

Starting Steps



For Parents and Toddlers

Starting Steps is for families to use at home. It encourages you in your own faith-journey and parenting skills while extending what your child learned throughout the week. The Bible story “**God Told Noah to Build a Boat**” was taught in Sunday school today. Read the story many times—toddlers like and need repetition to learn.

THE Encouraging WORD

A Devotional for Parents

As you teach your two year old to obey rules or learn to be safe in a certain place, you may often hear the word “No!” Two year olds are learning to see themselves as independent people. Unfortunately, this can be draining and frustrating.

God will give you strength as you help your child become an independent person. Paul’s second letter to the Thessalonians says:

May the Lord direct your hearts into
God’s love and Christ’s perseverance.

2 Thessalonians 3:5

Know that you have the strength you need to
face the day.

At This Age

Two year olds think in terms of the present, not the past or the future. Your child may not remember what happened yesterday, not to mention what he or she learned previously in Sunday school. Here are a few tips to help keep Sunday school part of your child’s “present” time frame:

- Read the Bible story together several times during the week as well as doing the calendar activities sent home today.
- Talk with your child about how the craft was made in Sunday school.
- Shortly before dropping your child off at Sunday school, talk about the teacher and the different activities that will happen.

TODDLER TICKLER — “A Long Haul”

My 2 1/2-year-old son, who is not potty trained, filled his diaper a few minutes after I’d checked him. When I discovered it, I asked him how long it had been there. He replied, “Forty days and forty nights.”

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TIME WITH YOUR TODDLER/2



A Look at a Toddler/2’s MASTERPIECE

Today your child made a boat shape with play dough. As you talk with your child about her masterpiece, one question you could ask is “How did the play dough feel?” If left out, the play dough will harden in about 24 hours.

On the back of this page is a frame designed to display your child’s craft. The title printed on the frame will help you remind your child about this week’s Bible story.



INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY

This story is based on Genesis 6:9-22.



God told Noah to build a boat.

(Put fists together as if hammering.)

“Build it tall, every wall.”

(Stretch up tall.)

“Build it wide and big inside.”

(Stretch arms out wide.)

“Build it strong so it lasts long!”

(Flex arms to show muscles.)

“Build it large. God’s in charge!”

(Point up.)

God told Noah to build a boat.

(Put fists together as if hammering.)

These questions can be used to help your child review the Bible story.

1. **What did God tell Noah to build?** (A boat)
2. **Who told Noah to build the boat?** (God)

GOD TOLD NOAH TO BUILD A BOAT

