



WEEK 5

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 Hunt

Try burying the coins in a shallow bin of play sand or uncooked beans or rice.

ACTIVITY | Treasure Stockpile

Have kids toss ball pit balls or bean bags instead of small coins, and make sure the box is fairly large.

ACTIVITY | Giving Box

While you are decorating together, let one kid at a time go inside the large box, and yell "Surprise!" as they come out. Make sure you make fun remarks like, "Wow, for me?!" or "Hey, you're the best gift ever!"

ACTIVITY | Go Fish

Set out various colored items (such as a red ball, a yellow flower, a blue fish, a green block, an orange pom pom, etc.), instructing the kids to give you certain items when you call their color.

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