



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.

ACTIVITY | Hot Potato Gift Edition

Prepare a pile of different boxes and have toddlers take turns passing out a box to everyone else. Or have them work together to bring the pile of gifts one at a time from one side of the room to where the group is sitting.

SCRIPTURE | I Corinthians 12:1-11

Simplify the list even further for our youngest crowd: helping our friends, praying for others, trusting God, telling people about Jesus, understanding a lot of things.

ACTIVITY | Gift Wrap Snowballs

Have a bin filled with paper already crumpled. You can have toddlers throw the paper balls into a large box, or you can throw them all up in the air at once and pretend it's snowing!

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