

## Little Ones Curriculum: Stories for 2-3 year olds

Most stories are done 3 weeks in a row:

- The First Week the story is reading from the book listed in the charts below.
- The Second Week the story is told with wooden figures and the script provided.
- The Third Week the children engage in the story with play – acting out the story or using a craft they have made.

Each week has a different table activity, typically rotating between a coloring page, playdough and a craft.

Since the curriculum follows the church calendar there is a variable number of weeks in the Fall and the Winter Units. The starred lessons\* are additional lessons that can be added or removed depending on how many weeks you have.

### FALL UNIT: Good Shepherd (10-12 weeks)

Welcome Week (1 wk): Shepherds and Sheep Lesson.	Week 1: Scripted story and read <i>Found: Psalm 23</i> by Sally Lloyd-Jones
The Lost Sheep (3 wks).	Week 1: <i>Read-Aloud Bible Stories Volume 5, or Parables Jesus Told, page 37</i> Week 2: Scripted Story
The Boys and Girls and Jesus (3 wks).	Week 1: <i>Read-Aloud Bible Stories Volume 1, page 65.</i> Week 2: Scripted Story
The Man Who Was too Little (3 wks).	<i>Read-Aloud Bible Stories Volume 1, page 5</i> Week 2: Scripted Story
*The Man Who Couldn't See (0-2 wks).	<i>Read-Aloud Bible Stories Volume 1, page 35</i> Week 2: Scripted Story

### ADVENT UNIT: Waiting for Jesus (4 weeks. 1 week for each story)

Waiting for Christmas (1wk)	Scripted story
Mary and Joseph and the Angel (1wk)	Scripted story
Angels and Shepherds (1wk)	Scripted story
Jesus is Born (1wk)	Scripted story

**EPIPHANY UNIT: Jesus' Childhood** (1 week for each story = 4 weeks)

*Baby Jesus at the Temple (1wk)	Scripted story.
Wise Men (1wk)	Scripted story
*The Boy Jesus visits the Temple (1wk)	Scripted story
Review Lesson: Jesus becomes a Man (1wk)	Scripted story

**WINTER UNIT: The Life of Jesus** (3 weeks for each story )

Simon and His Boat (3 wks).	Week 1: <i>Read-Aloud Bible Stories Volume 2, p. 5</i> Week 2: Scripted Story
The Wind That Obeyed (3 wks).	Week 1: <i>Read-Aloud Bible Stories Volume 1, p. 97</i> Week 2: Scripted Story
*The Man Who Said, "Thank you" (0-3 wks).	Week 1: <i>Read-Aloud Bible Stories Volume 1, p. 129</i> Week 2: Scripted Story
The Boy Who Shared His Lunch (3 wks).	Week 1: <i>Read-Aloud Bible Stories Volume 2, p. 67</i> Week 2: Scripted Story

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LESSONS:**

Palm Sunday Review Lesson: The Life of Jesus	Scripted story
Good Friday Lesson: Sad Day	Scripted story
Easter Lesson : Happy Day	Week 1: Scripted story on Easter Sunday. Week 2: "Sad Day Happy Day" from <i>Read-Aloud Bible Stories Volume 2, p. 131</i> . Week 3 <i>Easter Surprise: A Lift-The-Flap Board Book by Vickie Howie and Moira Maclean.</i>

**SPRING OR SUMMER UNITS****Creation Unit** (5 weeks)

Week 1: God Made Everything	<i>"God Made Everything" Read Aloud Bible Stories Volume 3, page</i>
Week 2: God Made the Heavens and the Earth	Scripted story of Days 1-4 Sky, Sea, Land, Plants, Sun, Moon, Stars.
Week 3: God Made Birds and Fish	Scripted story of Day 5
Week 4: God Made Animals and People	Scripted story of Day 6
Week 5: God Gives Rest, Goodness and Love	Scripted story of Day 7

## Prayer Unit (4 weeks)

Week 1: Wooden Figures and Script- <i>Jesus teaches us to pray.</i> Or use the Teaching Cards and Script – <i>Prayer is talking to God.</i>
Week 2: Wooden Figures and Script – Pray Everywhere
Week 3: Wooden Figures and Script – Pray Always
Week 4: Read and show pictures - <i>Little Ones Book of Prayer.</i>

## Communion Unit (4 weeks)

Week 1: <i>Little Ones Book on Communion: Jesus Invites Us to a Meal.</i>
Week 2: Wooden Figures and Script: Jesus Invites us to a Meal
Week 3: Holy Communion Week
Week 4 Making bread together.

## Psalms Unit (1-2 weeks per Psalm)

Psalm 8	<i>Greatest Name on Earth</i> Golden Book by Joel Anderson
Psalm 139	<i>God Knows Me</i> Golden Book by Joel Anderson
Psalm 27	<i>Why should I be Afraid?</i> Golden Book by Joel Anderson
Psalm 23	<i>The Lord is my Shepherd</i> Golden Book by Joel Anderson <i>Found by Sally Lloyd Jones</i>

## Jesus tells us Stories (1-2 weeks per Parable. Week 1: Read the book. Week 2: Act out with wooden figures using your own words)

The Foolish Farmer	<i>Parables Jesus Told</i> by Ella Lindvall p.5
The Sheep that was Lost	<i>Parables Jesus Told</i> by Ella Lindvall p. 37
The People Helper Who Wouldn't Help	<i>Parables Jesus Told</i> by Ella Lindvall p. 67
Two Men Who Talked to God	<i>Parables Jesus Told</i> by Ella Lindvall p.99
Two Men and their Houses	<i>Parables Jesus Told</i> by Ella Lindvall p. 129
The Boy Who Went Away	<i>Read-Aloud Bible Stories Volume 2</i> by Ella Lindvall p. 37
The Man Who Helped	<i>Read-Aloud Bible Stories Volume 2</i> by Ella Lindvall p. 101