

# Toddler Group Planning – Year 2

## Autumn Term

This terms' planning builds on planning from Autumn term last year. It explores stories and characters in the Old Testament. The stories explore people who have been given special and important jobs and shows how God looks after them and us.

The planning also marks times of year such as harvest, remembrance and advent.

### Stories

Stories in the planning can be found in most children's Bibles and **feel free to use any versions** that suit the age of your children and your group. The planning makes reference to stories in **The Big Bible Storybook** and **The Play-Along Bible**. Both have good versions that make it easy to share stories with under 5's.

Occasionally other stories may be suggested throughout, these can usually be found cheaply online, with links provided. Again, use your own versions to fit with the theme if you have them.

### Sensory Play

The planning includes weekly ideas for structured or sensory play. Young children learn through play and through their senses. Having opportunities for them to engage with themes in the story throughout the session can help to both develop their spirituality and help them understand the story.



First Half Term

Date	Theme	Story	Talk about...	Craft Activity	Sensory play/ (additional toys.)	Prayer Time
Week 1	Abraham	<p><b>A new life for Abraham</b> BBSB p25-28</p> <p><b>Or A promise kept</b> The play along bible p21</p>	<p>You are going to be looking at stories from the Old Testament, before Jesus was born. Last Autumn we looked at how God made the world. Now we are going to look at hoe God speaks to people and looks after them.</p> <p>Talk about how God took Abraham and Sarah on a journey. Have the children been on any journeys over the Summer? What were they like?</p> <p>God promised Abraham and Sarah a baby. They were old and didn't know how that would be possible. God kept his promise. They had a son called Isaac. God said they would have more people in their family then stars in the sky.</p>	<p>Star craft - sticks</p> <p><a href="https://kidscraftroom.com/pom-pom-popsicle-stick-stars/">https://kidscraftroom.com/pom-pom-popsicle-stick-stars/</a></p> <p>or decorate a cut out star.</p> <p>Stick on label 'God keeps his promises'</p>	<p>Journeys with cars/ trucks with road mat or roads made with masking tape.</p> <p>Baby dolls to swaddle/ look after.</p>	<p>God, we thank you that you make all things possible when we trust in you. Amen.</p>
Week 2	Jacob	<p><b>God speaks to Jacob</b> BBSB p31</p> <p><b>Or Jacob's journey</b> The play along Bible p23</p>	<p>Isaac had two sons called Jacob and Esau. Jacob had tricked his brother and had to go away. He had tricked him over a bowl of lentil soup for his birth right (explain what this meant in those days). He was very scared and lonely.</p> <p>When have you been scared?</p> <p>In a dream God told him he would look after him. We can ask God to look after us when we are scared.</p>	<p>Air drying clay, to make small bowls.</p> <p>Decorate a bowl. It could be filled with dried beans/pulses.</p> <p><a href="http://coloringhome.com/coloring-page/1678827?album=stone-soup-coloring-pages">http://coloringhome.com/coloring-page/1678827?album=stone-soup-coloring-pages</a></p>	<p>Make soup.</p> <p>Dried beans/ pulses in a tray.</p> <p>Toys – small toys, families.</p>	<p>Lord, we ask you to keep us safe and reassure us when we are scared. Amen.</p>

Week 3	Harvest	<p>The Prickly hedgehog</p> <p><a href="https://www.amazon.co.uk/Prickly-Hedgehog-Mark-Ezra/dp/1854301284/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&amp;qid=1503665766&amp;sr=8-1&amp;keywords=the+prickly+hedgehog">https://www.amazon.co.uk/Prickly-Hedgehog-Mark-Ezra/dp/1854301284/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&amp;qid=1503665766&amp;sr=8-1&amp;keywords=the+prickly+hedgehog</a></p> <p>or</p> <p>The Harvest Moon</p> <p><a href="https://www.amazon.co.uk/Hello-Ralph-Fletcher/dp/0618164510/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&amp;qid=1533201725&amp;sr=8-1&amp;keywords=hello+harvest+moon">https://www.amazon.co.uk/Hello-Ralph-Fletcher/dp/0618164510/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&amp;qid=1533201725&amp;sr=8-1&amp;keywords=hello+harvest+moon</a></p>	<p>What is harvest? We thank God for our food and for rain to grow our food. Not everyone has enough food. How can we share – link to story.</p>	<p>Making bread – bread mix – make rolls or hedgehogs. (bake at home)</p> <p><a href="https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/hedgehog-rolls">https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/hedgehog-rolls</a></p> <p>Or you could make bread in the shape of the moon or any shape.</p>	<p>Playdough Hedgehogs or Natural exploration basket (leaves cones etc.)</p>	<p>Thank you God for providing food for us to eat. Help us to think about how we can help people who are hungry. Amen.</p>
Week 4	Joseph	<p><b>Joseph and his brothers</b> BBSB p34 or</p> <p><b>Joseph's jealous brothers</b> p25 The play along bible</p>	<p>God looked after Joseph. He knew one that one day he would have a very important job in a different country.</p> <p>God knows all about us too.</p>	<p>Cut out person or coat – using different coloured collage materials or tissue paper</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Decorate a gingerbread shaped biscuit with icing and different coloured smarties or other coloured sweets.</p>	<p>Dressing up outfits or Coloured scarves or</p> <p>Multi-coloured sand or playdough.</p>	<p>God, you know all about us and we thank you for looking after us. Amen.</p>

Week 5	Joseph	<p><b>Joseph's important job</b> BBSB p37</p> <p>Or <b>Pharaoh's dream</b></p> <p>p28 The play along Bible</p>	<p>Joseph had an important job helping to explain to the King what his dreams meant. In his dream there were some fat cows and some very skinny cows. God looked after him.</p> <p>Who do we know that does an important job? (Police, fire, ambulance, doctors, teachers, mummies and daddies, childminders etc...)</p> <p>What important job would you like to do when you are older? (if children are old enough to understand this)</p>	<p>Paper plate cow or</p> <p>Paper cup cow  <a href="https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/444589794456496497/">https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/444589794456496497/</a></p>	<p>Role play – dressing up – people's jobs/ roles.</p> <p>Role play sleeping/ relaxation area. Tents/ pillow, covers etc.</p>	<p>God, we ask you to look after all of the people in our lives that do important jobs, especially those who look after us. Amen.</p>
Week 6	Moses	<p><b>Baby in a basket</b> BBSB p39</p> <p>Or <b>River Baby</b></p> <p>The play along Bible p30.</p>	<p>God watched over baby Moses. God watches over us too.</p>	<p>Finger print Moses craft  <a href="http://rodfather.us/baby-moses-crafts/baby-moses-crafts-new-579-best-mo%c2%afse-images-on-pinterest/">http://rodfather.us/baby-moses-crafts/baby-moses-crafts-new-579-best-mo%c2%afse-images-on-pinterest/</a></p> <p>Moses craft with handprint reeds.  <a href="http://rodfather.us/baby-moses-crafts/baby-moses-crafts-amazing-20-best-bible-stories-images-on-pinterest/">http://rodfather.us/baby-moses-crafts/baby-moses-crafts-amazing-20-best-bible-stories-images-on-pinterest/</a></p>	<p>Role play– looking after dolls.</p> <p>Water play, floating objects.</p>	<p>God, we thank you that wherever we are you are watching over us. Amen</p>
Week 7	Moses	<p><b>God talks to Moses</b> BBSB p40/41</p> <p><b>A bush on Fire</b></p> <p>The play along bible p32</p>	<p>God had chosen Moses and would help him and look after him. Good helps us and looks after us.</p>	<p>Fingerprint tree or tissue paper tree,  <a href="http://biblecraftsandactivities.com/crafts-for-moses-and-the-burning-bush/">http://biblecraftsandactivities.com/crafts-for-moses-and-the-burning-bush/</a></p>	<p>Sensory listening materials – musical instruments or headphones/ music.</p>	<p>God, help us to listen to you and trust you will always look after us. Amen</p>

**Second Half Term**

<p>Week 1</p>	<p><b>Remembrance</b> C-Beebies poppies animation (if appropriate)<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pv_ub7Be7oA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pv_ub7Be7oA</a></p>	<p>The bravery of people who gave their lives for us. How it is important we remember them. What peace means. How we can bring peace.</p>	<p>Poppy craft with cake cases <a href="https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/164662930102686855/">https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/164662930102686855/</a></p>	<p>Play dough poppies – red play dough</p>	<p>Thank you God for the people who keep us safe. Help us to be kind to each other. Amen</p>
<p>Week 2</p>	<p><b>Joshua</b> <b>The Walls of Jericho</b> BBSB p50 Or <b>Big wall, big fall</b> The play along bible p37</p>	<p>God gave Joshua the special job of leading the people after Moses had died. Children could march around 7 times and act out the story. God was powerful enough to make the strong walls of Jericho fall down.</p>	<p>Trumpet craft <a href="https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/526569381421585685/">https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/526569381421585685/</a>  or sponge painting walls <a href="http://www.halmerendmethodists.org.uk/news/stay-and-play-walls-of-jericho.html">http://www.halmerendmethodists.org.uk/news/stay-and-play-walls-of-jericho.html</a></p>	<p>Building/ construction – large or small Lego. Or wooden jenga blocks.</p>	<p>God we thank you that you can do all things. Help us to trust in you in all that we do. Amen</p>

Week 3	<p><b>Naomi and Ruth</b></p> <p>BBSB p55</p> <p><b>A New start</b></p> <p>The play along Bible p38</p>	<p>God looked after Naomi and Ruth. He blessed them with a new life.</p>	<p>Grain basket craft</p> <p><a href="http://sundayschoolzone.com/activity/god-helped-ruth-and-naomi-bible-craft/">http://sundayschoolzone.com/activity/god-helped-ruth-and-naomi-bible-craft/</a></p> <p>or simple friendship bracelets with large beads or pasta.</p>	<p>Role play families</p> <p>Small world play toys</p> <p>Dried flowers/ corn in a tray.</p>	<p>God, we thank you for our families and those who love us and keep us safe. We thank you for looking after us. Amen</p>
Week 4	<p><b>Samuel and Eli</b></p> <p>BBSB p59</p> <p><b>Hearing God's voice</b></p> <p>The play along Bible p41</p>	<p>God speaks and Samuel listened to him and for the rest of his life.</p>	<p><b>Samuel bed craft</b></p> <p><a href="http://fifthstreetacademy.blogspot.com/2011/02/bible-craft-samuel.html">http://fifthstreetacademy.blogspot.com/2011/02/bible-craft-samuel.html</a></p>	<p>Putting dolls/ teddies to bed.</p> <p>Sensory listening materials – musical instruments or headphones/ music.</p>	<p>God, we thank you that you speak to us. Help us to listen to you. Amen.</p>
Week 5	<p>Advent</p>	<p>Getting Ready for Jesus Board book</p> <p><a href="https://www.amazon.co.uk/Getting-Ready-Christmas-Board-Books/dp/0310975611/ref=sr_1_3?s=books&amp;ie=UTF8&amp;qid=1501703868&amp;sr=1-3&amp;keywords=getting+ready+for+Jesus">https://www.amazon.co.uk/Getting-Ready-Christmas-Board-Books/dp/0310975611/ref=sr_1_3?s=books&amp;ie=UTF8&amp;qid=1501703868&amp;sr=1-3&amp;keywords=getting+ready+for+Jesus</a></p>	<p>Create a stable (figures to be added next week)</p> <p>Could be 3d E.g.- box or flat with lollypop sticks</p> <p><a href="https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/table-frame-craft">https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/table-frame-craft</a></p>	<p>Use oats, seeds or corn kernels in sensory tray plus barn animals</p> <p><a href="https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/107804984809144658/">https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/107804984809144658/</a></p>	<p>Thank you God for those in the world around us who get things ready for us. Amen.</p>

			<p>or stained glass nativity craft</p> <p><a href="https://meaningfulmama.com/stained-glass-nativity-craft-teaches-hope.html">https://meaningfulmama.com/stained-glass-nativity-craft-teaches-hope.html</a></p>		
Week 6	Nativity	(BBSB p124)	<p>Create nativity scene or characters to fill stable made last week.</p> <p>Or choose from a variety of crafts:</p> <p><a href="http://vinegret.club/93c6f2/christmas-nativity-crafts-for-preschoolers">http://vinegret.club/93c6f2/christmas-nativity-crafts-for-preschoolers</a></p>	<p>Nativity scene/ toys for children to play with</p> <p><a href="https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/85286986673915556/">https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/85286986673915556/</a></p> <p><a href="http://livingmontessorinow.com/montessori-inspired-nativity-activities-and-focus-on-the-nativity-blog-hop/">http://livingmontessorinow.com/montessori-inspired-nativity-activities-and-focus-on-the-nativity-blog-hop/</a></p> <p>Costumes to dress up in.</p>	<p>God, we thank you that you sent your son to earth as a baby for us. Amen</p>
Week 7	Christmas Party/ celebration or Christingle	(BBSB p124)	<p>Christmas cards, biscuits</p>	<p>Christmas play dough</p> <p><a href="http://oneperfectdayblog.net/2012/11/23/play-dough-fun-with-christmas-cookie-cutters/">http://oneperfectdayblog.net/2012/11/23/play-dough-fun-with-christmas-cookie-cutters/</a></p> <p>Fake snow. Recipe here</p> <p><a href="http://www.kidsplayandcreate.com/pretend-fake-snow-recipes-for-kids-how-to-make-snow-paint-snow-clay-for-kids/">http://www.kidsplayandcreate.com/pretend-fake-snow-recipes-for-kids-how-to-make-snow-paint-snow-clay-for-kids/</a></p> <p>(or you can buy mix at hobby craft)</p>	<p>Dear God, we thank you for all the fun we have had. Bless the time that we spend with our families and friends this Christmas time. Amen</p>

