

WEEK

ONE

Toddlers | W1

Today's Suggested Schedule—September 2026, Week 1

Monthly Bible Story: Jonah • Jonah 1–3:3

Bible Words: "God is with you wherever you go." • Joshua 1:9 NLT

Bottom Line: God is always with you.

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Story Time

- Tell It

Craft Time

- Wherever You Go Bag Tag



Bible Story

Jonah • Jonah 1–3:3

Bottom Line

God is always with you.

Bible Words

"God is with you wherever you go." • Joshua 1:9 NLT

5 min

Story Time

5 min

Story Time

What You Need

 Preschool Bible

1

What You Say:

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm so happy to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (hold up the Bible) is about a man named Jonah. God told Jonah to go to a place called Nineveh. But Jonah was scared and got on a boat and went the other way!

"While Jonah was on the boat, a strong wind started to blow and it rocked the boat back and forth. Jonah got off the boat and into the water, then God sent a BIG FISH to swallow him up! Jonah was safe inside the big fish because God was with him! Jonah talked and prayed to God, and after three days, God made the big fish spit Jonah out onto dry land! Jonah was safe! God was always with Jonah and [Bottom Line] God is always with you."

5 min

Craft Time

5 min

Craft Time

What You Need

	"Wherever You Go Bag Tag" Activity Page	1
	Cardstock (one for every eight children)	1
	Washable inkpads in a variety of colors (several per Small Group)	Several
	Self-laminating luggage tags	1
	Baby wipes	1
	Permanent marker	Several
	Scissors	1

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Print "Wherever You Go Bag Tag" on cardstock and cut, one cutout per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

During the Activity: Help children add their fingerprints to their cutout. Clean hands. Insert each child's cutout into a luggage tag and seal per directions. Add the loop to each bag tag and send home.

What You Say:

During the Activity: "Let's add your sweet fingerprints to fill in the heart on your paper. Press your finger on the inkpad (*help children as needed*) now press it on your paper inside the heart. (*Help children press their finger inside the heart then help clean their hands.*)

"God was with Jonah in the boat, in the water, inside the fish, and in Nineveh! Wherever Jonah went,

God was always with Jonah, and **[Bottom Line] God is always with you."**

Supplies

Story Time		Quantity	Craft Time		Quantity
1.	Preschool Bible	1	1.	"Wherever You Go Bag Tag" Activity Page	1
			2.	Cardstock (one for every eight children)	1
			3.	Washable inkpads in a variety of colors (several per Small Group)	Several
			4.	Self-laminating luggage tags	1
			5.	Baby wipes	1
			6.	Permanent marker	Several
			7.	Scissors	1

WEEK

TWO

Toddlers | W2

Today's Suggested Schedule—September 2026, Week 2

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Story Time

- Show It

Craft Time

- Jonah in the Big Fish



Bible Story

Jonah • Jonah 1–3:3

Bottom Line

God is always with you.

Bible Words

"God is with you wherever you go." • Joshua 1:9 NLT

5 min

Story Time

5 min

Story Time

What You Need

-  Preschool Bible 1
-  "Story Pictures" Activity Pages copied on 1 cardstock

What You Say:

LEADER:* *"Hello, friends! I'm so happy to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's story from the Bible *(hold up the Bible) is about a man named Jonah. (Hold up the picture of Jonah.) God told Jonah to go to a place called Nineveh. But Jonah was scared and got on a boat and went the other way! (Hold up the picture of Jonah on the boat.)*

"While Jonah was on the boat a strong wind started to blow, and it rocked the boat back and forth. (Hold up the picture of Jonah on the boat and rock it back and forth.) Jonah got off the boat and into the water, then God sent a BIG FISH to swallow him up! (Hold up the picture of Jonah in the belly of the big fish.) Jonah was safe inside the big fish because God was with him! Jonah talked and prayed to God, and after three days, God made the big fish spit Jonah out onto dry land! (Hold up the picture of Jonah on dry land.) Jonah was safe! God was always with Jonah, and [Bottom Line] God is always with you."

5 min

Craft Time

5 min

Craft Time

What You Need

	"Jonah in the Big Fish" Activity Page	1
	Cardstock	Several
	Dot markers	Several
	Yarn	Several
	Clear packing tape	1
	Scissors	1
	Baby wipes	1
	Permanent marker	Several

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Print "Jonah in the Big Fish" on cardstock and cut, one set per child. Write each child's name on their paper. Cut yarn into eight-inch lengths, one per child. For each child, tape the end of one piece of yarn to a Jonah cutout.

During the Activity: Encourage children to decorate their big fish. Tape the other end of the yarn to the backside of each child's fish at the mouth end. Roll each child's fish into a tube and tape to secure. Tape the tail end closed, then bend the tail end up. Show children how Jonah goes in and out of the big fish.

What You Say:

During the Activity: "Today we are going to make a great big fish like in today's Bible Story. Use the dot marker to decorate your fish. *(Allow time for children to decorate. Clean hands as needed. Then tape their Jonah to the backside. Roll into a tube and tape the edge and the tail end. Bend the tail end up.)* Look! It's a great big fish just like in our story! *(Bring Jonah out of the fish.)* God sent a big fish to swallow Jonah *(make Jonah go into the fish's mouth)* to keep him safe. Jonah prayed for three days while he was in the belly of the big fish. Then God made the big fish spit Jonah out onto dry land. *(Bring Jonah out of the fish.)* God was with Jonah everywhere he went, and God is with us wherever we go too! **[Bottom Line] God is always with you."**

Supplies

Story Time	Quantity
1. Preschool Bible	1
2. "Story Pictures" Activity Pages copied on cardstock	1

Craft Time	Quantity
1. "Jonah in the Big Fish" Activity Page	1
2. Cardstock	Several
3. Dot markers	Several
4. Yarn	Several
5. Clear packing tape	1
6. Scissors	1
7. Baby wipes	1
8. Permanent marker	Several

WEEK

THREE

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Today's Suggested Schedule—September 2026, Week 3

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Story Time

- Draw It

Craft Time

- Wherever You Go Car Hanger



Bible Story

Jonah • Jonah 1–3:3

Bottom Line

God is always with you.

Bible Words

"God is with you wherever you go." • Joshua 1:9 NLT

5 min

Story Time

5 min

Story Time

What You Need

 Preschool Bible	1
 Butcher paper	1
 Washable markers (several per Small Group)	Several

What You Say:

LEADER: * "Hello, friends! I'm so happy to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's story from the Bible *(hold up the Bible) is about a man named Jonah. (Draw a simple stick man Jonah.) God told Jonah to go to a place called Nineveh. But Jonah was scared, and got on a boat and went the other way! (Draw a boat on/around Jonah with straight blue lines under and out to the side of the boat.)

"While Jonah was on the boat, a strong wind started to blow, and it rocked the boat back and forth. (Draw wavy blue lines under the boat.) Jonah got off the boat and into the water (draw Jonah in the water), then God sent a BIG FISH to swallow him up! (Draw a big fish outline over Jonah.) Jonah was safe inside the big fish because God was with him! Jonah talked and prayed to God, and after three days, God made the big fish spit Jonah out onto dry land! (Draw Jonah on dry land.) Jonah was safe! God was always with Jonah, and **[Bottom Line] God is always with you.**"

5 min

Craft Time

5 min

Craft Time

What You Need

	"Wherever You Go Car Hanger" Activity Page	1
	Cardstock (one piece for every three children)	1
	Dot markers (several per child)	Several
	Baby wipes	1
	Permanent marker	Several
	Scissors	1

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Print "Wherever You Go Car Hanger" on cardstock and cut, one cutout per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

During the Activity: Encourage children to decorate their car hanger. Clean hands as needed.

What You Say:

During the Activity: "Today we learned that God was with Jonah everywhere he went. When Jonah was in the boat, in the water, inside the fish, and in Nineveh! Wherever Jonah went, God was always with Jonah, and **[Bottom Line] God is always with you.** Decorate your picture from our story about Jonah so you can remember that God is with you wherever you go too! *(Allow time to decorate, then clean hands as needed.)* Great job!"

Supplies

Story Time		Quantity
1.	Preschool Bible	1
2.	Butcher paper	1
3.	Washable markers (several per Small Group)	Several

Craft Time		Quantity
1.	"Wherever You Go Car Hanger" Activity Page	1
2.	Cardstock (one piece for every three children)	1
3.	Dot markers (several per child)	Several
4.	Baby wipes	1
5.	Permanent marker	Several
6.	Scissors	1

WEEK

FOUR

Toddlers | W4

Today's Suggested Schedule—September 2026, Week 4

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Story Time

- Act It

Craft Time

- Jonah in the Story



Bible Story

Jonah • Jonah 1–3:3

Bottom Line

God is always with you.

Bible Words

"God is with you wherever you go." • Joshua 1:9 NLT

5 min

Story Time

5 min

Story Time

What You Need

	Preschool Bible	1
	Little People® man	1
	18-ounce blue plastic cup	Several
	Toy boat	1
	Fine grit sandpaper	1
	Blue crepe paper streamers	Several

What You Do:

- Tear several pieces of streamers, 12-16 inches long, and lay them on the floor.
- Position the sandpaper on one side of the streamers.
- Place the cup on its side and the boat in the streamers, apart from each other.

What You Say:

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm so happy to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) is about a man named Jonah. (*Hold up the Little People man.*) Say, Hi Jonah. (*With children*) Hi Jonah! God wanted Jonah to go to Nineveh, but he got in a boat (*put Jonah in the boat*) and went the other way! While Jonah was on the boat, a strong wind started to blow, and it rocked the boat back and forth. Jonah got off the boat and into the water (*put Jonah in the water*), then God sent a BIG FISH to swallow him up! (*Put Jonah inside the cup.*) Jonah was safe inside the big fish because God was with him! Jonah talked and prayed to God, and after three days, God made the big fish spit Jonah out onto dry land! (*Pick up the cup and dump Jonah onto the sandpaper.*) Jonah was safe! God was always with Jonah, and [*Bottom Line*] God is always with you."*

5 min

Craft Time

5 min

Craft Time

What You Need

	"Jonah in the Story" Activity Page	1
	Cardstock	Several
	Self-inking heart stamps (several per Small Group)	Several
	Baby wipes	1
	Permanent marker	Several

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Print "Jonah in the Story" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

During the Activity: Help children point to and stamp each place God was with Jonah in the story picture. Clean hands as needed.

What You Say:

During the Activity: "Let's make a story picture of all the places God was with Jonah. God told Jonah to go to Nineveh, but Jonah got in a boat and went the other way. Let's point to the boat. *(Pause.)* That's right! God was with Jonah in the boat. Let's stamp the boat with our heart stamp. *(Pause.)* A big storm started, and Jonah got out of the boat and into the water. God sent a big fish to keep Jonah safe. The big fish swallowed Jonah. Point to the big fish in the water. *(Pause.)* That's right! God was with Jonah when he was in the great big fish! Let's stamp the fish with our heart stamp. *(Pause.)* Jonah prayed and talked to God, and after three days, the big fish spit Jonah out onto dry land. Let's point to the dry land. *(Pause.)* That's right! God was with Jonah on the dry land, and when he went to Nineveh. Let's stamp the dry land with our heart stamp. *(Pause.)* Look at all the hearts on your paper. *(Pause.)* That's right! That is a whole lot of love and shows us that God was always with Jonah, and **[Bottom Line] God is always with you."**

Supplies

Story Time	Quantity
1. Preschool Bible	1
2. Little People® man	1
3. 18-ounce blue plastic cup	Several
4. Toy boat	1
5. Fine grit sandpaper	1
6. Blue crepe paper streamers	Several

Craft Time	Quantity
1. "Jonah in the Story" Activity Page	1
2. Cardstock	Several
3. Self-inking heart stamps (several per Small Group)	Several
4. Baby wipes	1
5. Permanent marker	Several