



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

"I knew that you were a gracious and compassionate God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love." Jonah 4:2d

Bible

Theme
"w" is for Water

ABC & 123

Letter: w
Number: 7

Life

Book
Bag

Day 1

Bible Exploration:

Read the story of Jonah and the Big Fish. Talk about obedience, but also talk about God's mercy and compassion for the people of Ninevah and Jonah.

Sing "Who Did Swallow Jonah" from Wee Sing.

Theme Adventure:

Check-out some books from the library about water and boats.

Allow your child to scoop and pour and play in a shallow bowl or tub of water. Try this [water bottle experiment](#).

ABC Exploration: Teach the sound *w w w*. Hold up three finger in the shape of a *w* and say "w w w water."

Make a "w" Pencil Topper.

123 Exploration: Show your child the number 7. Go on an "exploration" with binoculars and find the number 7 in and outside your house.

Self Help: Practice wetting a washcloth and wringing it out.

I Am Water

Follow the Water from Brook to Ocean

Day 2

Bible Exploration:

Work together to build a "whale" tent and read the Bible story inside of the belly of the whale. Throw a blanket over a bench or table or chairs. You could add some eyes and a tail and a spout.

Sing "Who Did Swallow Jonah" from Wee Sing.

Theme Adventure:

Learn about the three states of water:

Solid: Freeze water into ice cubes. Pour them from one container to another.

Liquid: Practice pouring liquid from one container to another. Discuss the difference between liquid and solid.

Gas: Boil water and talk about steam. You could also pour water into a container and mark the current level with tape. After several days, compare the water levels. Discuss evaporation.

Math Exploration:

Number Posters: Write a number 7 on a sheet of paper. Cover the number with "raindrops" made from a Q-tip and blue paint or blue painter's tape.

ABC Adventures:

Review the letters we've studied so far by writing them on a chalkboard. Have your child trace them with water and a paintbrush. If you don't have access to a chalkboard, write the letters on construction paper and have your child paint them with water.

Chore: This week, teach your child how to clean the table with the washcloth they've practiced wringing out.

Day 3

Bible Exploration:

Review and act out the story of Jonah and review the Bible verse for the week.

Turn a gallon jug so the handle is on top. Draw a large mouth shape on the base of the jug. Cut out the mouth with scissors or an exact-o knife.

Draw eyes and outline the mouth with a permanent marker.

Use the whale scoop for water play.

Theme Adventure:

If the weather is nice enough, [paint outdoors with water](#). If not, paint with water on colored construction paper or try using watercolor paints.

ABC Exploration:

Paint the printable w with watercolor paints. Cut it out and hang it on the ABC wall.

Manners:

Practice what to do when your child doesn't like a particular food they've been served. Teach them how to respond and role-play situations they may encounter.

Day 4

Bible Exploration:

Paint a square tissue paper box blue, add some eyes, and stuff tissue paper inside the box flaring out to look like a whale's spout.

Sing "Who Did Swallow Jonah" from Wee Sing.

Theme Adventure:

Make blue Jell-O. Pour it into clear plastic cups and put a Swedish fish inside. Allow to set. Eat!

ABC & Math Exploration:

Review the sound and gesture for letter "w". Draw an ocean or puddle of water on a small sheet of paper (*and write a w on it*) and add it to the "Treasure Map".

Service:

Brainstorm a place you could take bottles of water and pass them out. Then, go and do it!

Other Ideas

Read *God's Promise Remains: Part 11* (from [The Big Picture Bible Story Book](#)).

Watch "Jonah" a VeggieTales movie.

Go on a field trip to an indoor pool or water park.

Explore with water beads.

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

- Hymn: Trust & Obey
- Composer Study: Handel
- Artist Study: Matisse

My Ideas:

Learning Bags

I Spy Water Bag or Water Bottle: Fill a plastic bag or water bottle with small items like beads, alphabet stickers, glitter, pom poms, etc. Add water to the bag and seal (double-bag if desired). Allow your child to play with it and/or ask them to find certain objects.

Paint with Water Book

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

