



***Welcome!***  
***Toddler and Pre-Primary***

## ***The purpose of this session is to. . .***

- ❖ Encourage you as you look forward to teaching young children, whether it be Toddlers (2–4 years old) or Pre-Primaries (4–6 years old).
- ❖ Acquaint you with the Toddler Teacher Guide.
- ❖ What about the Pre-Primary Teacher Guide?
  - Similar to older age level guides, but includes Exploration Stations
  - Age-appropriate crafts and games are in those Leader Guides
- ❖ Share some useful tips.
- ❖ Alleviate any anxiety.



# Prepare to Teach

## *Prepare Yourself*

- ❖ Take time to read the daily devotional provided at the beginning of each lesson.
- ❖ Pray that God's truth will be taught, understood, remembered, and eventually accepted by each child.
- ❖ Do your best to prepare, then trust that the Holy Spirit will be at work, too.

### Devotion 1: The Two Kingdoms

*Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Psalm 51:6*

When Pilate questioned Jesus about the charges the Jews were leveling at him, Jesus replied, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."

Can you hear the cynicism and sarcasm in Pilate's voice as he asks dismissively, "What is truth?" and hands over Jesus to the Jews for crucifixion (John 18:37–38)?

Throughout the ages, people have echoed Pilate's question, in sincerity as well as skepticism. In fact, the battle over truth is as ancient as the original sin. Take a look at the lies Satan told himself and those who rebelled with him against their Creator:

"How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn!  
How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low!  
You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven;  
above the stars of God I will set my throne on high;  
I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north;  
I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High'" (Isaiah 14:12–14, emphasis added).

Satan knew the truth—that there is none in heaven like the Creator God—but he exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and in the process became the father of lies (John 8:44). His first temptation of Adam and Eve was a continuation on the theme. He introduced error into God's words ("Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" Genesis 3:1) and then blatantly lied about what God had said ("You will not surely die," Genesis 3:4).

For the past six thousand years, we've been floundering, trying to find our own way and denying that truth comes from God and his infallible Word. Thankfully, God has called his children into his kingdom through the sacrifice of his Son. In his infinite grace, God has given us the armor we need to stand strong in this battle for truth and boldly serve our Creator.

This week as we examine the pieces of armor God has provided, ask yourself this: Where am I in the battle? Am I asking "what is truth?" along with Pilate, or do I know the difference between truth and error based on God's Word?

"Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment" (Proverbs 12:19).

# **Prepare to Teach**

## ***Prepare the Lesson***

- ❖ **Try to get your teacher guide as soon as possible so you can read through each lesson.**
- ❖ **Use a highlighter to mark text that you want to be sure to remember, such as using props, showing posters, or emphasizing a Bible truth.**
- ❖ **Get together with your teaching/puppet partners in the weeks before VBS and run through the scripts together until you're comfortable with them.**



# Supplies on the back cover of your Teacher Guide

## SUPPLY LIST

### Every Day

- ☐ Theme Verse Poster
- ☐ Memory Verse Posters
- ☐ Animal Pal Posters
- ☐ Rhyme Time Posters
- ☐ Knight Posters (Days 2-5)
- ☐ Armor Pieces Poster (Days 2-5)
- ☐ Puppet Scripts, 2 copies daily
- ☐ Bible
- ☐ Medieval costumes for teachers
- ☐ Mounting putty or tape
- ☐ Boy or girl puppet and puppet stage
- ☐ Clipboard
- ☐ Treasure chest (Days 2-5)

- ☐ MP3 Downloads or Simple Songs CD
- ☐ Memory Verse music
- ☐ MP3 or CD player
- ☐ Supplies for chosen activities in Apply It! section

### Day 1

- ☐ Good Kingdom/Bad Kingdom Poster
- ☐ Two Kingdoms Contrast Cards
- ☐ Mini sword (large craft stick covered in foil)

### Day 2

- ☐ Chronicles of the Kingdom Background Poster

- ☐ Chronicles of the Kingdom Pieces Poster
- ☐ Gospel Presentation Posters
- ☐ One belt for Teacher 2

### Day 3

- ☐ King Jostah Poster
- ☐ Mini foil or ribbon belt
- ☐ Mini breastplate

### Day 4

- ☐ King Solomon Poster
- ☐ Mini belt and breastplate from yesterday
- ☐ Mini shield
- ☐ Mini helmet
- ☐ Birthday hat or party blower

### Day 5

- ☐ Jesus in the Wilderness Poster
- ☐ Small juggling ball
- ☐ Optional: mini jester hat
- ☐ Optional: clip of Jesus in the wilderness and a device to show clip

### Student Extras

- ☐ Armor of God Sticker Sets, 1 per child
- ☐ Student Guides, 1 per child, per day
- ☐ Gospel bookmarks and Armor of God bookmarks, 1 per child

## EXPLORATION STATIONS

### Discovery Center

#### DAY 1: KINGDOM CARDS

- ☐ Kingdom Cards
- ☐ Poster board
- ☐ Dark marker
- ☐ Light colored marker or colored pencil

#### DAY 2: STRENGTH EXERCISES

- ☐ Stopwatch
- ☐ Whistle
- ☐ Optional: exercise mats, child-safe equipment

#### DAY 3: OBEDIENCE DRAWING

- ☐ Sample page
- ☐ Crayons of same colors used on sample page (several of each color)
- ☐ Blank, white paper for each child

#### DAY 4: GLITTER PLAY DOUGH

- ☐ Homemade or store-bought play dough
- ☐ Glitter
- ☐ Heart and circle/oval cookie cutters

#### DAY 5: ARMOR OF GOD BANNER

- ☐ Plastic pennants (available at party stores) in different colors
- ☐ Armor of God stickers (from Resource Catalog) or other cross/heart stickers
- ☐ Optional: tape, and plastic drinking straws, yarn or ribbon

#### Touch Table: Wet

##### EVERY DAY

- ☐ Touch table with tarp underneath

- ☐ Water

#### DAY 1: MAKE IT CLEAN!

- ☐ Baby shampoo or bubble bath
- ☐ Extras: bath toys, plastic dishes, washcloths, dish scrubbers

#### DAY 2: SNAKES AND FRUIT

- ☐ Plastic snakes
- ☐ Plastic fruit
- ☐ Extras: tongs, scoops, cups

#### DAY 3: ICY TREASURE

- ☐ Ice cubes, mix of plain and colored cubes
- ☐ Optional: glitter or jewels
- ☐ Treasures: strings of beads, large jewels, play coins and keys, foam cutouts, colored ping-pong balls
- ☐ Extras: tongs, spoons, cups, shovels, muffin tins, bowls

#### DAY 4: KEEPOUT!

- ☐ Small rocks (not tiny pebbles) and ping-pong balls
- ☐ Buckets
- ☐ Extras: funnels, scoops, colanders, strainers

#### DAY 5: BIBLE TRUTH COLORS

- ☐ Plastic balls and blocks in a dark color, red, white, and yellow
- ☐ Extras: tongs, scoops, cups, bowls

#### Touch Table: Dry

##### EVERY DAY

- ☐ Touch table with tarp underneath
- ☐ Wet wipes for cleanup

#### DAY 1: TWO KINGDOMS SANDCASTLES

- ☐ Play sand, available at hardware stores (make sure it's marked "play sand")
- ☐ Water spray bottle for wetting down sand
- ☐ Extras: small buckets, shovels, cups, scoops, LEGO bricks
- ☐ Printed pictures of simple sandcastles

#### DAY 2: NATIVITY

- ☐ Dry filler (e.g., Christmas tinsel or garlands, Easter grass, raffia, dry beans, or rice)
- ☐ Extras: non-breakable nativity sets and biblically themed Christmas ornaments
- ☐ Bible

#### DAY 3: FIND THE TREASURE

- ☐ Bible Cutouts (laminated)
- ☐ Crinkle wrap, shredded paper, raffia, Easter grass, or dry beans
- ☐ Extras: paper plates, tongs, plastic tweezers, magnifying glasses, bowls

#### DAY 4: SOLOMON'S ROBE

- ☐ Solomon's Robe Pattern
- ☐ Felt or fun foam sheets in various colors
- ☐ Felt or fun foam scraps in various colors and shapes
- ☐ Extras: feathers, cotton balls, pom-poms (any other items that stick to felt or fun foam)

Note: See the daily lessons for specifics on some of these supplies.

- ☐ Optional: paper plates, 1 for each child

#### DAY 5: PEOPLE PLAY

- ☐ Play sand
- ☐ Play people or craft sticks with faces drawn on one end
- ☐ Extras: scoops, spoons, cups

#### Dramatic Play: Inside the Castle

##### EVERY DAY

- ☐ Play costumes (e.g., aprons, crowns/tiaras, play armor sets, princess dresses)
- ☐ Small broom and pails
- ☐ Stick horses or half pool noodles
- ☐ Crates or large baskets
- ☐ Little table, chairs, decorated chair for a "throne"
- ☐ Small rocking chair
- ☐ Baskets or wooden bowls
- ☐ Silver or clear plastic cups
- ☐ Play food (e.g., eggs, cheese, fruit, bread)

#### Royal Pavilion Coloring Corner

























##### EVERY DAY
















- ☐ Memory Verse Coloring Sheet for each day
- ☐ Markers or crayons in a wooden bowl or metal pail
- ☐ Optional supplies: stickers, glue sticks and items to glue onto the coloring sheet (e.g., foil, cotton balls, pom-poms, feathers, and tissue paper)



# Resource downloads on the Resource USB OR

go to: [answersvbs.com/keeperresources](https://answersvbs.com/keeperresources)

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-  Exploration Station Posters.pdf
-  Exploration Stations Overview.pdf
-  Nursery Letter to Parents (sample).rtf
-  Nusery Registration Form.pdf
-  Tips for Managing a Group of Kids.pdf
-  Toddler Craft Patterns.pdf
-  Toddler Puppet Scripts.pdf
-  Toddler Teacher Guide.rtf



# SAMPLE SCHEDULE

BASED ON A 3-HOUR VBS

9:00–9:15	Apprentices' Assembly in the Great Hall—Opening
9:15–9:40	Exploration Stations (Session 1) ←
9:40–10:05	Lesson Time
10:05–10:30	Griffin's Games
10:30–10:45	Kieran's Crafts (Session 1) ←
10:45–11:00	Exploration Stations (Session 2) ←
11:00–11:20	Tessa's Treats and Rest Time
11:20–11:35	Kieran's Crafts (Session 2) ←
11:35–11:55	Apprentices' Assembly in the Great Hall—Closing
11:55–Noon	Return to Room/Dismissal





# What's in the Toddler Teacher Guide?

- ❖ The Toddler Teacher Guide is all-inclusive.
- ❖ Toddler teachers will plan for the Bible lesson time as well as games, crafts, and snacks.
- ❖ In the front of the guide, you will find plenty of resources to help you:

## Handy Helps

- Include a program overview, tips for teaching toddlers and managing a group of kids, and terms to know.

## Decorating ideas and set-up instructions for

- Classroom areas
- Exploration Stations
- Costumes for you and your students

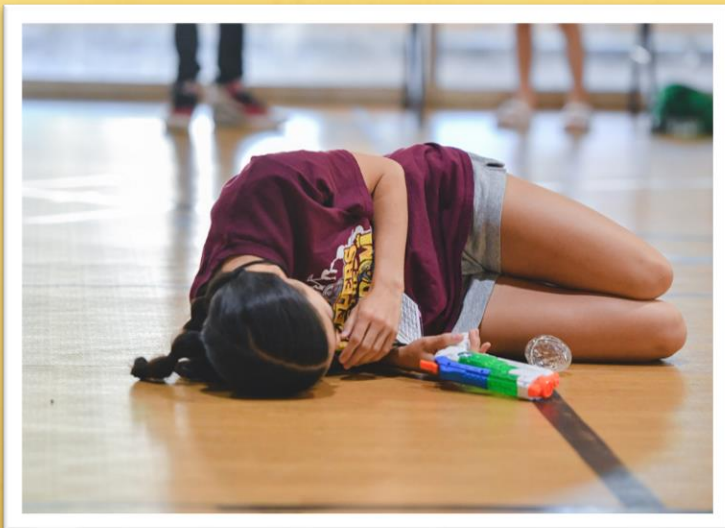


# What's in the Toddler Teacher Guide?

## ❖ Game instructions

These games are specifically for toddlers, simple to teach and play:

- From riding like knights on pool-noodle “horses” or running the Knight’s Training Course, to playing a daring game of Dragon’s Treasure.
- On a hot summer day, you could put a different spin on some of these games, using squirt guns.





# What's in the Toddler Teacher Guide?

## ❖ Craft instructions

- Toddler crafts are much easier than the crafts for older kids.
- Instructions specifically tell you how to prep ahead of time and what to have the kids do during class.
- Toddlers will mostly do simple coloring and adding stickers or other materials to their creations.



# What's in the Toddler Teacher Guide?

## ❖ Craft sessions

- Session 1: Crafts to make and use: Kingdom Crown, Cross Magnet, Tower Growth Chart, Faith Shield, and Train Your Brain Card Caddy
- Session 2: Daily Animal Pal Coloring Sheets

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# What's in the Toddler Teacher Guide?

## ❖ Why crafts?

- Great way to use creativity and imagination
- Develop fine motor skills and dexterity
- Take home a reminder of the lesson that can be used again
- Just for fun!

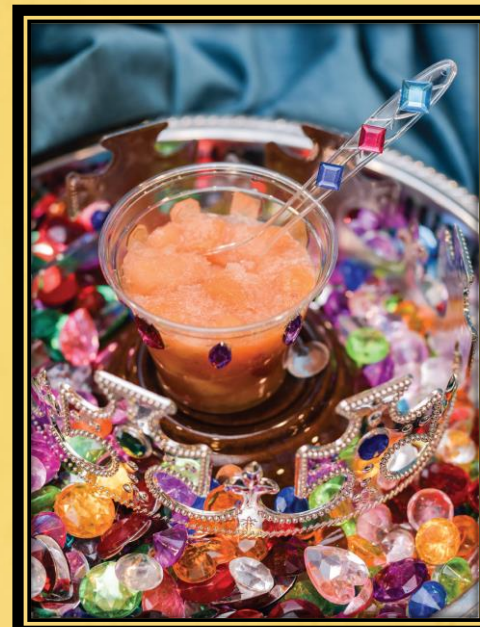




# What's in the Toddler Teacher Guide?

## ❖ Snack suggestions and preparation instructions

- Tasty treats like Kingdom Cookies, Mini Pizza Shields, King's Cup fruit slushy, and Moat Floats all add to the fun!
- Two suggestions for each day, one with simpler prep.

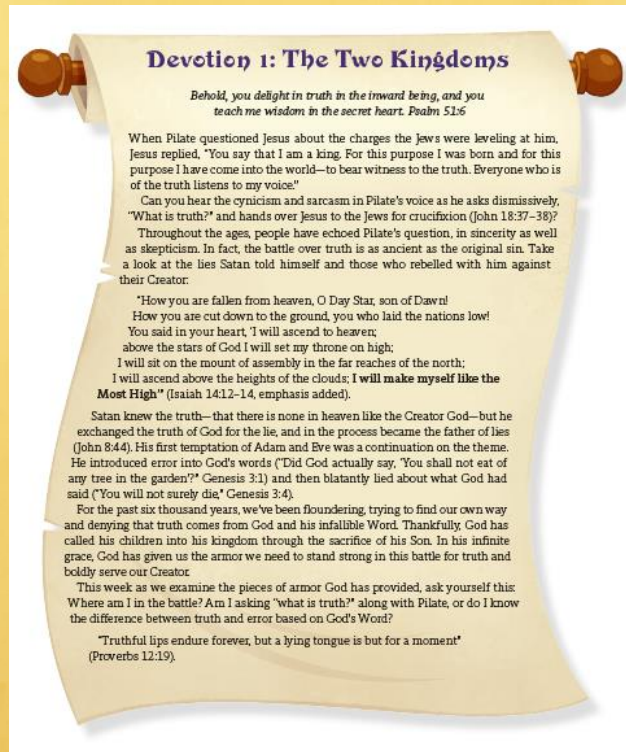




# What's in the Toddler Teacher Guide?

## ❖ Daily Lesson Time

- Each lesson begins with a devotional and an overview page to help you prepare.



— DAY 1 —

## The Two Kingdoms

**BIBLE PASSAGES**  
Creator King and Prince of Darkness  
Genesis 1; Ephesians 6:10–11

**LESSON FOCUS**  
We're in a battle between two kingdoms—  
God's good kingdom that runs on  
truth and the enemy's bad kingdom that  
runs on lies.

**APOLOGETICS CONTENT**  
Absolute truth is true for *all* people, for *all* times,  
for *all* circumstances.

**VERITAS VERSE**  
Put on the whole armor of God.  
Ephesians 6:11

**RHYME TIME**  
Of two, only one is true!

**ANIMAL PAL**  
Winifred ("Winnie") the Warhorse

**Today's Exploration Stations**

- Discovery Center: Kingdom Cards
- Touch Table Wet: Make It Clean!
- Touch Table Dry: Two Kingdoms Sandcastles
- Dramatic Play: Inside the Castle
- Coloring Corner: Ephesians 6:11

**Today's Lesson at a Glance**

**INTRODUCE IT!**

- Two Kingdoms Contrasted
- Song 1: "I'm in the Lord's Army"

**TEACH IT!**

- Puppet Pal—The Battle's On
- Song 2: "The Kingdom Keepers"

**APPLY IT!**

- Part 1: Animal Pal Review
- Part 2: Veritas Verse
- Part 3: Go and Do

**Preparing for the Lesson**

- Read Genesis 1, John 18:37–38, and Ephesians 6:10–18 several times.
- Read this lesson several times and prepare the materials.
- For more information on absolute truth and the two kingdoms, visit [AnswersVBS.com/keeperfaq](http://AnswersVBS.com/keeperfaq).
- Pray.

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# What's in the Toddler Teacher Guide?

## ❖ Exploration Stations

- **Discovery Center—teacher-led quick games or activities**
  - **Examples: Two Kingdoms card game, glitter playdough, and making an Armor of God Banner**
- **Coloring corner—provide crayons, markers, and other decorative materials to use with the memory verse coloring sheets**

### Exploration Stations

See page 12 for setup and decorating instructions for each station, as well as ideas for additional stations.

#### Discovery Center: Kingdom Cards

##### MATERIALS

- ☐ Kingdom Cards
- ☐ Poster board
- ☐ Dark marker
- ☐ Light colored marker or colored pencil

##### PREP

Photocopy the patterns on white cardstock and cut into cards. Draw smiley faces lightly on the back of the good cards and frowny faces on the back of the bad cards. Draw a thick, dark line down the middle of the poster board to divide it in half. Write at the top of the left side "Good Kingdom" with a smiley face. Write at the top of the right side "Bad Kingdom" with a frowny face.

##### DIRECTIONS

Students put the cards either on the "Good Kingdom" side or the "Bad Kingdom" side. When done, flip over each card to see if they are in the right spots using the smiley or frowny faces for self-checking.

##### TEACHING TIE-IN

Today we'll learn that there are two kingdoms. God's kingdom is good, but the enemy's kingdom is bad.

#### Touch Table Wet: Make It Clean!

##### MATERIALS

- ☐ Touch table with tarp underneath
- ☐ Water
- ☐ Baby shampoo or bubble bath
- ☐ Extras: bath toys, plastic dishes, washcloths, dish scrubbers

##### PREP

Partially fill the touch table with water. Make suds with baby shampoo or bubble bath. Add the extras.

##### DIRECTIONS

Wash the toys and dishes to make them clean.

##### TEACHING TIE-IN

We don't want anything dirty or bad on our dishes or toys, so we clean them. The enemy's kingdom is full of bad things like lying and being mean. But God's kingdom is clean and pure; it doesn't have anything bad in it.

#### Touch Table Dry: Two Kingdoms Sandcastles

##### MATERIALS

- ☐ Touch table with tarp underneath
- ☐ Wet wipes for cleanup
- ☐ Play sand, available at hardware stores (make sure it's marked "play sand")
- ☐ Water spray bottle for wetting down sand
- ☐ Extras: small buckets, shovels, cups, scoops, LEGO bricks
- ☐ Printed pictures of simple sandcastles

##### PREP

Put the play sand on the table and spray it with water to add moisture. Place the extras into the sand. Post pictures of sandcastles for inspiration.

##### DIRECTIONS

Help the children copy some of the picture ideas to build their own sandcastles. Or you can direct two groups to each build one.

##### TEACHING TIE-IN

The Bible says there are two kingdoms—a good kingdom of light and truth and a bad kingdom of darkness and lies. Who leads the good kingdom? God. Who's the leader of the bad kingdom? Satan, the enemy.

#### Dramatic Play: Inside the Castle

This station, which will be a big hit, can be as low-key or as elaborate as you like.

##### MATERIALS

These will be used all week. Choose from the following, depending on your situation.

Note: Set out only part of the castle supplies the first day and add in new items each day.

- ☐ Play costumes (e.g., aprons, crowns/tiaras, play armor sets, princess dresses)
- ☐ Small broom and pails
- ☐ Stick horses or half pool noodles
- ☐ Crates or large baskets
- ☐ Little table, chairs, decorated chair for a "throne"
- ☐ Small rocking chair
- ☐ Baskets or wooden bowls
- ☐ Silver or clear plastic cups
- ☐ Play food (e.g., eggs, cheese, fruit, bread)

##### PREP

Gather costumes and other play items you will use today. Search directions online for how to make "pool noodle horses" if you want to make fun horses for this center.



# What's in the Toddler Teacher Guide?

## ❖ Exploration Stations

- Touch Tables (wet and dry)—bins or tables with a mix of materials and objects for free play
  - Place daily suggested items into container.
  - Wet—Fill in with small amount of water or ice cubes.
  - Dry—Fill in with sand, raffia, shredded paper, tinsel garland, etc.





# What's in the Toddler Teacher Guide?

## ❖ Explorations Stations

- Dramatic Play area—provide costumes and other props for dress-up and imaginary play.
- Consider setting up a puppet stage.





# What's in the Toddler Teacher Guide?

## ❖ Exploration Stations

- Can be used before or after the Bible lesson.
- If you have a small classroom, choose just one or two stations (e.g., coloring station and one of the touch tables).
- No time for free play?
  - Instead of setting up an Exploration Station, use the materials as an object lesson with the Teaching Tie-In.
  - At the end of the Bible lesson, you could demonstrate one station and share the Teaching Tie-In, then allow kids to try it themselves.

# What's in the Toddler Teacher Guide?

## ❖ Bible Lesson Time

- Lessons are shorter than before.
- Focus on one or two main points about the armor of God and a relevant biblical event.
- Materials are listed in the margins.
- Introduce It! and Teach It! sections: most are scripted dialogues between two teachers or a teacher and a puppet.

### Introduce It!

#### Two Kingdoms CONTRASTED (5-10 minutes)

**Prep:** Prepare your costumes. Cut apart the GOOD KINGDOM/BAD KINGDOM POSTERS and attach them to the wall. Print one copy and cut apart the TWO KINGDOMS CONTRASTED CARDS. Attach tape or mounting putty to the back of each card and put them in number order.

**Teacher 1:** Greetings, one and all! I'm \_\_\_, the trainer here in the strongest part of the castle. It's called the keep. Can you say that with me? Repeat "keep." We'll meet here every day to learn about kings, kingdoms, and some special armor God gives us to put on as we battle for the greatest king, Jesus.

**Teacher 2:** Good morrow! I'm \_\_\_, and I'm excited to open God's Word, the Bible. Hold up the Bible. It tells us about two spiritual kingdoms.

**Teacher 1:** Right! There are two kingdoms, but they're very different. One is good, and the other is bad.

**Teacher 2:** Hey, the kids can help us learn what the two kingdoms are like!

As you show each pair of TWO KINGDOMS CONTRASTED CARDS, have the kids shout out which kingdom each card goes with. Quickly attach the cards under the appropriate posters.

Show the first card. The ruler of the good kingdom is God. Attach this card under the GOOD KINGDOM POSTER. Show the second card. Satan is the ruler of the bad kingdom. He's not our friend. He's the enemy of anybody who loves God. Attach under the BAD KINGDOM POSTER.

- God is for us. Good. The enemy's against us. Bad.
- God loves us. Good. The enemy hates us. Bad.
- God is kind. Good. The enemy's mean. Bad.
- God is all-powerful. Good. The enemy is not as powerful as God. Bad.
- God always tells the truth. Good. The enemy lies. Bad.
- God always keeps his promises. Good. The enemy breaks his promises. Bad.

**Teacher 1:** As you can see, God is an amazing king and ruler of the good kingdom! The enemy is not!

**Teacher 2:** The Lord Jesus is the perfect king. I want to be part of God's good kingdom.

**Teacher 1:** In the days of kings and castles, the knights went out to fight for their king. Now, everyone who's part of God's kingdom must fight against sin. We want to obey our king, the Lord Jesus. Let's sing about being in the Lord's army.

#### Song 1: I'm in the Lord's Army (medieval style)

Explain the terms in the song and how a knight would have done these things. Or, sing in the traditional way. Both versions are on the Simple Songs CD.

#### VERSE

I may never march to the castle keep  
(March in place.)

Ride in the tournament (Ride a horse, holding a spear in one hand.)

Shoot at the battlement  
(Draw a bow and shoot an arrow.)

I may never sword fight the enemy  
(Swing sword.)

But I'm in the Lord's army  
(Point to yourself and then to God.)

Yes, Sir (Cross your arm over your chest in a knight's salute.)

#### CHORUS

I'm in the Lord's army  
(Point to yourself and then to God.)

Yes, Sir (Do a knight's salute.)

I'm in the Lord's army  
(Point to yourself and then to God.)

Yes, Sir (Do a knight's salute.)

Repeat verse.

- ☐ Good Kingdom/Bad Kingdom Poster
- ☐ Two Kingdoms Contrasted Cards
- ☐ Bible
- ☐ Medieval costumes for teachers
- ☐ Mounting putty or tape

✦ Think of fun names for yourselves: Princess Katherine the Curly-Haired, Lady Betty of Boston, Crispin of the Woods, Gwendolyn the Glad, Albert the Silly, etc.

✦ The Bible is listed just once daily in the supply list but is used throughout, so keep it handy and marked to the correct passages ahead of time.



✦ Mounting putty or tape is listed just once daily, but is used throughout each lesson.

✦ If working as co-teachers, decide ahead of time each day who will be doing what.

- ☐ "I'm in the Lord's Army" song
- ☐ "The Kingdom Keepers" song
- ☐ MP3 download or Simple Songs CD (12-0-141)
- ☐ MP3 or CD player



# What's in the Toddler Teacher Guide?

## ❖ Bible Lesson Time

- These are the most important sections where the main points are taught.
  - Practice ahead of time. It's okay to hold a script but be familiar with it so you can say it naturally.
  - Use the suggested posters and props.
  - Use facial expressions, gestures, and voice inflections.
  - Make eye contact with the kids!
  - Give the puppet movement.
  - Use sound effects, such as *Boom!* or *Zing!*
  - *Whispering* can be an attention grabber too.





# What's in the Toddler Teacher Guide?

## ❖ Bible Lesson Time

- The Apply It! section finishes the lesson.

- Part 1 Animal Pal Review

- Discuss the Animal Pal
- Do active question/answer review

- Part 2 Veritas Verse


- Practice the memory verse

- Part 3 Go and Do

- Activities to do now or at home
- Also on the student take-home guides

☐ Day 1 Animal Pal Poster

☐ Armor of God Sticker Sets (12-0-078)





☐ Theme Verse Poster

☐ Day 1 Memory Verse Poster

☐ Optional: Toddler Student Guides

☐ Supplies for chosen activities from Part 2 and Part 3

☐ Optional: Memory Verse music and player

✦ The front page of each day's student guide is a review of today's lesson. The back page of the student guide matches this section in the teacher guide.

### Apply It!

#### **Part 1: Animal Pal Review**

Review is important—it helps the lesson “stick.” Share the **DAY 1 ANIMAL PAL POSTER** to summarize the teaching of the day. Show the Armor of God sticker sets (available to purchase from AnswersVBS.com), one set (child and armor stickers) per child. This week, children will add armor pieces as they learn about them. For now, write the name of the child on the papers.

Some knights rode on warhorses, like Winifred here. These horses were strong and didn't get tired easily during a battle. Winnie reminds us that we're in a battle between two kingdoms: God's good kingdom and the enemy's bad kingdom. Just as these knights had to trust their horses to carry them faithfully through battle, we must trust in our Creator God, who made us and takes care of us.

With each question, have the kids whinny like a horse and shake their heads (mane) “yes” if the answer is yes and shake their head “no” if it is no.

1. Are there two kingdoms? Yes—shake head “yes” and whinny.
2. Is one kingdom good and one kingdom bad? Yes—shake head “yes” and whinny.
3. Does the enemy rule the good kingdom? No—shake head “no.” Who rules over the good kingdom? God!
4. Does the Bible always tell the truth? Yes—shake head “yes” and whinny.
5. Is the bad kingdom as strong as the good kingdom? No—shake head “no.” Remind them that God is the most powerful, kind, and loving ruler of all. No one is like him.
6. Is the enemy mean and a liar? Yes—shake head “yes” and whinny.

Use any remaining time to complete the following ideas. These ideas are also on the back of the student guides. Send the student guides home each day as a fun review. Encourage the kids to do the Go and Do sections by asking them which ones they did and how it went each day.

Supplies for this section are not listed in the supply list on the back cover since they will vary depending on the activities you choose, so decide what you will do and add them to your supply list accordingly.

#### **Part 2: Veritas Verse**

Note: The word “veritas” means “truth is mighty and will prevail” or simply “true, trustworthy.” It was a word used in the Middle Ages and is still used today. Remind the children that every Bible verse is true, trustworthy, and mighty.

Today's Verse: Put on the whole armor of God. Ephesians 6:11

Try the following challenge, using the **DAY 1 MEMORY VERSE POSTER** as a reference and the Memory Verse music if you have it.

Challenge: Practice the verse several times, pretending to put on armor while you're saying it.

#### **Part 3: Go and Do**

1. God is the ruler of the good kingdom. How many good things can you think of? Tell him thank you for all good things.
2. Play a game of opposites. A grown-up says one word, then the child says the opposite. Examples: good, bad; laugh, cry; up, down; in, out; smile, frown; happy, sad; light, dark. What are the two opposite kingdoms you learned about in VBS? (God's good kingdom and the enemy's bad kingdom)
3. With someone's help, check AnswersVBS.com/keeperkids for more fun information!

Ask yourself this question: Which kingdom do I want to be part of?

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Download these items from [AnswersVBS.com/keeperresources](https://www.answersvbs.com/keeperresources).



# What's in the Toddler Teacher Guide?

## ❖ Music

- *Simple Songs* for Toddlers and Pre-Primaries are themed songs used within the lesson time.
  - Available on the Resource USB and CD  
(Your director should have the USB or Digital Pro)
  - *Simple Songs* are incorporated into the toddler lesson time.
  - To make it more fun, the puppet invites the kids to sing with him.
  - All the songs are set to familiar tunes.
  - Practice the songs and suggested hand motions ahead of time so you can lead the kids well.



# What's in the Toddler Teacher Guide?

## ❖ Music

- *Memory Verse Songs* are separate from the *Simple Songs*; they are the same memory verse songs that the older kids will be learning.
  - Available on the Music USB.
  - Part 2 of the Apply It! section is a good spot if you want to use them.
  - Or you can put the simplified memory verses to nursery rhyme tunes.



# Extra Tips

## ❖ Lesson Time

- Remember that teaching takes homework—on the teacher's part.
- Be intentional to repeat the main points throughout all your activities.
- Don't stress over a couple wiggle worms.
- Switch gears if needed, then come back to the lesson.
- Relax and enjoy the children.
- Be seated with all your materials nearby.
- Use a display board.





# Extra Tips

## ❖ Classroom Management

- Keep your kids moving with separate areas in your room.
- Cover up areas that are not to be used at certain times.
  - Cover up your touch tables with lids or plastic tablecloths
  - Block off the drama corner with a couple of chairs.
  - Lay a plastic tablecloth over the materials on the coloring table or on the table where you have crafts laid out for later.
  - Cut out some large red poster board stop signs to post in different areas.



# Extra Tips

## ❖ Classroom Management

- Line the craft/coloring tables with paper taped down along the edges.
- Use plastic appetizer trays with separate compartments to hold craft/coloring materials.
- Use little buckets on the tables for trash, especially for peel-off sticker papers!
- Give the kids a chance to help clean up; race against the clock or make it a contest to see who can pick up the most trash.





## Extra Tips

### ❖ Need a puppet?

- Etsy shop

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/DidacticosKids>

has many boy and girl hand puppets for \$20–30.

- Oriental Trading has a pack of eight 14-inch puppets for about \$50

<https://www.orientaltrading.com/happy-kids-stuffed-hand-puppets-8-pc>



# Extra Tips

## ❖ Puppet Stage Ideas

- If you have the castle backdrop, use the window for the puppet entrance
- Decorate a large box to look like a castle with an opening where the puppet can enter
- Set up a tri-fold display on top of a table. Puppet can enter above or cut an entrance in the middle of the display board.
- Turn a wide table on its side and have the puppet enter above the edge of the table.

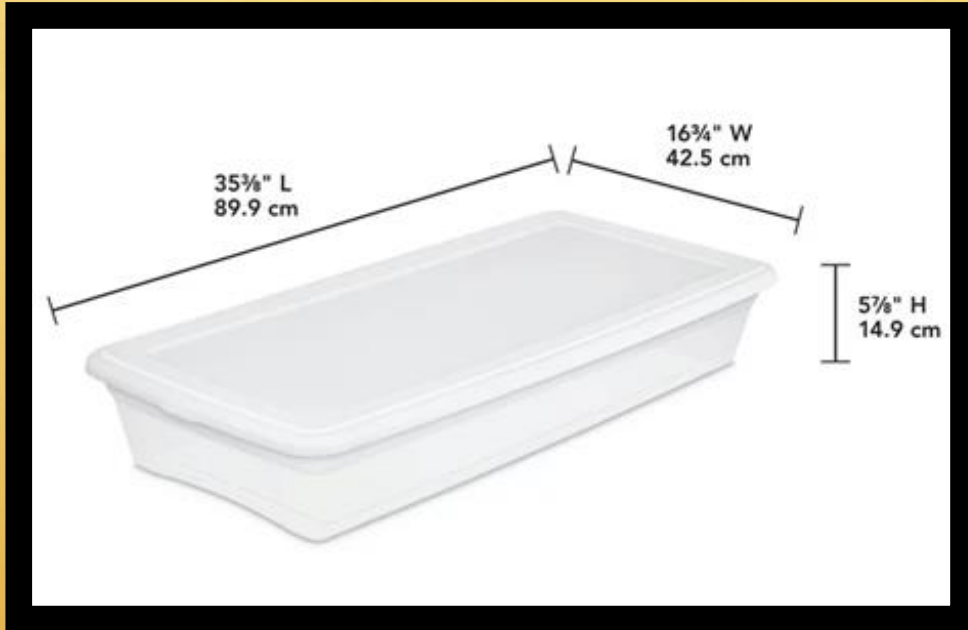




## Extra Tips

### ❖ Touch Table bins

- Consider using an underbed storage container instead of a regular bin
  - About 3 feet long (twice as long as the regular bins)
  - More kids could gather around it.
  - Sides are half as high, so it's easier for children to reach in





***Thank you!***