

an infants, toddlers, and twos worship God? Of course they can! Their worship may not look like adult worship, but worship is our heart response to God. These little ones are just beginning to develop their perceptions of God. We can do many creative things to help young children begin to learn who God is and to express their love for God. Children can clap, dance, sing, shout, or softly speak their worshipful prayers. God accepts any worship response that comes from our hearts.

#### INFANT

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP	
<b>1</b> Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Listen to praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD		
Bible Exploration	Worship Windows Find the pictures of a dad and mom worshipping God.	cutting blade, glue Teacher Pack: "Worship Tent" poster	Cut the solid lines around the door of the church and the window of the house, and fold the flaps created. Then cut the poster in half so sections A1 and B1 are separate from sections A and B. Glue section A1 behind section A, and section B1 behind section B, to create a lift-and-look teaching picture. Fold the picture on the dotted line to form the "Worship Tent."	
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Hallelujah Splash</b> Splash praise to God.	baking pan, water, towels		
	Reach Out to Jesus Learn about Jesus' love by reaching out to a Jesus puppet.	paper lunch bag, masking tape <b>Teacher Pack:</b> "Cutout of Jesus' Face"	Attach the "Cutout of Jesus' Face" to the bottom of a paper lunch bag with masking tape to create a paper-bag puppet.	
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 2 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.	

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► Bible Point Worship God.

### Key Verse

"I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile" (Romans 1:16).

# Weaving Faith Into Life

Children will experience different ways to worship God.

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### TODDLER

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP	
Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Listen to or sing praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD		
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Love the Lord</b> Worship God through musical praise.	Bible, cutting blade, glue <b>Teacher Pack:</b> "Worship Tent" poster	Cut the solid lines around the door of the church and the window of the house, and fold the flaps created. Then cut the poster in half so sections A1 and B1 are separate from sections A and B. Glue section A1 behind section A, and section B1 behind section B, to create a lift-and-look teaching picture. Fold the picture on the dotted line to form the "Worship Tent."	
3	Go, Go, Go to Church Pretend to drive to church.	cars, trucks, play people, 2 shoe boxes, cutting blade, cross, construction paper, tape, marker	Cover the shoe boxes with construction paper to make a church and a house—you can use a marker to add details if you want. Cut small windows and doors in both boxes. Put a cross on top of the church.	
Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Tiny Trip</b> Visit the worship area of the church.			
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 2 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.	

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### 2-YEAR-OLD

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Listen to or sing praise songs.	CD player, items for a mini-obstacle course <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	Create a mini-obstacle course with something to crawl under (such as a table) and something to crawl over (such as cushion or pillow).
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	Adore Him! Learn about worship at church and at home.	Bible, crayons, My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "My Picture for God" page (at the end of the lesson), cutting blade, glue, washable ink pad, wet wipes Teacher Pack: "Worship Tent" poster, "Jesus Clears the Temple" poster (from the Big Bible Poster Pack)	Remove the Lesson 2 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut the solid lines around the door of the church and the window of the house, and fold the flaps created. Then cut the poster in half so sections A1 and B1 are separate from sections A and B. Glue section A1 behind section A, and section B1 behind section B, to create a lift-and-look teaching picture. Fold the picture on the dotted line to form the "Worship Tent."
	Take Time for Jesus Build a special house of worship and play a game with it.	cardboard blocks <b>Teacher Pack:</b> "Cutout of Jesus' Face"	
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	Praise Percussion Worship God through musical praise.	washable markers, tape, CD player, 2 paper plates per child <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	

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# Jesus Clears Merchants From the Temple

John 2:13-22



### **Temple Laws Gone Wrong**

Strict regulations guided the activity that was to take place in the Temple. This was to remain a holy place, the dwelling place of God. According to Isaiah 56:7, it was to be a house of prayer.

Unfortunately, the Jewish leaders, who strictly upheld laws that were convenient for them, saw an opportunity for profit in the animals to be sacrificed at the Temple. Any animal to be offered as a sacrifice was to be perfect, free from blemish. And people bringing animals for sacrifice surely chose the best from the flocks and herds. But when Jewish pilgrims brought their animals for sacrifice, the Temple inspectors regularly found something wrong with them. Then they would conveniently offer animals they had approved—for many times the going price outside the Temple.

Merchants also were exchanging money—giving people the Temple currency in exchange for their Roman or other foreign coins. The Temple currency was required for paying the Temple tax. From Jesus' disdain of this practice, it's easy to assume that people were also being cheated in this process.

### **Jesus Clears the Temple**

It's likely that Jesus' response, while passionate, was not a purely emotional outburst. He saw what was going on in the Temple, he took time to make a whip from some ropes, and then he took appropriate action. Jesus was angry, and rightly so, but not out of control. He told the merchants, "Stop turning my Father's house into a marketplace!"

### The Merchants' Response

The Jews' response is interesting. They didn't deny that they had been doing wrong. No one asked Jesus

why he did what he did. No one angrily struck back at Jesus out of righteous indignation. Their only response was to ask, "How can you prove you have the authority to do this?" When people know they're in the wrong, they often resort to legalistic maneuvering to try to blur the plain evidence of their guilt.

#### **The Jesus Connection**

Jesus' passion in this account reveals that he desires a real relationship with his people. Nothing—no money-changers or legalism—can get in the way of his love for you!

Does Jesus need to "drive out" wrong worship from your life? How have distracting thoughts, focus on self, or efforts to appear spiritual hindered your own sincere worship? Take a moment to physically bow down before God. Spend time silently clearing out the "Temple courts" in your life and praising God with a sincere heart. You can write your prayer here.


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#### INFANT



### Sing and Celebrate

#### What You'll Do

Sing "Worship God That Way" (track 4 on the CD) to the tune of "Polly Wolly Doodle" anytime during the lesson. Sing as you rock, feed, or play with the infants. As you sing, move babies' bodies as indicated.

Oh, I love to raise my hands to God. (raise hands) I can worship him that way. (clap hands) Oh, I love to raise my hands to God, (raise hands) Singing praise to him all day. (clap hands) Raise my hands! Raise my hands! (raise hands) I can worship God that way. (clap hands) Raise my hands! Raise my hands! (raise hands) I can worship God that way. (clap hands)

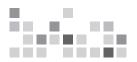
Oh, I love to stomp my feet for God. (tap feet) I can worship him that way. (clap hands) Oh, I love to stomp my feet for God, (tap feet) Singing praise to him all day. (clap hands) Stomp my feet! Stomp my feet! (tap feet) I can worship God that way. (clap hands) Stomp my feet! Stomp my feet! (tap feet) I can worship God that way. (clap hands)

Afterward, say: ▶ WORSHIP GOD.

Sing "I Am Proud to Follow Jesus" (not on the CD) to the tune of "Did You Ever See a Lassie?" anytime during the lesson. March around the room with a baby in your arms as you sing "I Am Proud to Follow Jesus."

I am proud to follow Jesus, Follow Jesus, follow Jesus. I am proud to follow Jesus, For Jesus is good.

Afterward, say: ▶ WORSHIP GOD.



# Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player **Teacher Pack** CD: "Worship God That Way" (track 4)



### Worship Windows Supplies

cutting blade glue **Teacher Pack** "Worship Tent" poster

### Worship Windows Easy Prep

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Cut the solid lines around the door of the church and the window of the house, and fold the flaps created. Then cut the poster in half so sections A1 and B1 are separate from sections A and B. Glue section A1 behind section A. and section B1 behind section B, to create a lift-and-look teaching picture. Fold the picture on the dotted line to form the "Worship Tent."

### Hallelujah Splash Supplies

baking pan water towels



### **Worship Windows**

#### What You'll Do

As crawlers are playing on the floor or as you hold an infant, show the church side of the "Worship Tent." Have babies look at the picture.

Say: Look. See the church? Let's touch the church. Let's open the door to see who's in the church. Look! There's a mommy worshipping God at church. Touch the mommy.

Turn the picture to the other side.

Help baby lift the window flap in the house, and say: **Touch the daddy. He's** worshipping God with his family at home. ▶ WORSHIP GOD. Touch the child. Children can worship God, too. Touch the baby on the nose. We worship God!



### Hallelujah Splash

### What You'll Do

Put about one-half inch of water in a baking pan. Help one baby at a time explore the baking pan to recognize the water. Show babies how to slap their hands flat in the water to make a splash. Shout "Hallelujah!" as babies enjoy the sound and feel of splashing the water. Dry the baby's hands when he or she is done playing. Empty the pan and set it and the water out of children's reach when done.

Say: Thank you, God, for water. We splash our praise to you! ▶ WORSHIP GOD.



### Reach Out to Jesus

### What You'll Do

Use the puppet you created to say "I love you" to each infant. Encourage the infant to reach out to Jesus' face.

Say: Jesus loves [baby's name]. Jesus wants us to love and worship him. We can tell God we love him. ▶ WORSHIP GOD.

### Weaving Faith at Home

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TODDLER



### Sing and Celebrate

### What You'll Do

Sing "Worship God That Way" (track 4 on the CD) to the tune of "Polly Wolly Doodle" anytime during the lesson. As you sing "Worship God That Way," encourage toddlers to move their bodies as indicated.

Oh, I love to raise my hands to God. (raise hands) I can worship him that way. (clap hands) Oh, I love to raise my hands to God, (raise hands) Singing praise to him all day. (clap hands) Raise my hands! Raise my hands! (raise hands) I can worship God that way. (clap hands) Raise my hands! Raise my hands! (raise hands) I can worship God that way. (clap hands)

Oh, I love to stomp my feet for God. (stomp feet) I can worship him that way. (clap hands)
Oh, I love to stomp my feet for God, (stomp feet)



# Reach Out to Jesus Supplies

paper lunch bag masking tape **Teacher Pack** "Cutout of Jesus' Face"

### Reach Out to Jesus Easy Prep

Attach the "Cutout of Jesus' Face" to the bottom of a paper lunch bag with masking tape to create a paper-bag puppet.

### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)

### Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 2 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

### Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player **Teacher Pack** CD: "Worship God That Way" (track 4)



Singing praise to him all day. (clap hands)
Stomp my feet! Stomp my feet! (stomp feet)
I can worship God that way. (clap hands)
Stomp my feet! Stomp my feet! (stomp feet)
I can worship God that way. (clap hands)

Afterward, say: ▶ WORSHIP GOD.

Sing "I Am Proud to Follow Jesus" (not on the CD) to the tune of "Did You Ever See a Lassie?" anytime during the lesson. Lead a parade as you sing. Encourage your toddlers to follow you as you sing with them. Early walkers can hold your hand as you walk with them.

I am proud to follow Jesus, Follow Jesus, follow Jesus. I am proud to follow Jesus, For Jesus is good.

Afterward, say: ▶ WORSHIP GOD.

# Love the Lord Supplies

Bible cutting blade glue **Teacher Pack** "Worship Tent" poster

### Love the Lord Easy Prep

Cut the solid lines around the door of the church and the window of the house, and fold the flaps created. Then cut the poster in half so sections A1 and B1 are separate from sections A and B. Glue section A1 behind section A. and section B1 behind section B, to create a lift-and-look teaching picture. Fold the picture on the dotted line to form the "Worship Tent."



### BIBLE

#### **EXPLORATION**

### Love the Lord

#### What You'll Do

Gather two or three toddlers together. Open your Bible to John 2:13-22. Show children the words and tell them the Bible is God's special book.

Say: God wants us to worship him. God likes to hear us tell him we love him. He tells us to love him more than anything else. WORSHIP GOD. Help toddlers lie on their tummies on the floor facing the "Worship Tent." Show toddlers the home and family side first.

Let toddlers explore and find the family worshipping. Say: This family is worshipping God. They're telling God they love him. ▶ WORSHIP GOD.

Now turn the "Worship Tent" around to show the church.

Say: This family is in church, too. We worship God at church. Let's worship God now by singing. Lead children in singing "I Am Proud to Follow Jesus" (not on the CD) to the tune of "Did You Ever See a Lassie?" and encourage them to march in a circle with you.

I am proud to follow Jesus, Follow Jesus, follow Jesus.

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I am proud to follow Jesus, For Jesus is good.



### Go, Go, Go to Church

### What You'll Do

Set out the church and house. Encourage your toddlers to put people in the cars and trucks and take them from the house to the church.

As the children play, you can sing "Go, Go, Go to Church" (not on the CD) to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat":

Go, go, go to church early this Sunday. Go, go, go to church—worship God today!

Say: I'm glad you came to church today. We worship God at church! ► WORSHIP GOD.

### **Tiny Trip**

#### What You'll Do

Take your toddlers on a short field trip to see the front of your worship area. Appreciate the different items there. You may wish to point out instruments, where your pastor stands, and where people sit. Point out things that make the worship area special. This is a small step in helping your toddlers become familiar with the worship style of your congregation.

Say: This is one place where we can worship God. ▶ WORSHIP GOD.

### Weaving Faith at Home

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### Go, Go, Go to Church Supplies

cars
trucks
play people
2 shoe boxes
cutting blade
cross
construction paper
tape
marker

### Go, Go, Go to Church Easy Prep

Cover the shoe boxes with construction paper to make a church and a house—you can use a marker to add details if you want. Cut small windows and doors in both boxes. Put a cross on top of the church.

# Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)

### Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 2 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.



### Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player items for a miniobstacle course **Teacher Pack** CD: "Worship God That Way" (track 4)

### Sing and Celebrate Easy Prep

Create a mini-obstacle course with something to crawl under (such as a table) and something to crawl over (such as cushion or pillow).

#### 2-YEAR-OLD



### Sing and Celebrate

#### What You'll Do

Sing "Worship God That Way" (track 4 on the CD) to the tune of "Polly Wolly Doodle" anytime during the lesson. Get active with your 2-year-olds as you play during the song. Add extra verses, such as "Turn around," "Jump up high," or "Get down on my knees."

Oh, I love to raise my hands to God. (raise hands) I can worship him that way. (clap hands) Oh, I love to raise my hands to God, (raise hands) Singing praise to him all day. (clap hands) Raise my hands! Raise my hands! (raise hands) I can worship God that way. (clap hands) Raise my hands! Raise my hands! (raise hands) I can worship God that way. (clap hands)

Oh, I love to stomp my feet for God. (stomp feet)
I can worship him that way. (clap hands)
Oh, I love to stomp my feet for God, (stomp feet)
Singing praise to him all day. (clap hands)
Stomp my feet! Stomp my feet! (stomp feet)
I can worship God that way. (clap hands)
Stomp my feet! Stomp my feet! (stomp feet)
I can worship God that way. (clap hands)

Afterward, say: ▶ WORSHIP GOD.

Sing "I Am Proud to Follow Jesus" (not on the CD) to the tune of "Did You Ever See a Lassie?" anytime during the lesson. Lead children through the mini-obstacle course you set up as you sing.

I am proud to follow Jesus, Follow Jesus, follow Jesus. I am proud to follow Jesus, For Jesus is good.

Afterward, say: ▶ WORSHIP GOD.





### **Adore Him!**

#### What You'll Do

Gather a group of 2-year-olds together. Open your Bible to John 2:13-22. Show children the words and tell them the Bible is God's special book.

Say: God told us to save one day to worship him. Set out the "Worship Tent." Show children the picture of the family at church. This family is at church to worship God. We're at church right now. We can worship God at church. WORSHIP GOD.

Show children the "Jesus Clears the Temple" poster.

Say: One day when Jesus went to the Temple, or church, he saw people weren't worshipping God. They were selling things and tricking other people. This made Jesus mad. Jesus made those people leave the Temple. Jesus reminded the people who came to the Temple that it's God's house. We worship God at church. When we come to church, we get to play, be with friends, and learn about God. When we're at church, we worship God together. Help children press their first finger in the ink and then make a fingerprint on the poster. We put our mark on this poster to show that we're together at church. We have fun together, but Jesus wants us to remember that worship is important to God. 

WORSHIP GOD.

Clean children's fingers with wet wipes. Then say: Let's worship God right now in a quiet way. Whisper a prayer expressing appreciation for who God is. God likes worship. He likes to hear us tell him we love him. Let's all shout together, "We love you, God!"

Show the picture of the house, and ask: Can you find the family in this picture? Where is the family? Wait for answers.

Say: This family is at home. It's fun to worship God at home, too. Worship is important to God.

Ask: What do you do at home to show God that you love him? Allow time.

Say: One of the ways we can worship God anywhere is to sing to him. Let's sing a song. When we sing "Hallelujah!" we'll sit down. When we sing "Praise ye the Lord!" we'll stand up. Help children sit and stand as you sing "Hallelujah!" (not on the CD).

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah!
Praise ye the Lord!
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah!
Praise ye the Lord!



### Adore Him! Supplies

Bible cravons My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "My Picture for God" page (at the end of the lesson) cutting blade glue washable ink pad wet wipes **Teacher Pack** "Worship Tent" poster "Jesus Clears the Temple" poster (from the Big Bible Poster Pack)

### Adore Him! Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 2 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut the solid lines around the door of the church and the window of the house, and fold the flaps created. Then cut the poster in half so sections A1 and B1 are separate from sections A and B. Glue section A1 behind section A, and section B1 behind section B. to create a lift-and-look teaching picture. Fold the picture on the dotted line to form the "Worship Tent."



Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!

Say: Worship is important to God. We worship God quietly. We worship God loudly. We worship God with singing. Let's worship by drawing a special picture for God. Give each child a "My Picture for God" page and crayons. Encourage children to create a special picture just for God inside the picture frame provided.



### **WEAVING FAITH**

#### **INTO LIFE**

### Take Time for Jesus Supplies

cardboard blocks **Teacher Pack**"Cutout of Jesus' Face"

### Take Time for Jesus

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Invite children to build a church as a special place to worship God. Make sure there is a doorway into their structure. When the children finish, put the picture of Jesus' face inside.

Hold hands and stand around the church. Sing this song (not on the CD) to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" as you walk around the church, and then stop on cue. Play until children lose interest.

Busy, busy, walk, walk, walk! Time to worship, so we stop!

Remind children that our worship makes God happy. We **WORSHIP GOD**.

# Praise Percussion Supplies

washable markers tape CD player 2 paper plates per child **Teacher Pack** CD: "Worship God That Way" (track 4)

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### **Praise Percussion**

### What You'll Do

Set out washable markers and paper plates. Direct children each to decorate the bottom side of two paper plates. Tape or staple the decorated plates together. Play "Worship God That Way" from the CD. Encourage the children to move and tap their "tambourines" in time to the music. Remind children that we **WORSHIP GOD**.

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### Weaving Faith at Home

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# Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

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## **Growing With Jesus**



# Made to Worship

Little ones love to sing and move their bodies to music. Use their natural love for song and movement to help them worship God. Join in with your child and express your love for God together, even if you can't carry a tune or clap to the rhythm. Your child won't care and neither will God!

our child learned that we worship God (from John 2:13-22). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

#### INFANT

### Hallelujah Splash

Put about one-half inch of water in a baking pan. Help your baby explore the baking pan to recognize the water. Show your baby how to slap his or her hands flat in the water to make a splash. Shout "Hallelujah!" as your baby enjoys the sound and feel of splashing the water.

Say: Thank you, God, for water. We splash our praise to you! Worship is important to God.

Empty the pan and set it out of your child's reach when done.

#### **TODDLER**

## Go, Go, Go to Church

Make a church and a house from shoe boxes or other small boxes. Draw a cross on top of the church. Set out cars, trucks, and play people. Encourage your toddler to put people in the cars and trucks and take them from the house to the church.

As your child plays, sing "Go, Go, Go to Church" to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat":

Go, go, go to church early this Sunday. Go, go go to church worship God today!

#### 2-YEAR-OLD

### Take Time for Jesus

Have your child use blocks to build a church. Hold hands and stand around the church. Sing this song to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" as you walk in a circle around the church:

Busy, busy, walk, walk, walk!
Time to worship, so we stop!

Remind your child that worship is important to God.



#### Use these ideas to help your child become a FaithWeaver:

- Share your favorite worship song with your child. Sing it frequently throughout the day to emphasize that worship can happen anytime, anywhere.
- While you're in the car, look out the window and praise God out loud for different things you see. Make it a game, encouraging your child to point out what he or she sees, too.
- Share a nature walk with your child and search for things God made that you both can pick up and hold in your hands.



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# My Picture for God

