

**Huddleston  
Academy  
Curriculum**

**Toddler 2's**

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from *"With the Huddleston's"***

### **Brief Schedule:**

(Since two-year-old's have somewhat of a short attention span, it is important to keep teaching and learning time short and fun.)

- set aside 2-3 days per week (more or less if you need)
- do focused-teaching and learning for at least 20-30 minutes (some kiddos may need more or less)
- choose the best time of day for you and your toddler

### **What to teach:**

(Ages 2-5 are prime years for our youngn's. Their brains are growing at rapid rates and they are taking in everything around them.)

#### *Key concepts taught/learned:*

- biblical stories, verse memorization
- age-appropriate books
- songs, poems, and nursery rhymes
- personal information (first and last name)
- animals
- colors
- shapes
- introduction to alphabet
- numbers (1-20)
- clothing
- body parts
- small/gross motor skills

### **How to teach concepts (introduce, recognize, review, and retain):**

(I recommend an **IR3**\* kind of teaching structure. Before beginning to teach your two-year-old, make sure he/she can sit quietly for a certain amount of time.)

- **Sitting quietly.** First and foremost, it is important that your child can sit quietly for a limited amount of time. This amount of time may be different for each child but it should at least be enough time for you to **introduce** a concept.

- **Introduce.** If you can get at least **5 minutes**, that is a start. Use those 5 minutes to **introduce** a new topic and discuss characteristics about it. For example, when introducing a circle, you could say, *"This is a circle. It is round like a clock. "*
- **Recognize.** To help your child recognize the concept (for example, the circle), get them actively involved through pointing to the shape, painting, coloring, and/or singing about the circle. Most two-year-old's actively learn through play, so making learning fun is another way to keep their attention.
- **Review.** Reviewing a concept is key to bridging the gaps between something being taught and learned. Review should happen as much as needed in order for your child to learn a concept. Memorization is usually the main goal at this age, and that is okay because of the reiteration of the concepts over time.
- **Retain.** Retaining a concept that's taught is met when the child can identify the concept independently. For example, if you ask your child, *"What shape is that?"* He or she should be able to point to a shape and say its shape name. I recommend to continue reviewing (quizzing) although they may show signs of having learned a concept.

*\*I have not seen the term/acronym **IR3** used in reference to the education field. I ask that if you use this method and/or share this method with others, please link Huddleston Academy and this blog.\**

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### **Lesson Plan ideas:**

(Feel free to make any necessary changes to the following plans to fit your homeschool schedule. The plans below are based on a 3 day per week, 30 minutes per day schedule. Just an idea. . . .the 30 minutes can be broken up into 3 ten-minute blocks, or 2 fifteen-minute blocks. Information on books of the week can be found here.)

- **Week 1:**
  - Bible- Creation day 1 (Genesis 1)
  - Theme: day and night (opposites)
  - Song- This Little Light of Mine
  - Letter- A
  - Number- 1
  - Color- Red
  - Shape- Circle
  - Personal information- learn first name

- Manners- sitting quietly (respect)
- Fine motor skill- coloring (letter A, number 1, circle shape)
- Gross motor skill- jumping out each letter of first name
- Book of the week: *Peek Inside Nighttime*



- **Week 2:**

- Bible- Creation day 2 (Genesis 1)
- Theme- sky (expanse and/or firmament)
- Poem- Pat-a-Cake
- Letter- B
- Number- 2
- Color- Orange
- Shape- Triangle
- Personal information- learn first name
- Manners- saying "please"
- Fine motor skill- sorting blocks
- Gross motor skill- bear crawl and crab walks
- Book of the week: *100 Things to Spot in the Night Sky*



- **Week 3:**

- Bible- Creation day 3 (Genesis 1)
- Theme- sea, land, grass, and fruit trees
- Memory Verse - Genesis 1:1
- Letter- C
- Number- 3

- Color- Yellow
- Shape- Square
- Personal information- learn first name
- Manners- saying "thank you"
- Fine motor skill- foam puzzles
- Gross motor skill- lunges
- Book of the week: *1, 2, 3 by the Sea*



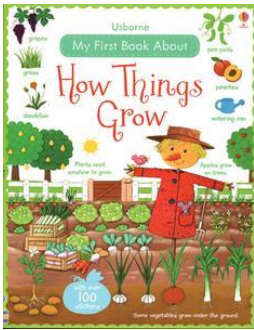
- **Week 4 (review week):**

- Bible- Creation days 1-3 (Genesis 1)
- Theme- day/night, sky, sea, and land
- Song- This Little Light of Mine
- Poem- Pat-a-Cake
- Memory Verse- Genesis 1:1
- Letters- A-C
- Number- 1-3
- Color- Red, Orange, Yellow
- Shape- Circle, Triangle, Square
- Personal information- first name
- Manners- sitting quietly, saying "please" and "thank you"
- Fine motor skill- stacking blocks
- Gross motor skill- arm circles and knee lifts
- Book of the week: *Get Dressed Max and Millie, Cats Cats, and 1, 2, 3 by the Sea*

- **Week 5:**

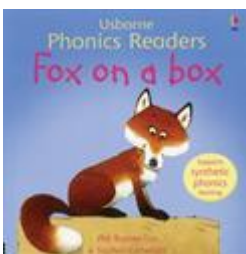
- Bible- Creation day 3 (Genesis 1)
- Theme- plants
- Song- Let's Plant a Garden (click [here](#) for YouTube video)
- Letter- D

- Number- 4
- Color- Green
- Shape- Oval
- Personal information- learn last name
- Manners- sharing
- Fine motor skill- coloring
- Gross motor skill- jumping out each letter of last name
- Book of the week: *How Things Grow*



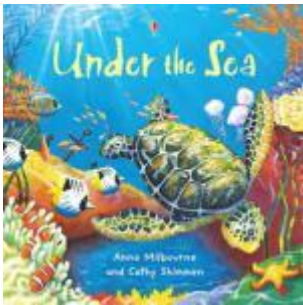
• **Week 6:**

- Bible- Creation day 4 (Genesis 1)
- Theme- sun, moon, and stars
- Poem- Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
- Letter- E
- Number- 5
- Color- Blue
- Shape- Star
- Personal information- learn last name
- Self-help skill- using a spoon and fork
- Fine motor skill- fold paper in half
- Gross motor skill- rolling a large ball
- Book of the week: *Fox on a Box*



- **Week 7:**

- Bible- Creation day 5 (Genesis 1)
- Theme- sea animals and birds
- Song: 5 Little Birds (click [here](#) for YouTube video)
- Letter- F
- Number- 6
- Color- Purple
- Shape- Rectangle
- Personal information- learn last name
- Self-care- washing hands
- Fine motor skill- turn pages in a book
- Gross motor skill- stand on tiptoes
- Book of the week: *Under the Sea*



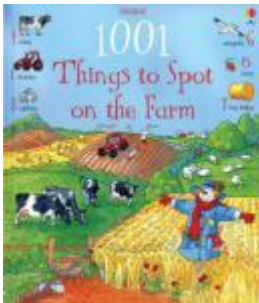
- **Week 8 (review week):**

- Bible- Creation days 3-5 (Genesis 1)
- Theme- plants, sun, moon, stars, sea animals, and birds
- Song- Let's Plant a Garden (click [here](#) for YouTube video)
- Song- 5 Little Birds (click [here](#) for YouTube video)
- Poem- Twinkle Twinkle Little star
- Letter- D-F
- Number- 4-6
- Color- Green, Blue, Purple
- Shape- Oval, Star, Rectangle
- Personal information- last name
- Manners- sharing
- Self-help- using spoon and fork, washing hands
- Fine motor skill- coloring
- Gross motor skill- jumping out each letter of last name

- Book of the week: *How Things Grow, Fox on a Box, Under the Sea*
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- **Week 9:**

- Bible- Creation day 6 (Genesis 1)
- Theme- Animals (Farm)
- Song: Old McDonald had a Farm
- Letter- G
- Number- 7
- Color- White
- Shape- Circle
- Personal information- first and last name
- Self-care- drying hands
- Fine motor skill- tear paper
- Gross motor skill- toss small balls
- Book of the week: *1001 Things to Spot on the Farm*

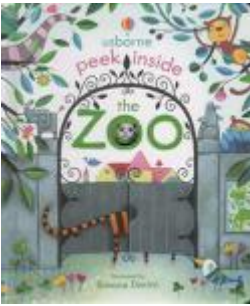


- **Week 10:**

- Bible- Creation day 6 (Genesis 1)
- Theme- animals (zoo)
- Memory verse- Genesis 1:25
- Letter- H
- Number- 8
- Color- Black
- Shape- Triangle
- Personal information- first and last name
- Self-care- place dirty clothes in laundry basket
- Fine motor skill- tower building with blocks
- Gross motor skill- play on riding toys

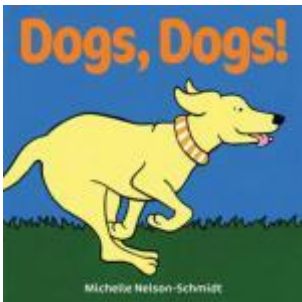


- Book of the week: *Peek Inside Zoo*



- **Week 11:**

- Bible- Creation day 7 (Genesis 1)
- Theme- animals (pets)
- Poem- I Taught my Cat to Clean my Room (Click [here](#) for audible poem)
- Letter- I
- Number- 9
- Color- Gray
- Shape- Square
- Personal information- first and last name
- Manners- asking nicely
- Fine motor skill- properly hold [and use] crayon
- Gross motor skill- jump from a bottom step
- Book of the week: *Dogs Dogs*

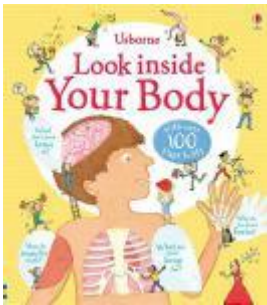


- **Week 12 (review week):**

- Bible- Creation days 6-7 (Genesis 1)
- Theme- animals (farm, zoo, pets)
- Song: Old McDonald had a Farm
- Memory verse- Genesis 1:25
- Poem- I Taught my Cat to Clean my Room
- Letters- G-I

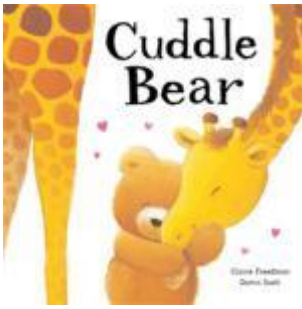


- Number- 11
- Color- Brown
- Shape- Star
- Personal information- Sibling's name(s)
- Self-care- taking off an article of clothing and naming it
- Fine motor skill- playing with natural herb play dough (recipe [here](#))
- Gross motor skill- log rolls
- Book of the week: *Look Inside Your Body*



- **Week 15:**

- Bible- Creation day 6 (Genesis 1, 2)
- Theme- My Emotions
- Scripture: Psalm 139:1-13
- Letter- L
- Number- 12
- Color- Red
- Shape- Rectangle
- Personal information- Sibling's name(s)
- Self-care- putting on and off articles of clothing and naming them
- Fine motor skill- play in sensory bin
- Gross motor skill- hop
- Book of the week: *Cuddle Bear*



- **Week 16 (review week):**

- Bible- Creation day 6 (Genesis 1, 2)
- Theme- People, Me and My Body
- Scripture: Psalm 139:1-13
- Song- God Made Me
- Letters- J-L
- Numbers- 10-12
- Colors- Pink, Brown, Red
- Shapes- Oval, Star, Rectangle
- Personal information- Sibling's name(s)
- Self-care- putting on and off articles of clothing and naming them
- Fine motor skill- stickers
- Gross motor skill- hop over sticks
- Book of the week: *My First Word Book About Me, Look Inside Your Body, Cuddle Bear*

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- **Week 17:**

- Bible- Creation day 7 (Genesis 2)
- Theme- Rest
- Scripture: Genesis 2:2
- Letter- M
- Number- 13
- Color- Orange
- Shape- Circle
- Personal information- Mom's name
- Manners- Say "excuse me"
- Fine motor skill- water play

- Gross motor skill- obstacle course
- Book of the week: *B is for Bedtime*



- **Week 18:**

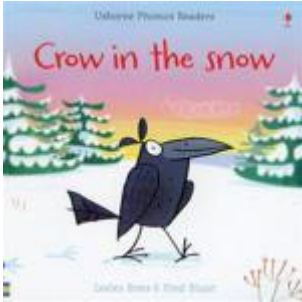
- Bible- Seasons (Genesis 8:22)
- Theme- Winter
- Poem- Winter (click [here](#) for poem)
- Letter- N
- Number- 14
- Color- Yellow
- Shape- Triangle
- Personal information- Mom's name
- Self-help- washing arms in bath tub
- Fine motor skill- baking/stirring
- Gross motor skill- marching
- Book of the week: *Secrets of Winter*



- **Week 19:**

- Bible- Seasons (Genesis 8:22)
- Theme- Winter weather
- Song- I'm a Little Snowman (Click [here](#) for Youtube video)
- Letter- O
- Number- 15

- Color- Green
- Shape- Square
- Personal information- Mom's name
- Self-help- washing legs in bath tub
- Fine motor skill- pick up buttons and put them in a box
- Gross motor skill- waiving a scarf
- Book of the week: *Crow in the Snow*



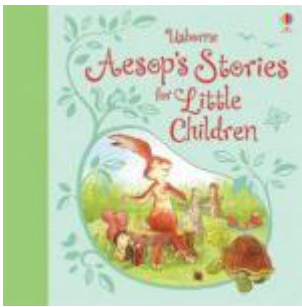
- **Week 20 (review week):**

- Bible- Creation Day 7, Seasons (Genesis 8:22)
- Theme- Rest, Winter
- Scripture- Genesis 2:2
- Poem- Winter (click [here](#) for poem)
- Song- I'm a Little Snowman (Click [here](#) for Youtube video)
- Letters- M-O
- Numbers- 13-15
- Colors- Orange, Yellow, Green
- Shapes- Circle, Triangle, Square
- Personal information- Mom's name
- Manners- say "excuse me"
- Self-help- washing arms/legs in bath tub
- Fine motor skill- crayon rubbing
- Gross motor skill- running
- Book of the week: *B is for Bedtime, Secrets of Winter, Crow in the Snow*

- **Week 21:**

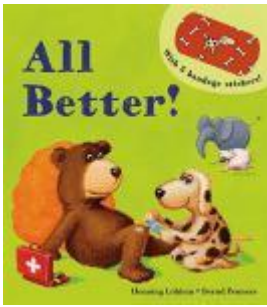
- Bible- Being Thankful (Psalm 107:1)
- Theme- Understanding thankfulness

- Poem- Jack be Nimble
- Letter- P
- Number- 16
- Color- Blue
- Shape- Oval
- Personal information- Dad's name
- Manners- say "you are welcome"
- Fine motor skill- draw straight lines
- Gross motor skill- toss balled up socks
- Book of the week: *The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse*



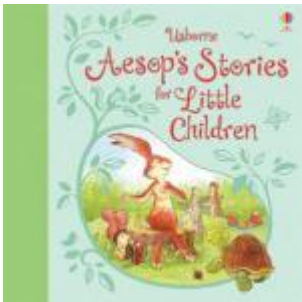
- **Week 22:**

- Bible- Being Sorry (1 John 1:9)
- Theme- Understanding apology
- Song- Saying I'm Sorry (Click [here](#) for YouTube video)
- Letter- Q
- Number- 17
- Color- Purple
- Shape- Star
- Personal information- Dad's name
- Manners- say "I am sorry"
- Fine motor skill- draw circles
- Gross motor skill- play "Mommy says"
- Book of the week: *All Better*



- **Week 23:**

- Bible- My Shepherd (Psalm 23)
- Theme- God is Always With Me
- Memory Verse- Psalm 23:1
- Letter- R
- Number- 18
- Color- White
- Shape- Rectangle
- Personal information- Dad's name
- Self-care- brush teeth
- Fine motor skill- peg puzzles
- Gross motor skill- drum on buckets or pots with a spatula
- Book of the week: *The Sun and the Wind*



- **Week 24 (review week):**

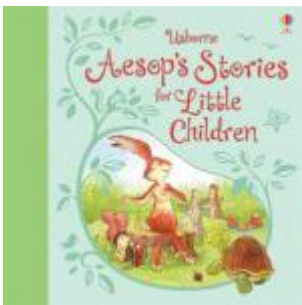
- Bible- Being Thankful (Psalm 107:1), Being Sorry (1 John 1:9), My Shepherd (Psalm 23)
- Theme- Saying sorry, Understanding apology, God is Always with me
- Poem- Jack be Nimble
- Song- Saying I'm Sorry (Click [here](#) for YouTube video)
- Memory verse- Psalm 23:1
- Letters- P-R



- Numbers- 16-18
  - Colors- Blue, Purple, White
  - Shapes- Oval, Star, Rectangle
  - Personal information- Dad's name
  - Manners- say "you are welcome", "I am sorry"
  - Self-care- brush teeth
  - Fine motor skill- tap to a beat
  - Gross motor skill- color hunt
  - Book of the week: *The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse, All Better, The Sun and the Wind*
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- **Week 25:**

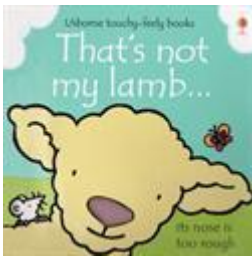
- Bible- My Shepherd (Psalm 23)
- Theme- My Shepherd Love Me Forever
- Memory Verse- 1 John 4:8
- Letter- S
- Number- 19
- Color- Black
- Shape- Circle
- Personal information- birthday month
- Self-care- brush hair
- Fine motor skill- start cutting with scissors
- Gross motor skill- stretching
- Book of the week: *The Ant and the Grasshopper*



- **Week 26:**

- Bible- My Shepherd (Psalm 23)

- Theme- I am His Little Lamb
- Song- I'm His Little Lamb (Click [here](#) for YouTube video)
- Letter- T
- Number- 20
- Color- Pink
- Shape- diamond
- Personal information- birthday month
- Self-care- wash face
- Fine motor skill- writing
- Gross motor skill- V jumps
- Book of the week: *That's Not My Lamb*



- **Week 27:**

- Bible- My Shepherd, Special times with God
- Theme- Talking to God (prayer)
- Memory verse- 1 Thessalonians 5:17
- Letter- U
- Numbers- 19-20
- Color- Gray
- Shape- heart
- Personal information- birthday month
- Self-care- put on shoes
- Fine motor skill- wiggle fingers and toes
- Gross motor skill- play catch
- Book of the week: *Telling the Time*



- **Week 28:**

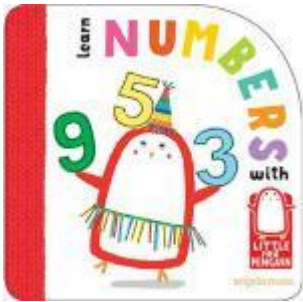
- Bible- Special times with God
- Theme- My Shepherd Loves Me Forever, I am His Little Lamb, Talking to God (prayer)
- Memory verse- 1 John 4:8 and 1 Thessalonians 5:17
- Song- I'm His Little Lamb
- Letters- S-U
- Numbers- 19-20
- Colors- Black, Pink, Gray
- Shapes- circle, diamond, heart
- Personal information- birthday month
- Self-care- brush hair, wash face, put on shoes
- Fine motor skill- snap
- Gross motor skill- dance to music
- Book of the week: *The Ant and the Grasshopper, That's Not My Lamb, Telling the Time*

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- **Week 29:**

- Bible- My Shepherd, Special times with God
- Theme- Talking to God (prayer)
- Bible story- Yeshua (Jesus) shows us how to pray (Matthew 6:9-13)
- Letter- V
- Numbers- 1-5
- Color- brown
- Shape- oval
- Personal information- birthday date [number]
- Self-care- meeting new people, saying "my name is"
- Fine motor skill- color

- Gross motor skill- jump
- Book of the week: *Little Red Penguin Numbers*



- **Week 30:**

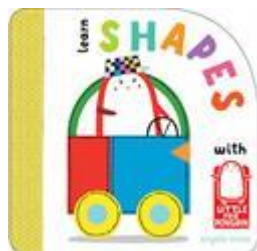
- Bible- My Shepherd, Special times with God
- Theme- Singing praises to God
- Bible passage/reference: Psalm 149
- Letter- W
- Numbers- 6-10
- Colors- red, orange, yellow
- Shapes- circle, triangle, square
- Personal information- birthday month and day
- Self-care- meeting new people, looking people in the eyes
- Fine motor skill- act out This Little Piggie poem
- Gross motor skill- throwing/catching beach ball
- Book of the week: *Little Red Penguin Colors*



- **Week 31:**

- Bible- My Shepherd, Special times with God
- Theme- Giving to God
- Song- A Gift to You (Click [here](#) to see YouTube video)
- Letter- X
- Numbers- 11-15
- Colors- green, blue, purple

- Shape- star, rectangle, heart
- Personal information- birthday month and day
- Self-care- meeting new people, shaking hands
- Fine motor skill- paint
- Gross motor skill- try skipping
- Book of the week: *Little Red Penguin Shapes*



- **Week 32 (review week):**

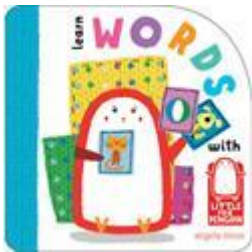
- Bible- My Shepherd, Special times with God
- Theme- Talking to God, Singing praises to God, Giving to God
- Bible passage/reference: Matthew 6:9-13 and Psalm 149
- Song: A Gift to You
- Letters- V-X
- Numbers- 11-15
- Colors- all colors
- Shape- all shapes
- Personal information- birthday month and day
- Self-care- meeting new people, my name is, looking into eyes, and shaking hands
- Fine motor skill- blocks
- Gross motor skill- obstacle course
- Book of the week: *Little Red Penguin Numbers, Colors, and Shapes*

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- **Week 33:**

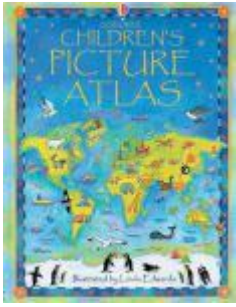
- Bible- Yeshua (Jesus) Loves those Around Me
- Theme- My Family
- Scripture passage- Luke 19:1-10

- Letter- Y and Z
- Numbers- 16-20
- Colors- all
- Shapes- all
- Personal information- home town
- Self-care- help set the table
- Fine motor skill- paint
- Gross motor skill- walk like an animal
- Book of the week: *Little Red Penguin Words*



- **Week 34:**

- Bible- Yeshua (Jesus) Loves those Around Me
- Theme- Friends and strangers
- Bible passage: Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37)
- Poem/Song- Jesus (Yeshua) Loves Everyone (click [here](#) for poem/song)
- Letter- Y and Z
- Numbers- 1-10
- Colors- all
- Shapes- all
- Personal information- state
- Self-care- help make bed
- Fine motor skill- hold pencil correctly
- Gross motor skill- play follow the leader
- Book of the week: *Children's Picture Atlas*



- **Weeks 35 & 36 (review weeks):**

- I recommend using these last two weeks as a review over concepts that your child may not have caught onto as easily as others.
- Remember, it is perfectly okay if they have not remembered every single thing taught to them.
- Keep a journal or note of concepts that need additional work and use these as starting points for the next school year.

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**Optional Additions:** Although I have not written them into each week, other additions that can easily be incorporated into each week are concepts such as *the five senses*, *all seasons*, and *opposites*. :)

**Modifications:** Don't hesitate to make modifications to this lesson plan. This is generally what I aim to do at the two-year-old level. I purposefully left off holiday-related themes, activities, and concepts to accommodate the varying families in the homeschool community. For more information on worksheets, activity, ideas, and so on - visit our [Other Resources](#) page and search the provided links there for material to use for each week beyond what was already provided below.

**Books of the Week(s):** The books of the week are simply what we suggest and are not a must-have. I strongly encourage you to get these books because they are great to have in *every* homeschool library. You can view a price list, bundle price, and option to order on the [Book List](#) page (branched off the *Toddler 2's* curriculum page).

**Let us know** how this lesson plan worked for your two-year-old toddler! Leave us a comment with what worked, what didn't work, and any modifications you made! We can all glean from one another! Happy homeschooling, y'all!

Free printables, activities, and games to use for each week:

- [\*Shapes Coloring Pages\*](#)
- [\*Coloring pages for the Color Red\*](#)
- [\*Coloring pages for Numbers\*](#)
- [\*20 color activities for toddlers\*](#)
- [\*File folder games\*](#)
- [\*Art Activities\*](#)
- [\*Kid-friendly Videos \(Manners\)\*](#)
- [\*40 Fine Motor Skills Activities\*](#)
- [\*Fingerprint Counting Printables\*](#)
- [\*Scissor Practice Printables\*](#)
- [\*Homeschooling with an Active Toddler\*](#)
- [\*Homemade Color Book & Other Activities\*](#)
- [\*Shape Scavenger Hunt\*](#)
- [\*Quiet Time Activities\*](#)