Toddlers & 2s
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Family Connections

A quarterly letter for connecting with families who have children ages 1 and 2 at <Type your church or children's ministry name here>

Welcome to "Family Connections"—the quarterly newsletter that helps you know what your child is learning from God's Word. Please let us know if we can help you in any way as we partner together to grow kids in Jesus.

Family Thought

God shows His love for us in many ways, including sending Jesus as a baby and giving us lots of good things. How great it is that you can show God's love to your child with gentle touches, smiles, and encouraging words.

Coming This Quarter

Units of learning include:

- Jesus Was a Special Baby
- God Gives Me Good Things
- God Made People

Family Memory Challenge

Bible Words your child will be learning this quarter:

- "Jesus was born" (from Matthew 2:1).
- "God gives me good things" (based on Matthew 7:11).
- "God made people" (based on Isaiah 45:12).

Make up a song that includes the words "Jesus was born." Invite your child to sing along and shake some bells. Help your child point to or name different foods and then say the Bible Words, "God gives me good things." Hold up a mirror in front of your child as you say, "God made people—and God made you!"

Growing Together

Young children love music! Think about ways you can use music in your home to teach your child important Bible truths. "God loves you," "God sent baby Jesus," and "God made you special" are all phrases that can be sung over and over to made-up tunes.

Music can be used to help your child develop verbal skills too. Try singing open-ended songs in which your child can fill in the blanks. For example, to the tune of "London Bridge," sing: "God gives me so many things, many things, many things. God gives me so many things, God gives me _____." Your child will have fun pointing to a favorite item and completing the phrase.

Sing silly songs and laugh together. Play soft music at naptimes. God will be pleased as He hears the voices of His children (of all ages) singing together.

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