



WEEK 2

PRESCHOOL LESSON OUTLINE

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THE BIG IDEA

Wait and see, the Savior will change everything.

THE BIBLE

John Tells People About Jesus:
John 1:19-28

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

WELCOME TIME

- MUSIC** | Worship
- ACTIVITY** | Switch It Up!
- POLL** | Do You Wish You Could Change?

DISCUSSION TIME

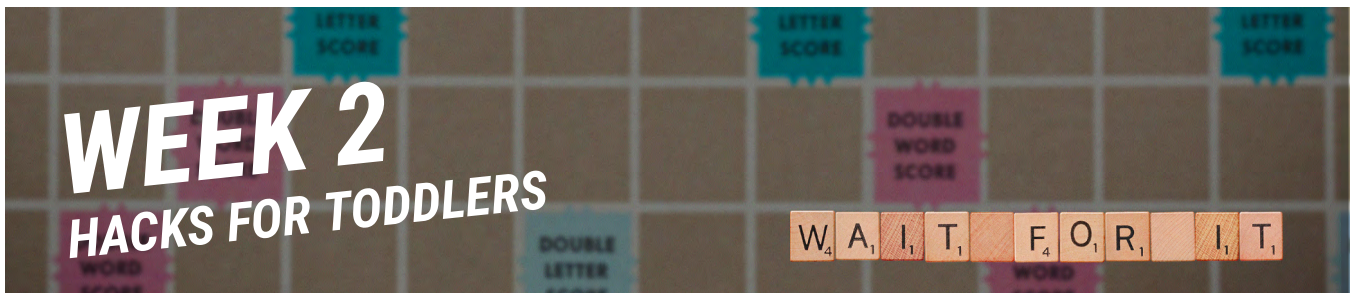
- SNACK** | Sandals
- ACTIVITY** | Changing Colors
- ACTIVITY** | Ready Prayer One
- MEMORY VERSE** | Micah 7:7 (NIV)

TEACHING TIME

- SCRIPTURE** | John 1:19-28
- THE BIG IDEA** | Wait and see, the Savior will change everything.
- VIDEO** | Wait For It, Episode 2
- ACTIVITY** | Worth the Wait
- PRAYER**

PLAY TIME

- ACTIVITY** | Coloring Page
- ACTIVITY** | The Waiting Game
- ACTIVITY** | Waiting to Grow



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HOW TO HACK THIS SERIES FOR TODDLERS

In children's ministry, you've got a wide range of ages you need to engage every week, but toddlers tend to get overlooked. But you know your toddlers need more than just babysitting, so here are a few adjustments you can make to this week in order to keep your toddlers more engaged.

POLL | Do You Wish You Could Change?

Prepare a twinkle light necklace kids can take turns wearing (or provide one for each kid). As they look at the lights changing color, ask them if they like when the lights change or when they stay the same.

ACTIVITY | Changing Colors

Use color with water activity books or Crayola Color Wonder kits to show how color appears even though you can't see it on the tips of the brush or marker.

MEMORY VERSE | Micah 7:7 (NIV)

Arrange the memory verse pages in a straight line and space them out. Have kids form a line behind you. Hop to the first box and say the words in that box. Have kids copy you. Keep going until you get to the end of the verse.

ACTIVITY | Waiting to Grow

Provide a bin of water and a grow-in-water toy for each toddler. Have them watch the toys enlarge in the water.



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PRESCHOOL LESSON GUIDE

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WELCOME TIME

MUSIC | Worship

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Prepare to lead the kids into a fun time of worship with songs like, "[Too Wonderful](#)."

ACTIVITY | Switch It Up!

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Start a simple relay race across the room. But the leader has the power to change the way the kids can run! Encourage the kids to crawl, skip, run slowly, etc. This race isn't about winning, but about the challenge of switching the moves to complete the race.
- **How did it feel to have to switch up the moves over and over?**
- Doing the same thing can be boring or it can be comfortable because we know it well. But when God brings change, it's always a good thing!

POLL | Do You Wish You Could Change?

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Line up all of the kids on one side of the room. As you ask the questions, instruct the kids to take one step forward if their answer is yes and to stay where they are if their answer is no.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Prepare a [twinkle light necklace](#) kids can take turns wearing (or provide one for each kid). As they look at the lights changing color, ask them if they like when the lights change or when they stay the same.
- **Do you wish you could change . . .**
 - how old you are?

- how tall you are?
- how many brothers and sisters you have?
- where you live?
- your hair color?

TEACHING TIME

SCRIPTURE | John 1:19-28

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Explain the different motions you'd like the kids to do while they listen to the story. Tell them to shrug their shoulders every time the Jewish people are confused about John the Baptist, shake their heads "No" every time John tells them that he is not the Savior, and put their thumbs up whenever John tells them about the Savior.
- Our story this week begins where we left off last week. Last week, we heard all about a special man named John the Baptist, who was preparing the way for Jesus the Savior by telling people all about Jesus and baptizing the people in water.
- Because John was telling everyone around him about the Savior and baptizing them, the Jewish leaders sent people called the Levites to ask John who he was (*Shrug your shoulders*). John explained to the Levites that he was not the Savior (*Shake your head*), but a messenger.
- John told them he was making way for the Savior (*Put your thumbs up*). But the Pharisees and the Levites were still confused (*Shrug your shoulders*). They asked why he was baptizing people if he was not the Savior.
- John told them when he baptized people with water, he didn't really wash away their sin – he just helped people decide in their hearts to ask God for forgiveness. But the Savior could actually wash away our sins (*Put your thumbs up*)! John said that the Savior was coming and they should all be ready to receive his message (*Put your thumbs up*).

THE BIG IDEA | Wait and see, the Savior will change everything.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Use the giant dice from last week and encourage the kids to take turns passing and rolling the dice. When they roll two of the same number, they get to uncover the Big Idea! Then, ask all of the kids to say the Big Idea together.
- Now for one more roll, everyone give me a drumroll!
- Today's Big Idea is . . . **Wait and see, the Savior will change everything.**

VIDEO | Wait For It, Episode 2

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's preschool [teaching video](#).

ACTIVITY | Worth the Wait

- **Can you think of something that changes into something completely different over time?** The first thing I thought of was a caterpillar!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each kid a handful of pompoms, half a pipe cleaner, and a clothespin.

Have kids glue pompoms on one side of the clothespin. Open the pin and insert the pipe cleaner, forming the antenna. Then give kids a small piece of colored gift tissue and have them pinch the paper in half to form a butterfly (Check out the pictures [here](#)).

- You see how your caterpillar became a butterfly! In real life, a caterpillar takes about nine to fourteen days to become a butterfly. And when it becomes a butterfly, it looks almost completely different than what it looked like as a caterpillar. And it can even fly now!
- Sometimes change happens very slowly and it's easy to get impatient. But God reminds us that waiting for our Savior, Jesus, is worth the wait. When Jesus came to earth, everything was better. That's the message John the Baptist was telling everyone – **wait and see, the Savior will change everything.**

PRAYER

- Dear God, sometimes we might not like change because it makes us give up something we are used to. But remind us that when it's Jesus making the change, the change is always good. Thank you for changing everything. Amen.

DISCUSSION TIME

SNACK | Sandals

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Before the kids arrive, use icing to create a sandal pattern like [this](#) on top of a Nutter Butter. Remind the kids that John said he wasn't even good enough to untie Jesus' sandals. If you have kids with peanut allergies, have your group use half a graham cracker to decorate instead.
- John the Baptist said that Jesus was so much greater, that John wasn't good enough to untie Jesus' shoes!
- **Do you like waiting? Why or why not?**
- **What is something you can't wait to do?**
- **What do you do when you feel like you can't wait anymore?**

ACTIVITY | Changing Colors

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each kid a [scratch art ornament](#) and a stylus. Have them decorate it however they'd like but point out how the colors change with each stroke. Pro tip: Use double-sided tape to secure the ornament so that it doesn't move too much while the kids try to decorate.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Use [color with water](#) activity books or [Crayola Color Wonder kits](#) to show how color appears even though you can't see it on the tips of the brush or marker.
- Notice how all the colors changed while you were decorating? Maybe you really wanted one part of your ornament to stay in one color, but the paper changed the color on you!
- Things don't always work out the way we wish they did. We don't always get everything we want. But when plans change on us, we have to remember that if God is in charge, those changes are so much better than what we were thinking.

- Look at all your ornaments! You see . . . change can be beautiful!
- **Wait and see, the Savior will change everything.**

ACTIVITY | Ready Prayer One

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Prepare copies of handouts that have a virtual reality (VR) headset printed on them. Have kids draw a picture of something they might have to wait a while for . . . like what they might be when they grow up.
- **What is something you pray you might have or see in the future?**
- We can pray to God and God hears us and answers us. But sometimes God wants us to wait until the right time.
- That's what God did with Jesus – God sent the Savior at just the right time to change the world forever!
- **Wait and see, the Savior will change everything.**

MEMORY VERSE | Micah 7:7 (NIV)

- Our memory verse today is super important! To help us remember, we're going to hopscotch and dance our way through the hopscotch board!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Create a hopscotch pattern on the floor by arranging the pages of the memory verse printable in a [hopscotch](#) pattern. Reinforce the papers with clear packing tape so they won't rip as kids hop over them. Have kids read the words of each box that they hop to. At the end of the hopscotch, tell the kids to make up a fun dance and dance to the back of the line. Play some upbeat music while the kids do this activity.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Arrange the memory verse pages in a straight line and space them out. Have kids form a line behind you. Hop to the first box and say the words in that box. Have kids copy you. Keep going until you get to the end of the verse.

PLAY TIME

While you're waiting for parents to pick up their kids . . .

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Provide this week's coloring page and some crayons or markers. Review today's Bible story and Big Idea as the kids color.

ACTIVITY | The Waiting Game

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Every week in Wait For It, try out a new board game with your kids to reinforce the idea of having to wait before getting a win. You can play any game you have available, but you might want to check out "[Gobbler Gobblers](#)," which is a fun twist on tic-tac-toe!

ACTIVITY | Waiting to Grow

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each kid a [clear container](#) with a small handful of [water beads](#) inside. Pour some water into the bowls. Have kids play with the beads inside the water and see if they can tell that it's growing. Provide a lid so that kids can take them home so the beads can continue to grow. Alternatively, you can use these [grow-in-water capsules](#).
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Provide a bin of water and a [grow-in-water toy](#) for each toddler. Have them watch the toys enlarge in the water.

Encourage your preschoolers to help clean up the room while they wait for their parents.