



WEEK 5

HACKS FOR TODDLERS

LEGACY

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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 | Time Travel Tunes

Invite the kids to bring their favorite stuffed animal, doll, or action figure from home, or have some available for kids to play with. During the chorus, encourage the kids to hug their stuffed animals, dolls, or action figure tightly.

ACTIVITY | Family Trivia

Change all the questions to whether or not they think this is a good rule (e.g., Should chewing gum be against the rules? Should it be against the rules to drive a dirty car?).

ACTIVITY | Birth Certificate

Help kids stamp their name on their certificates using [alphabet stamps](#).

ACTIVITY | Pieces of the Family

Give kids action figures, a dollhouse, or play sets [like this](#) to create and play a make-believe family.

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Catherine Hwang is the Children's Pastor at Bayside Church Adventure Campus in Roseville, California. She is originally from South Korea and has worked with kids in Asia, Latin America, Africa and of course, the beautiful North America! She also has experience leading children's ministry in a church plant, as well as midsize and mega churches. She loves working in Children's Ministry because she believes that the best adults are those who are kids at heart, and as Dr. Seuss says, "a person's a person, no matter how small." Catherine was "ministering" to kids even when she was a child, bossing all the neighborhood kids around, making sure they did their homework and stayed out of trouble. God used her bossy nature and turned it around for HIS purpose and guided her to intern as a Kids Worship

Director, then lead as a Children's Director! Which led to her going to BIOLA and the rest is history!

Catherine grew up dreaming (still trying) to be a K-pop star, teacher and medical missionary. So, while on a singing contest, a friend of hers ask what kind of man she wanted to marry and introduced her to her total opposite Steve! Now they are taking over the world, falling more in love, eating yummy food and exploring God's creation with their 3 super girls and tiny dog Melchizedek.

If you'd like to chat with Catherine about leadership, strategies for children's ministry, or which musical is the best, reach out! She would love to connect with you!

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