

Week 1 Sample of the ABCJesusLovesMe.com 3 Year Curriculum

Items Needed:

These are suggested supplies and may be substituted with items you already have in your home.

Tactile Number: 0

Books: Bible, Five Little Ducks

CD-Rom: Charlie Church Mouse Preschool

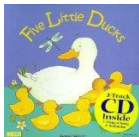
Video: Boz Colors and Shapes

Worksheets: First Day of Preschool, Objective Checklist, Building with Colors, Five Little Ducks, Creation Wheel, Number 0, Creation Day 1, Creation Day 2, Creation Day 3, "I am Learning..." Objective Poster (available in the 3 Year Workbook), Memory Verse Cards (available in the 3 Year Workbook)

Activities: Flashlight, blank sheets of paper, crayons, ingredients for homemade ice cream (see below), sidewalk chalk, water in a bucket, sponge, ingredients to make cookies (see below), brad, construction paper, glue, Creation Snacks (see below), sticky tack

Objectives:

The objectives are the goals that you desire to introduce to your child during the week's time. I suggest using the Introduce, Recognize, Identify teaching strategy - ABCJesusLovesMe.com/ideas/how-to-teach - to help your child learn each point. All objectives do not need to be covered each day but can be spread throughout the week.

<p>Bible Story: Creation Days 1-3 Scripture: Genesis 1 <i>The New Bible in Pictures for Little Eyes</i> : pg 14-17 <i>The Beginner's Bible</i> : pg 7-13 <i>My Story Bible</i>: pg 8-9 <i>Through the Bible in Felt</i>: Story #1</p>	<p>Verse: Genesis 1:1 - In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <i>Tune: Are You Sleeping</i> In the beginning, (2x) God created (2x) The heavens and earth (2x) Genesis 1:1 (2x)</p>
<p>Comprehension Questions: What is your favorite activity to do during the day? What is your favorite activity to do during the night? What is your favorite activity to do in the water?</p>	<p>What did God create on Day 1, Day 2, Day 3? God created the sky and water. Why is water important to us? God created everything. God gave us day and night. Why do we need night time?</p>
<p>Bible Song: This is the Day (<i>Traditional</i>) This is the day (echo) That the Lord has made (echo) I will rejoice (echo) And be glad in it (echo) This is the day that the Lord has made I will rejoice and be glad in it This is the day (echo) That the Lord has made</p>	<p>Poem: Seven Days (<i>Author unknown</i>) <i>Tune: Are You Sleeping? or Where is Thumbkin?</i> Seven days, seven days In a week, in a week Sunday, Monday, Tuesday Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Saturday, that's a week</p>
<p>Colors: Black, White, Blue Number: 0 Number Rhyme: Around, around, around you go. That's the way to make zero!</p>	<p>Book for the Week:  <i>Five Little Ducks</i> by Various Authors</p>
<p>Fine Motor Skill: Draw My Family</p>	<p>Gross Motor Skill: Put the Fire Out</p>

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Suggested Activities:

The activities below are merely suggestions to help teach the objectives for the week. Pick and choose activities that your child would enjoy and fit into your schedule. As much as possible, include the learning into play time, craft time, and current activities - tinyurl.com/incorporate-learning.

• "I am Learning" Objective Poster:



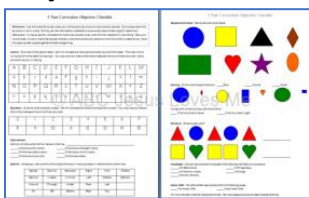
Optional Addition: One of the best ways that I have found to keep track of what the child is to be introduced to (the objectives) and incorporate the objectives into daily activities and play is to use the "I am Learning..." Objective Poster. Transfer the objectives (above) to the sheet and hang it on your refrigerator or prominent place to help you and others remember the objectives for the week. By placing the poster in a dry erase pocket or a picture frame and using a dry erase marker, the sheet is reusable from week to week. *This printable is only available in the 3 Year Workbook.*

• First Day of 3 Year Curriculum:



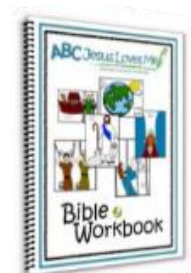
Use the First Day of Preschool poster to create a precious photo op to remember today. *Be sure to tag #ABCJLM or @ABCJesusLovesMe when you post the image on social media!*

• Objective Checklist:



Use the 3 Year Objective Checklist to determine what your child knows and to check for learning along the way. Tips - ABCJesusLovesMe.com/ideas/objective-checklist

• Bible:



- Each of the Bible lessons include at least one ABCJLM Bible Workbook sheets. These worksheets are found in the *ABCJLM Bible Workbook* available to purchase. This week have the child decorate the Creation Day 1, Day 2, and Day 3 worksheets. Use this time to work on colors and fine motor skill by using broken crayons, colored pencils, or fingerpaint.

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- While it is an investment, for toddler and preschoolers I believe flannelgraph is one of the best ways to teach Bible stories. Because of this, in each lesson plan, you will see story numbers associated to the Betty Lukens *Through the Bible in Felt Teacher Manual*. The Bible story, as well as a list of the needed flannelgraph scenes, characters, and props, are listed to help you tell the story. Read more about "Using Flannelgraph." ABCJLM Video: <https://tinyurl.com/usingflannelgraph>

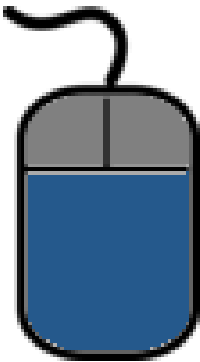


- Help reinforce creation with fun snacks. (Image shared by Megan)

Day 1 (Day, Night) - Oreo cookies, chocolate and vanilla chips

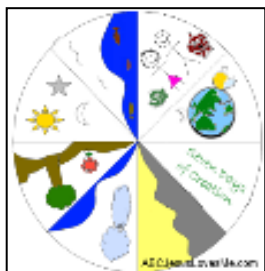
Day 2 (Sky, Water) - Blue Jello and marshmallows or cool whip clouds

Day 3 (Land, Plants) - Make plants and flowers with stick pretzels, colored M&M's, and raisins



- Play the "Creation" adventure on the *Charlie Church Mouse Preschool Cd-Rom*. Read more... tinyurl.com/charlie-churchmouse

- As you read the story, have the child give a thumbs up every time God says, "It is good!"



- Creation Wheel (Adapted from *Big Book of Christian Crafts*)

Print the black and white Creation wheel template on cardstock and then cut out the circle. Add a title to the empty segment. Color the

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pictures. Using construction paper, trace and cut out a second circle the same size. Cut out a "pie" segment from the second circle that is slightly smaller than one segment on the first circle. Make sure not to cut all the way into the center. Insert a brad (paper fastener) into the center of both circles with the second circle on top. Review the creation story by turning the top wheel to expose the pictures below. You can also create your own wheel by cutting two circles and drawing or using stickers for the seven days of Creation.

• Comprehension Questions:

Use these questions when planning the story and at the end of the week use them to check for understanding of the Bible story.

• Memory Verse:



Optional Addition: Memory Verse Cards are a wonderful tool to learn the memory verses. Each card contains the verse, reference, a corresponding picture, and a piggyback song or CD to sing the verse. Also listed is the week the verse is used in the ABCJLM Lesson Plans (i.e. 3 Year Week 6). Cut out and glue both the front and back of each card to cardstock for extra durability. Rubber band together or hole punch and combine with a c-ring. Keep in the car, by the child's bed, or near the dinner table for quick reference and review for the whole family. *This printable is only available in the 3 Year Workbook.*

• Song:

- The songs chosen are old "Sunday School" favorites and are added to heighten the curriculum. I have tried to choose ones that are familiar to most, but if the song is not known any Bible song can be used. Most songs can be found on Amazon through MP3 download or on several Bible Songs CDs available to purchase. It is best to learn the song yourself and then teach the child the song in slow, small sections. Use the CD once the song is learned.



Optional Addition:

Available as a digital download, the 3 Year Bible Song Cards consists of 26 cards containing the Bible Songs used in the 3 Year Curriculum. Also included are 2 extra cards to create your own. Print, hole punch, and bind together for easy access and mobility.

• Poem:

Traditional poems and nursery rhymes help children with rhyme, fine motor skills, and rhythm as well as beginning reading. Assist the child in performing actions to the poems and quote them very slowly at first to help the children correctly learn the words. Quote them throughout the day (e.g. while driving, in the bathtub, while washing hands).

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Optional Addition:

Available as a digital download, the 3 Year Poem Cards printable is made up of 25 cards containing the poems used in the 3 Year Curriculum. Also included are 3 extra cards to create your own.

• Colors:

- Focus on the colors of Creation in the Bible story and snacks. (e.g. black - darkness, blue - water, white - clouds in the sky)



- For the next few weeks, use the Building with Colors worksheet to build a color ice cream cone. This week add the black, blue, and white ice cream scoops.



- View *Boz Colors and Shapes* and discover God's world through colors and shapes!

• Number:



- Create a Number Book using the number poster to introduce the child to several art media and counting. After decorating the poster using the suggested medium, add the appropriate number of stickers to the poster. At the end of the curriculum, a book will be created for numbers 0-15. For this week, use black, white, and blue crayons to color the Number 0 poster. Because zero can be hard concept to understand, explain that zero means none and put no stickers on the poster. Play a game asking the child to jump up and down, clap, and say his name zero times.

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- Tactile letters and numbers (also called sandpaper or textured) are key to the 3 Year Old Curriculum. Because many 3-year-olds do not have the fine motor skills for handwriting activities, this curriculum emphasizes tracing the letters and numbers with the child's finger. Using the roughness of sand, glitter glue, or yarn adds one more aspect of learning. The ABCJLM website contains a plethora of simple ideas to make or purchase your own tactile letter set. As the child traces the tactile numbers, be sure to say the Number Rhyme. This helps the child learn the correct formation. ABCJesusLovesMe.com/ideas/tactile-letters-numbers



- *For older children or those with strong fine motor skills:* If the child is ready for basic writing of numbers but not ready for the intensity of the 4 Year Curriculum, use the Number Posters to teach the correct formation. Add green and red dots to the posters and teach the formation using the Number Rhymes. Encourage the child to stay between the lines when forming each number. (Original source of Number Rhymes unknown.)

• **Calendar Activity** - From Starfall.com, this activity is a great start to the day. The activity reinforces numbers, days of the week, and months of the year. tinyurl.com/calendar-activity

• Book of the Week:

- Fingerplay - *After reading the book several times, sing the song while doing the actions by memory.*

Number - show the number of ducks on your fingers

Over the hills - move hand in front of you like you are going up and down over hills

Far away - move opposite hand in front of you in same motion

Quack - move hand like a duck's beak saying "quack"



- Color and cut apart the Five Little Ducks worksheet. Back each duck with sticky tape and post. Sing the song or read the book and have the child remove one duck for each verse (begin with Duck #5). To make the activity more difficult, scramble the ducks so that the numbers are not in order.

- As the book progresses, sing each verse in a "sadder" voice. Talk about the feeling of "sadness." Show a "sad" face. Talk about things that make us sad just like the Mommy Duck in the story.

- Practice counting backwards from 5 to 1 using your fingers. This is a great fine-motor activity.

- Visit a local pond and feed the ducks.

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- **Family Fun** - Create a family tradition of making homemade ice cream in a bag or in a coffee can. Correlate with the ice cream cone "Building with Colors" activity.

Ingredients:

1 tablespoon sugar

½ cup milk, cream, or half and half

¼ teaspoon vanilla extract

Place the three ingredients in a quart-sized zip-top bag or a small coffee can. Mix and seal the container very well. *Because the seal may not hold through the mixing process, you may want to tape the seals closed.* If possible, refrigerate this mixture for a few hours to speed up the freezing process. Place the well-sealed zip-top bag in a gallon-sized zip-top bag or the small coffee can inside a large coffee can. Place crushed ice cubes and approximately 1/2 cup rock salt inside the larger containers to surround the smaller bag or can. Seal the larger bag or coffee can very well. Then shake and roll the containers for 5-10 minutes until the mixture turns into ice cream. Carefully open the smaller container making sure that the water and salt freezing ingredients do not come in contact with the ice cream. Grab a spoon and enjoy!

• Fine Motor Skill:



Periodically throughout the curriculum, the child will be instructed to draw his family. This can be a daunting task for some children. Begin by demonstrating how to draw a person. Use simple shapes for parts and explain what you are doing as you draw. Let your child assist in the process. Later in the week, give your child a chance to try it himself. For more ideas read, "Teaching Your Child How to Draw a Person" - tinyurl.com/draw-person

• Gross Motor Skill:



Gross motor skills are big motor skills (e.g. running, jumping, hopping etc.). They require balance and coordination. Each lesson plan will include an activity to help improve the child's gross-motor skills. This week, play "Put the Fire Out," a fun outside activity that involves sidewalk chalk, water, and a sponge. Begin by drawing a ladder on cement with sidewalk chalk. Draw a fire at the top of the ladder. Place a bucket and a sponge at the bottom of the ladder. Have the child wet the sponge and jump between the rungs of the ladder to get to the fire. Once at the fire, squeeze the sponge over the fire to put it out! (*Idea from YourTherapySource.com*)

Be sure to look over the Development Guide – 3 Year so that you are familiar with developmental milestones for your child's age. - ABCJesusLovesMe.com/ideas/developmental-guide-3-year

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Daily Schedule - Week 1

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Bible Story	Creation Days 1-3		
	Creation Wheel	Creation Wheel	ABCJLM Bible Worksheets
Verse	Genesis 1:1 - In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.		
Song	This is the Day	This is the Day	This is the Day
Poem & Rhyme	Seven Days	Seven Days	Seven Days
Colors	Ice Cream Cone	<i>View Boz: Colors and Shapes</i>	Colored Foods
Number	Tactile Number	Number 0 Poster	
Book of the Week	Read	Fingerplay	Five Little Ducks Printable
Motor Skill	Draw "My Family"		Play "Put the Fire Out"
Other	Objective Checklist	Objective Checklist	Make Homemade Ice Cream