



**MONTHLY
BIBLE STORY**

Hannah
SAMUEL 1-2

BIBLE WORDS

"I will always love you."
JEREMIAH 31:3, CEV

BOTTOM LINE

God loves you.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

The toddler curriculum provides one monthly Bible story because we understand that toddlers learn best through repetition. The toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the story and craft element that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos. We hope that by sending home a simple toddler craft you are cueing families to begin having conversations at home with their children.

STORY TIME:

- Draw It

CRAFT TIME:

- God Loves Me Pop-up
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Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

WHAT YOU NEED: Preschool Bible, butcher paper, and markers in a variety of colors

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) begins with a woman named Hannah. (*Draw a simple stick figure of Hannah.*)

"Hannah was sad, but she knew she could pray and talk to God. (*Draw a simple stick figure of Hannah with a sad face praying.*) Hannah talked to God about why she was sad and that made her feel better. (*Draw a simple stick figure of happy Hannah praying.*) She knew she could pray and talk to God about anything. You can pray and talk to God about anything anytime, too, because **God loves you!** (*Draw a heart.*) If you are happy, sad, scared, or excited, you can pray and talk to God. If you are at home, or somewhere new, you can talk to God because **God loves you!**"



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CRAFT TIME

Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

WHAT YOU NEED: "God Loves Me Pop-up" Activity Page, cardstock, 3" heart cut out, dot markers, glue sticks, scissors, baby wipes, and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "God Loves Me Pop-up" on cardstock, one per child. Fold each paper in half along the indicated line and cut on the dotted lines. Unfold and lay flat. Write each child's name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to decorate their paper with the markers. Pull the cut portion forward and crease the fold. Fold the whole paper in half creating the section to pop out. Glue the heart to the pop out. Clean hands as needed.

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "God loves you [child's name]! Use the markers to decorate your paper. (Pause.) Great job! (Pull the cut portion forward and crease the fold. Fold the whole paper in half creating the pop-out section. Rub a little bit of glue on the pop-out.) Glue the heart to this part of your paper. (Pause.) God loves [Child's name]! **God loves you!**"