

Lesson 1

Starting Steps



At This Age

Two year olds love to explore God's creation. It is the beginning of the warm summer months. This can be a wonderful time of discovery for your child. Any time your child is outside, it is important to take a few precautions:

- Use a sunscreen designed for children and apply it liberally during times outdoors. This will help protect your two year old from sunburn and skin irritations.
- Childproof your yard to prevent mishaps. Cover basement window wells and keep gardening tools out of reach.
- Always dress your child appropriately for the weather. Be prepared for unexpected changes in temperature.

Faith Activities for Families with Toddlers

Starting Steps is for families to use at home. It encourages you in your faith-journey and parenting. Use the ideas here and on the *Starting Steps* calendar throughout the week to extend and reinforce what your child learned.

Time with God

Have you ever camped out on a quiet hillside and looked up into the night sky? What an awesome, yet humbling, experience. God is great, vast, and powerful—the Creator of the sun, moon, and stars!

The following response of Nehemiah is but a glimpse of the incredible power of our Creator God:

You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it. . . . You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you.

—Nehemiah 9:6

Even though you may feel small or inadequate at times, remember, the God who created the heavens cares for you and your precious toddler.

Toddler Tickler

"All Aboard!"

Like most young mothers, I take great pride in pointing out my children's latest triumphs to anyone willing to listen. Having successfully potty-trained my 2 year old, I was discussing the event with friends. A short time later, my 4-year-old son asked, "Mommy, did I ride on the Potty Train, too?"

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Time with Your Toddler



Interactive Bible Story

based on Genesis 1:14-19; Psalm 19:1-6.

The Bible tells us God made everything. God made the sun.
The sun shines during the day when we play.

(Open arms wide.)



God made the moon. The moon shines at night while we sleep.

(Lay head on hands.)

God made the stars. The stars twinkle in the sky at night.

(Open and shut hands.)



God made the sun, moon, and stars.

(Point up.)

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

1. What did God make? (Sun, moon, stars)
2. Who made the sun, moon, and stars? (God)

Look what I made!



Today your child made a collage of the sun and moon. As you talk with your child about his masterpiece, you could ask your child to show you the sun and moon in the picture.