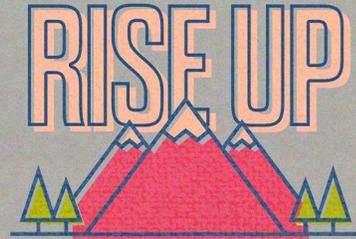




WEEK 4

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 | Map to Strength

Before the kids arrive, write out the letters of the word, "Strength," on eight different pieces of paper shaped like mountains. Hide the papers around the room and instruct the kids to find them and match the letters they find to the ones on the mountain.

THE BIG IDEA | Jesus gives encouragement.

Like last week, punch a few holes in the top of the mountain and thread the rope through. After the kids attach the Big Idea sheet for the week onto the front carabiner, give each kid an opportunity to pull on the back side of the rope to bring the Big Idea to the top of the mountain!

ACTIVITY | Spot the Strength

Using toilet paper tubes, connect two tubes together with tape or glue, creating binoculars. Allow the kids to decorate the outside of the binoculars before attaching the plastic wrap to the ends.

ACTIVITY | Strength for the Adventure

Swap out the weights for a large object in the classroom, such as a large ball or bucket.

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She has had the opportunity to work with an amazing team of Kids Ministry leaders. They love kids, love God, and love helping kids love God.

Darby grew up in a huge family! It is wild, crazy, loud, and absolutely perfect. Her family is the most important thing to her and is blessed to have grown

up knowing Christ and having been pushed by her parents and siblings to know God more.

Nothing makes Darby happier than a freezing cold room, a comfy blanket, and a full pot of coffee. If you bring her coffee, she'll be your best friend forever. She can also be bribed with chips and salsa.

If you'd like to chat with Darby about partnering with parents, what it means to lead children before having any of your own, or which is better: salsa or queso, reach out! She would love to connect with you!

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