



WEEK 1

HACKS FOR TODDLERS



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HOW TO HACK THIS SERIES FOR TODDLERS

In children's ministry, you've got a wide range of ages you need to engage every week, but toddlers tend to get overlooked. But you know your toddlers need more than just babysitting, so here are a few adjustments you can make to this week in order to keep your toddlers more engaged.

SCRIPTURE | 1 Kings 17:1-6

Use a stuffed animal of a bird (or a cut out picture) and doll to help tell the story of the birds feeding Elijah.

ACTIVITY | Feeding Elijah

Lay out the pictures on the ground. Have all the kids pretend to be birds and let them fly around the room. Then say it's time to feed Elijah and instruct the kids to go sit on a picture of bread or meat (of course more than one child can be with each picture).

ACTIVITY | God Takes Care of Me

Have kids sit in a circle. Say to the kids "Does God take care of _____?" (Point to a kid and say there name). Encourage the class to cheer YES! Repeat to include all the kids in your class.

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Cassandra has been in ministry for the last 20 years. She has done everything from leading and creating Family Experience services (a service designed for the entire family to enjoy and learn together) to developing curriculum and lessons for every age group. Currently, Cassandra works at a multi-site church (Central Christian Church AZ) as their Children's Programming Pastor. She is responsible for developing, creating, and executing all programming for two-year-olds through 6th graders with creative elements that teach kids about God in an exciting way. Cassandra's passion is programming and creating an environment where

anyone coming in could understand and learn who God is and how much He loves them. Cassandra also has just completed her first book "Authentic." This book dives into what an authentic relationship with God and others around you truly looks like.

Cassandra has been married for 23 years to Jon and together they have three beautiful girls, Michaela, Delaney, and Taylynn. Michaela and Delaney are each in college, and Taylynn is in 9th grade.

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