



# WEEK 1

## HACKS FOR TODDLERS



**BY KAREN ERNE**

### 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.

#### **SNACK | Soccer Sweets**

Break Oreo cookies into smaller pieces. Cover their plates with white frosting or icing. Give each kid a small cup of cookie chunks and let them arrange them on their place to create a soccer ball.

#### **ACTIVITY | Get In the House**

Have kids play with a small dollhouse and figurines. Say things like: "**Can you find all the people in the dollhouse?** This one isn't feeling well, let's put her in a nice place to rest. We can ask Jesus to make her feel all better."

#### **ACTIVITY | Sports Medics**

Prepare a set of play doctor tools (e.g., stethoscope, tweezers, syringe, etc.). Before the kids arrive, trace the toys onto a poster board. Have kids find the tool that fits in each outline.

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Karen is a volunteer in the preschool area of Hallmark Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas. She has about nineteen years of experience as a Preschool Minister in local churches.

Karen's passion is connecting little ones to the truths of the Bible. Kids learn when they are playing, so Karen writes fun lessons that will help teachers show kids how much Jesus loves them.

Karen is a wife and a mom. She and her husband, Ed, have four kids aged ten through seventeen. Their family loves hiking, fishing, and fossil hunting together.

When Karen is not doing a Bible study with her church friends or helping out at her kids' school, she is often sewing. Karen makes stuffed animals, blankets, toys, and even clothes with her sewing machine.

If you'd like to chat about how your church can more strategically connect parents with ways to teach babies, ones, and twos about the Bible, reach out. She would love to connect with you!

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