



WEEK 4

HACKS FOR TODDLERS



BY LINDA MOON

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 | Pinky Tag

Have the younger kids roam around the room and link their pinky fingers with each other (like you would do high-fives). Make sure they get a chance to "pinky tag" everyone, including leaders.

ACTIVITY | Waiting, Waiting, Waiting

Have toddlers count to ten. Then have them count to ten again. Do this about three times. Ask, "How many of you like waiting?"

ACTIVITY | Surprise Appearance

Items that go inside the ornaments might be a choking hazard for the younger crowd. Open up the ornament and give them stickers to stick on the outside and/or inside of the ornament.

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If you’d like to connect with Linda about any of the above (or anything at all!), you can reach out to her via email, social media, and the Stuff You can Use Facebook group!

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