other insects? What does it look like? How many legs does it have?

ABC Exploration:

Play this "[Letter Pick](#)" [Review Game](#). Take all of the alphabet pencil toppers you've made so far and put them on craft sticks. Poke the craft sticks into the playdough "bricks" from Bible Exploration. Ask your child to hand you the letter that says "i". Repeat with the letters they've learned so far.

Chore: If you have a pet, teach your child how to take care of it. Maybe you have them fill the water bowl each day, pour in the food to the food dish, clean the cage, brush the animal's fur, etc.

Day 3

Bible Exploration: Reread the Bible story and review the plagues. We did [this interactive review](#).

Sing "Pharaoh, Pharaoh".

Theme Adventure:

Make a "jumping" grasshopper (or just leave out the jumping part and make the grasshoppers).

Math Exploration:

Number Posters: Write a number 2 on a sheet of paper. Glue on yarn to outline the number. Hang the sheet up beside the number 1 from last week or set it aside to make a book later.

Manners: This week, practice being a good host or hostess by asking guests if they would like a drink or something to eat. Show them how to serve refreshments.

Day 4

Bible Exploration:

Watch "What's in the Bible: Let My People Go" (Volume 2).

You can also find a few excerpts on YouTube. Find all of the [What's in the Bible Volume 2 clips here](#).

Theme Adventure:

Pick one, two, or three of the "Other Ideas" and have fun with them!

ABC Exploration:

Make fingerprint insects all over the letter *i* printable. (You can see a few ideas on our "Bug Hats".)

Review the sound and gesture for letter "y". Make fingerprint bugs on a small sheet of paper (and write an *i* on it) and add it to the "Treasure Map".

Service:

Make some [Butterfly Snack Bags](#) and share them with friends, neighbors, a shelter, etc.

Other Ideas

Make a [Caterpillar to Butterfly craft](#).

Try out a [Bee Buzzer](#).

Paint a [Ladybug Rock](#) or make a [Ladybug Snack](#).

Make a [Butterfly Lunch](#).

Read *God's People Become Great—Part 6* (from [The Big Picture Bible Story Book](#)).

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

- Hymn: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
- Composer Study: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.
- Artist Study: Piet Mondrian

My Ideas:

Learning
Bags

Tearing Paper Busy Bag: Put scrap pieces of construction paper in a bag. Allow your child to tear the construction paper into small pieces. This is good for fine motor skills, and you can use the piece to make these [Scrap Paper Butterflies](#).

Paper Chain Bag: Place strips of paper in a bag along with a gluestick. Show your child how to make a paper chain. Make chains of ten. Use the chains to make these [Paper Chain Caterpillars](#).

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

