



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 | Treasure See and Sort

Put a bunch of animal and people toys in a pile (such as Little People figures), and have kids sort the animals from the people.

ACTIVITY | My Favorite Thing

Play "I Spy" with the kids by putting together a sensory bin of items that kids can identify, such as an artificial flower, a plush animal, play food, people action figures, a mirror. Say, "From all of these things, what is your favorite? What do you think is God's favorite? It's YOU!" [Show them their face in the mirror.]

ACTIVITY | God's Treasures

Pass out a coin to each kid and say, "God cares about you," as you do. Have kids put their coins in the treasure chest as they say, "God cares about me."

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