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*Toddler classrooms are one of the most unique places in the church. Between the diaper changes, snacking, and rocking, there are small windows of playtime that are an amazing opportunity to teach children about their loving Heavenly Father. This curriculum is designed to bridge the gap as your young toddlers move from the baby room towards the twos.*

### WEEKLY PLAYTIMES

- Where Are You?
- Peek-A-Boo
- Look at Me
- Puzzle Time
- God Made Me Shine

### SUPPLIES

- Plastic tub
- Mr. Potato Head pieces
- Large pom-poms in various colors
- "God Made Me Shine"
- CD or music player
- Burp cloth
- Puzzles
- Toddler-safe mirrors

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We have provided four playtimes to teach the Bottom Line through one-on-one as well as small-group play. Repeat each activity as long as there is interest each day. Remember, toddlers LOVE repetition.

### 1. Where Are You?



#### What You Need:

Plastic tub, Mr. Potato Head pieces, large pom-poms in various colors



#### What You Do:

Before introducing the tub to the children, place the Mr. Potato Head pieces in it. Then, place a layer of pom-poms on top. Help each child pull out a piece. Identify the piece and ask them to point to that same piece on their own body. Continue as long as there is interest.



#### What You Say:

"Come sit with me. Let's see what's in this tub. Oh, wow! You found an arm. Do you have an arm? Point to it. *(Pause.)* Good job! Did you know that God made your arm? Let's find another piece in the tub. *(Continue with remaining pieces and repeat after each time.)* Do you know who made your arm and your leg? God! God made you and every part of your body. And God loves you so very much."

### 2. Peek-A-Boo



#### What You Need:

Burp cloth



#### What You Do:

Sit with a toddler. Cover your face with your hands and then open them up. Have them copy what you're doing. You could also cover your face with a burp cloth and have the toddler pull it off. Continue as long as there is interest.



#### What You Say:

"I want to play a fun game with you. *(Cover your face.)* Uh-oh, where did you go? Peek-a-boo. God made you! Peek-a-boo. God made you! Can you try it? Do what I do. Peek-a-boo. God made you! That's so fun! God made you, and God loves you."

### 3. Look at Me



#### What You Need:

Toddler-safe mirrors



#### What You Do:

Sit with one or two toddler friends and look in mirrors. Have them do different things while watching themselves. Continue as long as there is interest.



#### What You Say:

"Look at these mirrors. Let's look at ourselves in them. Can you blink your eyes? Yes! Who made your eyes? Good job! God made your eyes! Can you touch your ear? Yes! Who made your ears? Yes, God made your ears! *(Continue with additional instructions.)* God made all of you! And God made you to be his friend forever! Who is your friend forever? God!"

### 4. Puzzle Time



#### What You Need:

Puzzles



#### What You Do:

Sit with toddler friends. Work together on toddler puzzles. Continue as long as there is interest.



#### What You Say:

"Come and help me put the puzzles together! Here, I'll help you put that piece in. You did it! Great job! God made you. You can do so many things, like helping me put the puzzle together! Thanks for being such a great helper. God made you to help!"

### 5. God Made Me Shine



#### What You Need:

"God Made Me Shine"; CD or MP3 player



#### What You Do:

Dance with toddlers to the song. Take turns dancing with each child and telling him/her that God made him/her. Continue for the duration of the song.



#### What You Say:

"Come on over here and dance with me. This song says that God made each and every one of us. God made [child's name] and God made [child's name]. God made all of you to shine, and God loves you (point to child) and you (*point to child*), etc. *(Continue until you have pointed out all children.)*"