



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

"...God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus." Phillipians 4:19

Bible

Theme

"q" is Quail

ABC & 123

Letter: q
Number: 3

Life

Book

Bag

Day 1

Bible Exploration: Read about Moses and the Israelites and the parting of the Red Sea.

Experiment by filling the bathtub with some water. See if your child can part the waters. Discuss the power of God.

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

Make a [simple pinecone bird feeder](#) to hang up today so your child can enjoy bird-watching this week.

ABC Exploration: Teach the sound *qu qu qu*. Flap your arms (like you're a bird) and say "qu-qu-qu-quail."

Make a ["q" Pencil Topper](#).

123 Exploration: Show your child the number 3. Go on an "exploration" with binoculars and find the number 3 in and outside your house.

Self Help: This week, practice hanging up coats and jackets.

Birds, Nests, and Eggs: Take Along Guide

Complete a project from the book.

The Best Nest

Do a little internet research and compare the different styles of nests.

Day 2

Bible Exploration: Read about God providing quail and manna for the Israelites in the desert.

Share the Bible verse and talk about how God provides for us.

Sing "God is So Good" from Wee Sing.

Theme Adventure:

Use a paper plate, bowl, and two plastic eggs to [compare what shape makes the best nest](#).

Head outside and get a little messy by making a nest using twigs, straw, and mud. It works best to have an old bowl or paper bowl to shape the nest inside. Then, allow it to dry and remove it from the bowl.

Math Exploration:

Number Posters: Write a number 3 on a sheet of paper. Glue craft feathers (or cut some out of construction paper) around the number. Hang the sheet up beside the number 2 from last week or set it aside to make a book later.

ABC Adventures:

Put together a [Letter Match Scavenger Hunt](#) to review the letters your child knows so far.

Chore: Train your child to wash the glass in your front door or windows. The large circular movements used when you wash windows are excellent for large-motor development.

Day 3

Bible Exploration: Next week, we'll be skipping ahead to David and Goliath, so you may want to read the stories in between about The Ten Commandments, entering the promised land, Gideon, Samson, Naomi and Ruth, and Samuel.

(We are using the [Read and Learn Bible](#).)

Sing "God is So Good" from Wee Sing.

Theme Adventure:

Eat Like a Bird Experiment: Try this simple experiment to figure out why a bird's beak is shaped how it is.

ABC Exploration:

Using the attached directions, show your child how to draw and label a quail.

In the alphabet journal (started in week 1), write several q's on the paper for your child with a highlighter. Have them trace over the q's with a colored pencil or marker.

Manners: This week, practice being a good host or hostess by asking guests if you can take their coat. Practice hanging them up in the appropriate place (see self-help section on Day 1).

Day 4

Bible Exploration:

Finish reading through the Bible stories so you are ready to begin David and Goliath next week.

Sing "God is so Good" from Wee Sing.

Theme Adventure:

Make a bird's nest snack by cutting a large circle out of bread. Then, cut a smaller circle out of it. Butter the bread and place it on a skillet on medium high. Crack an egg into the hole in the bread. Cook through until finished.

ABC Exploration:

Use Q-Tips to paint the attached letter q printable. Add to your alphabet wall.

Review the sound and gesture for letter "q". Draw a quail on a small sheet of paper (*and write a q on it*) and add it to the "Treasure Map".

Service:

Help an elderly friend or neighbor by washing their windows or washing their car.

Other Ideas

Go on a bird-watching expedition.

Feed ducks.

Paint with feathers.

Paint a handprint bird.

Go on a nature walk paying particular attention to the sounds of nature.

Read *God's People Become Great—Part 7* (from [The Big Picture Bible Story Book](#)).

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

- Hymn: God Will Take Care of You
- Composer Study: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.
- Artist Study: Leonardo DaVinci

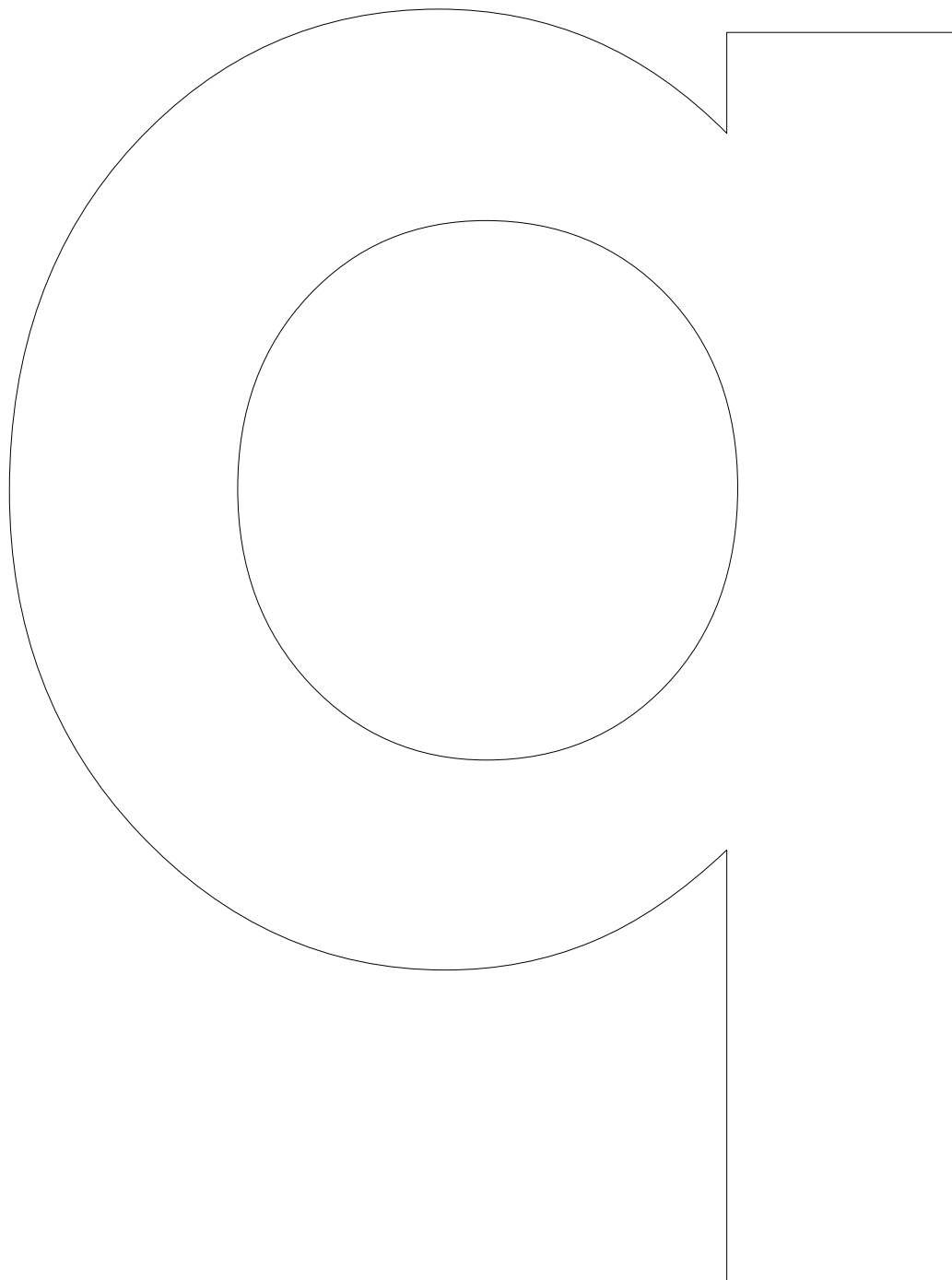
My Ideas:

Learning
Bags

Cotton Ball Busy Bag: Put cotton balls in an egg carton or ice cube tray. Use tweezers or tongs to take them in and out of the container.

Sticker ABC or 123 Busy Bag: This bag is excellent for working on fine-motor skills.

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



Draw a Quail:

