



WEEK 3

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.

MUSIC | Worship Warm-Ups

Give toddlers toy [instruments](#) to play while they sing and dance along to the songs. Make sure to have kids rotate instruments so everyone has a chance to play the more popular ones.

ACTIVITY | Handsfree Hockey

For toddlers, do this activity with inflated balloons and paper towel tubes or pool noodles cut in half and use the entire room instead of a single table. Show them how to gently guide the balloons so they're not swinging wildly.

ACTIVITY | Desert in a Bottle

Make more than one bottle with the sand and rocks inside so the younger kids can each have one to play with. You could even give this to kids to play with before this activity time, such as during Bible story time to keep them occupied.

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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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