



WEEK 2

PRESCHOOL LESSON OUTLINE



THE BIG IDEA

We obey God by worshipping God.

THE BIBLE

The Third and Fourth Commandments:
Exodus 20:7-11

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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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 | Drive-Thru

Kids get to pretend to work and order at a drive-thru restaurant along their road trip route. Simplify the activity for the younger kids by having a leader be at the "drive-thru window," setting out play food, and having the kids choose the ones they like.

OBJECT LESSON | The Sweetest Name

Instead of a sweet treat, write "GOD" on a piece of paper in block letters (or print them out using a block letter font) and give the kids dot markers or stickers to fill in their names. If you have time, do the same for each of their names!

ACTIVITY | Ways to Worship Path

Encourage the kids to crawl through a play tunnel instead of jumping along the path.



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WELCOME TIME

MUSIC | Road Trip Jams!

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Turn up your car radio. . . it's time to worship God on the go! Don't forget to put these on repeat!
 - ["Ten Commandment Boogie"](#)
 - ["Ten Commandments Song"](#)
 - ["Put God First"](#)

ACTIVITY | Drive-Thru

- Sunday is my favorite day of the week because I get to spend part of it with you! And Sunday can be filled with lots of different and fun activities. Ooh. . . I just got hungry. Can we stop at a drive-thru restaurant for some food before our road trip?
- For this activity, some of you are the people working at the drive-thru restaurant and some of you are the customers. If you're a customer, you will choose some food items that you'd like the workers to fix for you.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Set out the play food so it's on display for the 'customers' and allow the 'workers' to prepare the food and place it in the paper bags. Give the 'customers' the play money so they can pay for their food. Tell the kids to switch roles as time and interest allows.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Simplify the activity for the younger kids by having a leader to be at the "drive-thru window," setting out play food, and having the kids choose the ones they like.

ACTIVITY | Favorite Places Mural

- Where would be your favorite place to go on a road trip?
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Talk with the kids about why they chose their favorite places. Encourage them to draw their favorite places on butcher paper. You can also add road lines and invite the kids to drive small cars on the mural once it's completed.*
- More than any other day of the week, Sundays are a day when many families have more time to slow down and spend time together! They may even consider Sunday as their day set aside for worshipping God and resting. On today's stop on our pretend road trip, we'll hear more about what that means. . .

TEACHING TIME

SCRIPTURE | Exodus 20:7-11

- It's time to hit the road for week two of our pretend road trip! Along the way, we're hearing about the Ten Commandments, or rules, God wants us to live by!
- Last week, we discussed the first two commandments which were God first and no idols.
- Today, we will look at commandments three and four, which we also find in the Bible book of Exodus. Remember, God is speaking to Moses in this story.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Read Exodus 20:7-11 aloud from a preschool-friendly Bible.*
- The third commandment tells us not to use God's name in the wrong way.
 - **Why do you think that's important?**
 - The same way we want people to treat us with love and kindness, we need to treat God's name that same way, too.
 - **Everyone, put one finger on your lips to remind yourself to respect God's name!**
- The fourth commandment tells us to keep the Sabbath day holy, which means to set aside a day, like Sunday, for worshipping God and resting.
 - Do you like to rest? It's hard to rest sometimes, isn't it? Especially because there are so many fun things we want to do! But it's so important for us to slow down sometimes.
 - **Everyone, put your palms together like prayer hands to remind yourself to rest and worship on God's day!**
- Both of these commandments help us remember that we can worship God in so many ways, by singing, dancing, praying, treating God with love and kindness, reading the Bible, obeying what God says, and of course, taking a day to slow down, and rest.

THE BIG IDEA | We obey God by worshipping God.

- Okay, I have my road trip bag again because I wanted to show you this really cool game on my iPad. Hang on. . . my iPad isn't in here! Instead I have this. . . road sign? Hey! It's our Big Idea!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Prepare and fold today's Big Idea road sign and put it inside your bag from last week.
- Today's Big Idea is something we've been talking about today: **we obey God by worshipping God.**

VIDEO | Road Trip, Episode 2

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's preschool [teaching video](#).*

ACTIVITY | Pit Stop Party

- Let's celebrate God with a praise party! We can sing and dance to praise God because we love God and because God loves us! We can worship God with our bodies, our words, and our hearts. **We obey God by worshiping God.** So, let's worship God now!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play upbeat music for the kids to sing and dance along with. You can pass out streamers and noisemakers for the kids to use during the party.*

PRAYER

- Dear God, Help us to obey You by worshiping You. Help us to show love and kindness to You in the way we talk about You. Also, remind us to take time to rest from everything else we do so that we can spend more time with You. Thank You for loving us! Amen.

DISCUSSION TIME

SNACK | Pretzel Churches

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Give each kid some pretzel sticks. Show them an example, and then encourage them to use the pretzel sticks to make an outline of a church before they eat them. Use icing to stick the pretzel sticks to a plate.*
- **What are some of your favorite things to do at church?**
- **What other things does your family do on church days?**
- **Do you have any favorite songs you like to sing at church?**

OBJECT LESSON | The Sweetest Name

- All of us have a name. Some of our names were given to us because they have a special meaning.
- Did you know God's name is special, too? We respect and admire God by never saying God's name in a disrespectful way because God's name is so special and important to us.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Pass out a low-sugar treat to the kids, and as they eat it, remind them of how sweet God's name is!*
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** *Instead of a sweet treat, write "GOD" on a piece of paper in block letters (or print them out using a block letter font) and give the kids dot markers or stickers to fill it in. If you have time, do the same for each of their names!*
- **What are the two commandments or rules we learned about today?**
- **What do these commandments tell us about worshiping God?**
- **What are some ways we can worship God?**

ACTIVITY | Ways to Worship Path

- Today, we've talked about how **we obey God by worshipping God**. But there isn't just one way to worship God! Let's hop our way through some ways we can worship God.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print out the Ways to Worship game cards printable.* Lay out the game cards on the floor and tape them to make sure they stay in place. Instruct the kids to jump through the path, saying each idea as they jump.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** *Encourage the kids to crawl through a play tunnel instead of jumping along the path.*
- **Why do we worship God?**
- **Why do you think it's important to have a special day for God?**
- **What are some ways you worship God?**

MEMORY VERSE | Luke 10:27 (NIV)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Read the verse aloud in small chunks and encourage the kids to say the verse back to you. Repeat it a few more times, but before each iteration, give the kids a simple command that they need to say the verse with. You may say things like, "Rev your engine" (say it really loud), "Right turn" (lean to the right), "Left turn" (lean to the left), "Slow down" (say it really slowly), etc.*

PLAY TIME

While you're waiting for parents to pick up their kids . . .

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print and distribute this week's coloring page along with some crayons or markers. Review today's Bible story and Big Idea as the kids color.*

ACTIVITY | Spell it Out!

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Challenge the kids to see if they can use their bodies to make each letter of the word, 'worship'. Help them out by giving them instructions on how they should position themselves!*
- **What does that spell?** Worship! Let's remember to worship God every day!

ACTIVITY | Let's Make Music

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Set out kid-friendly musical instruments for the kids to use.*
- Let's make a joyful noise and worship God with these instruments!

Encourage your preschoolers to help clean up the room while they wait for their parents.