



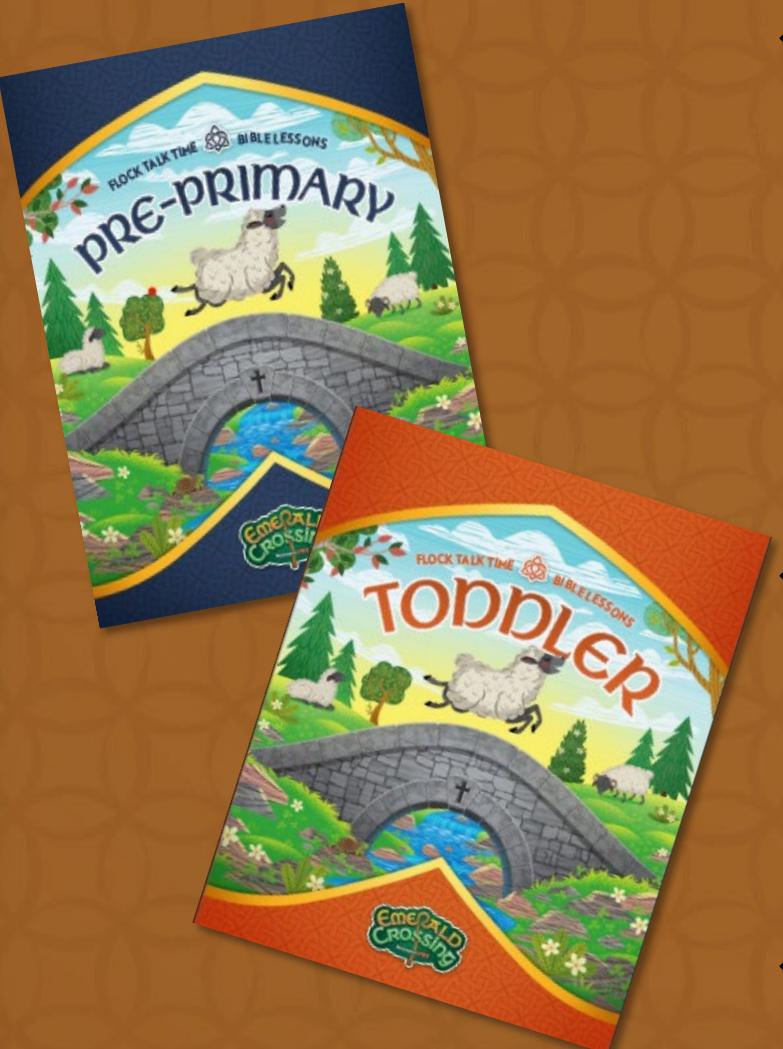
# Toddler and Pre-Primary Crafts and Activities

# Purpose of This Session

- Encourage you as you look forward to teaching young children, whether it be toddlers or pre-primaries
- Acquaint you with the format of the Teacher Guides
- Share some useful tips for your class time
- Learn what games we have in store
- Preview crafts and see some samples
- Introduce the new science activities for pre-primaries and toddlers



# Toddler vs. Pre-Primary



## ❖ Pre-Primary Guide

- Pre-primaries will likely rotate with older kids to different stations
- Similar to the other teacher guides, which are basically the Bible lessons
- Snacks, games, crafts, and science are in the respective leader guides

## ❖ Toddler Guide

- Toddlers likely will **not** rotate with older kids
- All-inclusive; Bible lessons, snacks, games, crafts, and science activities are included in this guide as well as the respective leader guides

## ❖ Both guides

- Have Exploration Stations, handy helps for working with young children, and decorating ideas

# Flock Talk Time

## ❖ Lessons include

- Scripts for two teachers or a teacher and a puppet
- Daily introductions including an overview and devotional to help you prepare
- **Exploration Stations** themed for the Bible lesson, sheep and shepherds, or Irish farm life
- **Introduce It!** section is a time of welcome and transition into the lesson
- **Teach It!** section is the main focus of the lesson on biblical truths
- **Apply It!** section is a time for reviewing the memory verse and doing application activities
- In addition, both guides have **lesson review questions** and **Simple Songs for Kids**



# Extra Helps



## ❖ Lesson Margins

- Color thumbnails of posters
- Quick tips and reminders
- Materials lists placed where needed

## ❖ Back Cover

- Materials for each Bible lesson and Exploration Station
- Color-coded by source: download or teacher kit

## ❖ Teaching Tie-Ins

- Games, snacks, crafts, and Exploration Stations
- Help you make an important connection between specific activities and the themes being taught

# Exploration Stations

## ❖ Five types of stations

- **Discovery Center**—teacher-led, quick game or activity
- **Wet Sensory Table**—container with water and objects for tactile play
- **Dry Sensory Table**—container with dry objects for tactile play



# Exploration Stations

- **Dramatic Play area**—costumes and props for imaginary play
- **Coloring corner**—crayons, markers, and other materials to use with memory verse coloring sheets
- Each station is themed and has a Teaching Tie-In
- Extra station ideas are provided



# Game Time



## ❖ Green Meadow Games

- Pre-Primaries have three options per day
- Toddlers have two game options per day
- Toddlers will play games like Shift the Sheep; Good Doggies; How Tall Was Goliath; Birds of a Feather Relay; Hunt for Woolly; and Quiet, Quiet
- Pre-Primaries can choose from games like Sheep, Sheep, Shepherd; Border Collie Tag; Shoo Fly; and Psalm 23 Splash
- All are simple and quick to learn and play
- Few materials are required
- Most can be played either indoors or outdoors.

# Game Time

## ❖ Game Tips

- Share the Teaching Tie-In before or after each game
- Be ready to switch games if the first one is too hard or the kids need something new
- Be flexible. If a rule doesn't work well for your group, feel free to change it
- Young children may not understand the gameplay by merely listening to instructions. Keep it simple and show them how to play:
  - Help them search for hidden objects
  - Demonstrate motions they'll use
  - Take their hand and run with them
  - Just have fun!



# New Science Time!



## ❖ Celtic Corner Science

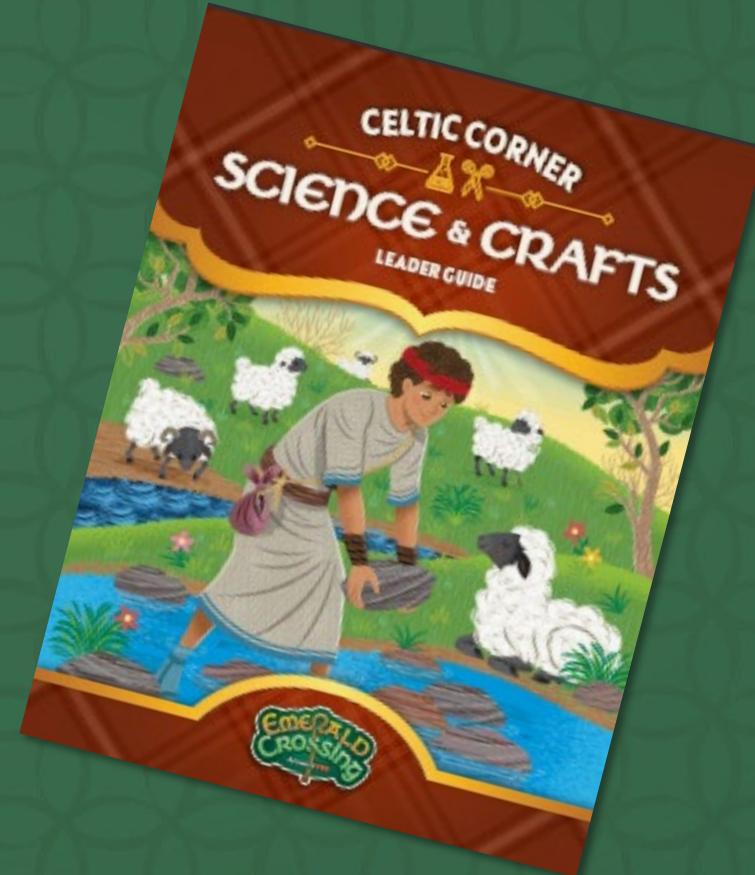
### ▪ Themed Activities for Pre-Primaries and Toddlers:

- **Sticky Sheep**—children experiment by rubbing objects on wool to see if they stick
- **Growing Green Pastures**—children learn about grass and plant some seeds to grow at home
- **Shadows and Light**—children explore what causes a shadow and make some shadows of their own
- **Oil and Water Mix-Up**—children discover what happens when water is added to oil
- **Making Rainbows**—children experiment with prisms, light, and water to make dazzling rainbows

# Craft Time

## ❖ Celtic Corner Crafts

- Why teach crafts?
  - Great way for kids to use creativity and imagination
  - Develops fine motor skills and dexterity
  - Gives kids a take-home reminder of the lesson
  - Some crafts can be relaxing
  - Because it can be fun!



# Craft Time

## ❖ Crafting Tips

- Make a finished sample of the craft to show
- Pass out one or two pieces for each step instead of a box full of “distractions”
- If they do have all materials, ask them to find and hold up each piece as you demonstrate
- Try to find ways for toddlers to be engaged in making their crafts
- Resist making the craft for them. It doesn’t have to be perfect. Show them how, then give them a chance to try
- Let your assistants know how much you expect them to do



# Celtic Crafts - Day 1

## ❖ Toddler Crafts

### ▪ Fluffy Cotton Sheep

- Prep the legs (and head if desired).
- Toddlers add cotton balls, face, and tail

### ▪ Sheep Headband

- Prep the paper plate and cut out ears
- Toddlers add cotton balls and ears



# Celtic Crafts - Day 1

## ❖ Pre-Primary Crafts

### ▪ Baa-loved Sheep

- Prep the clay, legs, and cotton swabs

- Kids assemble

### ▪ Keepsake Ornament

- Prep the tag, yarn, and chenille stems

- Kids assemble

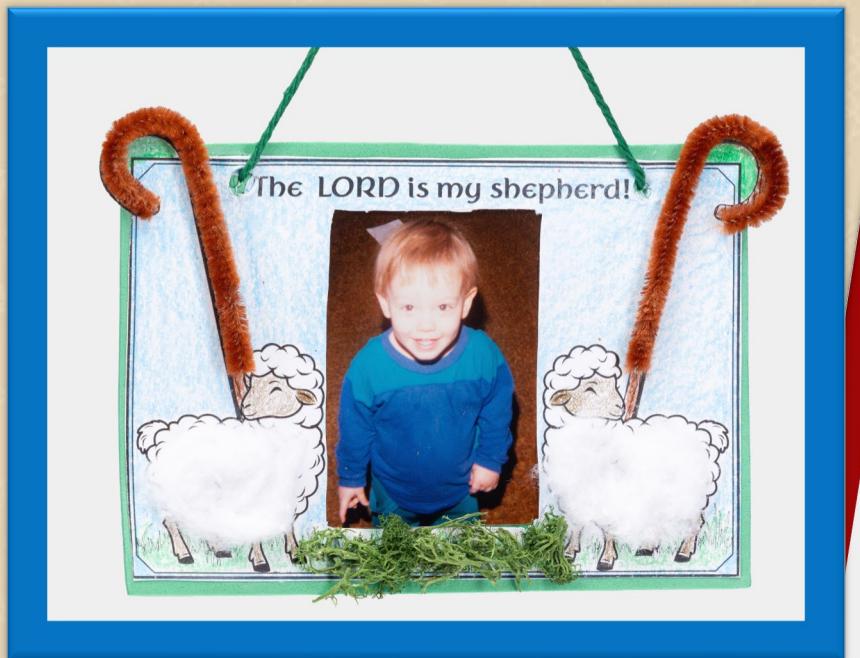




# Celtic Crafts - Day 2

## ❖ Toddler Crafts

- **My Shepherd Picture Frame**
  - Prep the foam, add-on materials, and the coloring picture
  - Toddlers color and glue on materials
- **Border Collie Stick Puppet**
  - Prep the pattern and the add-on materials
  - Toddlers color and glue on materials



# Celtic Crafts - Day 2

## ❖ Pre-Primary Crafts

- **S.O.A.P. Bible**

- Prep the pattern and cut materials
  - Kids assemble

- **Shamrock Crown**

- Prep the bulletin board border
  - Kids assemble



# Celtic Crafts - Day 3

## ❖ Toddler Crafts

### ▪ Raven Hanger

- Prep the pattern and cupcake liners
- Toddlers add feathers and eyes

### ▪ He Makes Me Lie Down Night-Light

- Prep the tissue paper and label
- Toddlers attach tissue paper and label on top



# Celtic Crafts - Day 3

## ❖ Pre-Primary Crafts

- **“Don’t Worry, Just Pray” Magnet**

- Prep the patterns and cardboard strips

- Kids assemble

- **Night-Light in the Darkness**

- Prep the tissue paper and patterns

- Kids attach tissue paper and patterns



# Celtic Crafts - Day 4

## ❖ Toddler Crafts

### ▪ Psalm 23 Sensory Book

- Prep the cover, pages, and sensory materials
- Toddlers color and add materials

### ▪ You Prepare a Table Place Mat

- Prep the pattern
- Toddlers color and attach stickers
- Teachers finish with contact paper



# Celtic Crafts - Day 4

## ❖ Pre-Primary Crafts

### ▪ Thankube

- Prep the wooden blocks and labels
- Kids color and add labels



# Celtic Crafts - Day 5

## ❖ Toddler Crafts

### ▪ Ribbon Rainbow Hanger

- Prep the plates, labels, and ribbons
- Toddlers attach label, ribbons, cotton, and stickers

### ▪ Rainbow Promise Crown

- Prep the bulletin board border, ribbons, and labels
- Toddlers attach stickers, labels, and ribbons

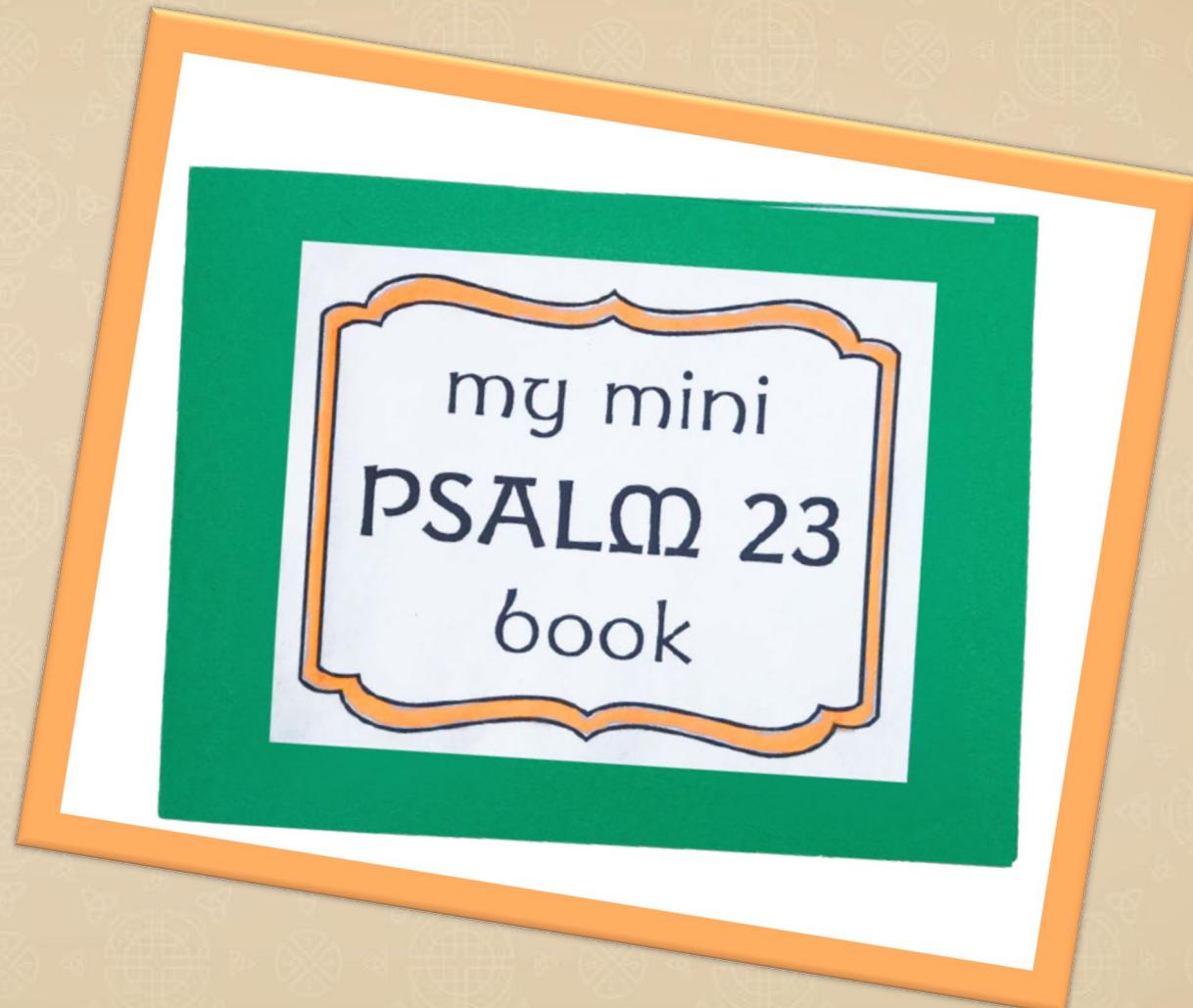


# Celtic Crafts - Day 5

## ❖ Pre-Primary Crafts

### ▪ My Mini Psalm 23 Book

- Prep the cover and pages, patterns, and sensory materials
- Kids color and attach sensory materials





Thank you for joining me  
today.

And thank you for serving  
at VBS.

Have a terrific  
time this year at Emerald  
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