



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 battle is the Lord's."

1 Samuel 17:47

Bible

Theme

"r" is for Rock

ABC & 123

Letter: r
Number: 4

Life

Book
Bag

Day 1

Bible Exploration:

Read the story of David and Goliath.

Have your child draw a face on a paper plate. Measure up nine feet and tape the paper plate to the wall (or outside of the house like we did). Have your child stand next to it to get an idea how big Goliath really was. You could also cut out a full figure from several pieces of newsprint.

Sing "Only a Boy Named David" from Wee Sing.

Theme Adventure:

Find as many different kinds of rocks as you can. Using a magnifying glass, explore the rocks with your child.

Sort them by similarities and differences.

Order the rocks from smallest to largest.

ABC Exploration: Teach the sound *r r r*. Make an oval with your hands and say "r-r-r- rock."

Make this "r" Pencil Topper.

123 Exploration: Show your child the number 4. Go on an "exploration" with binoculars and find the number 4 in and outside your house.

Self Help: Teach your child how to sort silverware utilizing whatever method you use in your home.

Stone Soup

Make stone soup.

If Rocks Could Sing: A Discovered Alphabet

See if you can find letters in rocks or put rocks together to form letters.

Day 2

Bible Exploration:

Read the story of David and Goliath.

Make a pouch from felt. Place five large pom poms or cotton balls in the bag. Set aside for tomorrow.

Sing "Only a Boy Named David" from Wee Sing.

Theme Adventure:

Teach your child how to play "Rock-Paper-Scissors".

Allow your child to paint rocks as they desire.

Math Exploration:

Number Posters: Write a number 4 on a sheet of paper. Glue small, flat rocks (or cut some out of construction paper) around the number. Hang the sheet up beside the number 3 from last week or set it aside to make a book later.

ABC Adventures:

Review the letters we've done so far with this Trash Can Review Game.

Chore: This week, we are moving into the kitchen with our chores. Teach your child how to unload the dishwasher. Be sure to remove any knives or other sharp object yourself.

Day 3

Bible Exploration: Review the story of David and Goliath and this week's Bible verse.

Stand on a stepstool and be Goliath. Have your child throw the pom pom or cotton ball "stones" at you. If they want to be Goliath, switch with them!

Sing "Only a Boy Named David" from Wee Sing.

Theme Adventure:

Try stacking the rocks from earlier this week. See how tall you can make them. Test out different strategies.

Other ideas:

Count how many are in the stack.

Make stacks of five or ten. If your child is ready, practice counting by fives or tens. You can use [active skip counting](#) to make it more fun.

ABC Exploration:

Cut out an article from the newspaper. Glue it into the alphabet journal. Have your child search for the letter r and highlight it in the article.

Use rocks to form the letter r.

Manners:

During mealtimes, work on passing food and waiting until others are served before beginning to eat.

Day 4

Bible Exploration:

Cut out this week's Bible verse. Place the "rocks" on one end of the room. Have your child start at the other end of the room, race to the rocks, and bring them back one at a time. Put them in verse order once they've all been retrieved.

Sing "Only a Boy Named David" from Wee Sing.

Theme Adventure:

Play this [Number Review Game](#) outdoors. Adapt it for your child's needs. For example, if your child only knows four numbers, just use the four numbers he knows when you draw the board.

ABC Exploration:

Use rocks or try [this rock painting technique](#) to paint the attached letter r printable. Add to your alphabet wall.

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

Service:

Pick up litter in your neighborhood. Be sure you've talked to your child about what is and what is not okay to pick up.

Other Ideas


[Paint with rocks.](#)

Read *Going Into God's Place – Part 8* (from [The Big Picture Bible Story Book](#)).

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

- Hymn: Rock of Ages
- Composer Study: Beethoven
- Artist Study: Leonardo DaVinci

My Ideas:

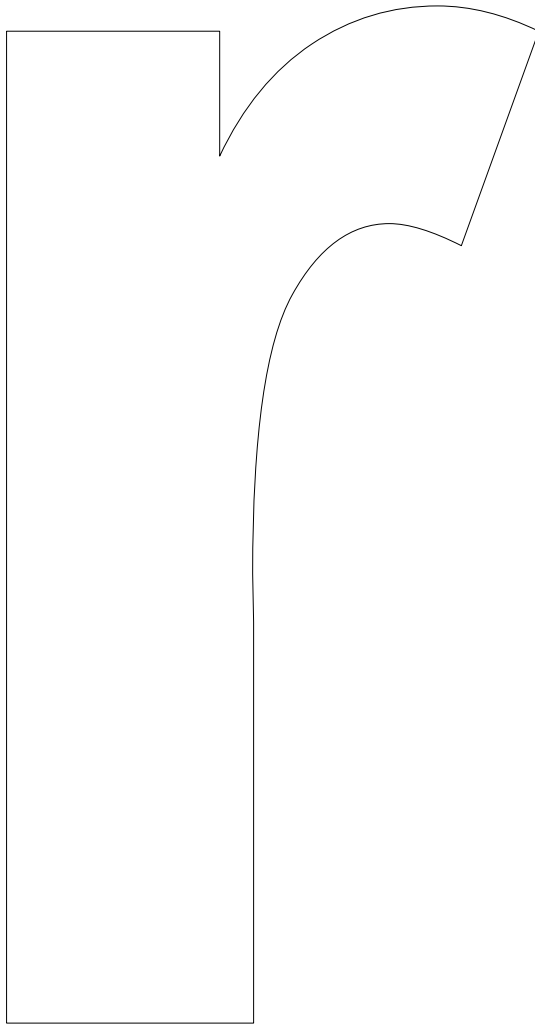
A circular logo with a dashed teal border. Inside, the words "Learning" and "Bags" are written in a colorful, playful font. "Learning" is in yellow, green, and blue, while "Bags" is in green and blue.

Learning
Bags

Popsicle Stick Puzzles: These work well to take along in a purse or diaper bag to keep little ones entertained in a pinch.

Number Wheel: These are great for a little extra counting practice!

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



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