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Toddlers, 2's & 3's

Spiritual Nurture

Bible stories:

Saddleback Kids Animated Bible

Videos: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5aPdmniG3y_n7hXEKTV4qQnIeCe-p6Ws

God's Story: The New Testament Playlist:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZ4gQniUVO8&list=PLactlIEFMk_JfBtv1TGGiYPLPQUOwvKKu

Jesus Time Worship Videos:

The B-I-B-L-E (featuring Jett the Robot)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ahHWtvOmt2E>

Looking at my heart

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AS0Dgv-iJPo>

Jesus Loves Me Remix

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUePulhSqkQ>

Praise Ye The Lord/Hallelujah

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WuODF9Kbgnw>

Jump Around

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x6r3eWJmCbE>

Ohana

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PtaGpePfThI>

Do Not Give Up

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uJ6JQEPADsA>

The Wiggle Worm Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zJETT6h134U>

1-2-3 Jesus is Alive

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N1Ow0K8yQIo>

Cooking Experiences

Making Butter

<http://littlehouseontheprairie.com/making-homemade-butter-with-kids/>

Social Development

Toddler Social Development Activities

https://www.enfamil.com/articles/toddler-social-development-social-activities-toddlers?li_source=LI&li_medium=article-widget

The Best Social-Emotional Development Activities for Toddlers

<https://www.parentingexperttomom.com/how-to-teach-your-toddler-about-emotions-every-day/>

Art/Fine Motor

What is Process Art:

<https://tinkerlab.com/what-is-process-art-for-kids/>

Easter Egg Stamping

<https://buggyandbuddy.com/painting-plastic-easter-eggs/>

20 Plus Process Art Activities

<https://buggyandbuddy.com/20-process-art-activities-preschoolers-using-paint/>

Home-Made Playdough with Kool-Aid

<https://www.food.com/recipe/kool-aid-play-dough-14788>

Fingerpaint with Pudding

<https://thetiptofairy.com/easy-pudding-cup-finger-paints/>

Drawing with Cars

<http://www.housingaforest.com/drawing-with-cars/>

Paper Plate Ring Toss

1. Cut out a large inner circle out of paper plates.
2. Decorate the paper plate circles with “BINGO-Dot Art” paints or any other markers, watercolors, crayons, etc. Let dry.
3. Attach an empty paper towel tube to the middle of another paper plate. *(The heavier the paper plate the better!)*
4. Toss the paper plate rings onto the paper towel tube base.
- 5.



Music and Movement

Learning Station: Boom Chicka Boom

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=69f9sCwhwYk>

Going on a Lion Hunt

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=03i5v1PS7P4>

Dance with scarves to a variety of different tempos and genres of music

[Look up Laurie Berkner Band on YouTube](#)

Literacy

Books and Stories online

Nook Online Storytime

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=nook+online+storytime

Storyberries

<https://www.storyberries.com/bedtime-stories-busy-mother-hen-mothers-day-stories-for-kids/>

Activities to Encourage Your Toddler

<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/activities-encourage-your-toddler>

Math/Science Exploration

Lily Pad Hopping

<https://www.toddlerapproved.com/2011/05/lily-pad-hop.html>

Pond Life

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8EMn_21T4o

Live Cams

<https://explore.org/livecams>

Bird Sounds Listening Activity

<https://www.thingstoshareandremember.com/bird-sounds-listening-activity/>

Binoculars

<https://www.artbarblog.com/bird-finder-binoculars/>

General Ideas

[Teaching Toddlers and Preschoolers](#) on Facebook: Lots of great developmentally appropriate ideas for parents and teachers to use with 2's & 3's

50+ Perfectly Simple Toddler Activities to Try at Home
[toddler-activities/](#)

<https://handsonaswegrow.com/50-toddler-activities/>

20 Super Fun Toddler Learning Activities
[super-fun-toddler-learning-activities/](#)

<https://teaching2and3yearolds.com/20-super-fun-toddler-learning-activities/>

The Best of Toddler Fun Learning | Learning Videos For Toddlers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4HUCJliVbsw>

I serve at Zion Lutheran ECEC in Hinsdale in a relatively young two year old class. My main goal when we first went to being at home was to bring things to them that they were familiar with to lessen their sense of loss. That included me - sent the first video to them shortly after we closed.

We had been working on a transportation unit at school so continued that. All the following was done by posting videos on our private YouTube channel.

Jesus story - Jesus Calms the Storm. My video included a message for the adults watching. Scarves or streamers to make the storm and stop the storm. Simple song to reinforce.

Project - boxes made into cars. I showed them big and little boxes and things they could use for wheels on each. Materials were readily available at home. (Math vocabulary - sizes and shapes)

Ramps for the Cars - things at home, cookie sheets, box lids. What else could you use? What goes faster? What sounds? What happens when there is a rim on lid? (Science, prediction, and vocabulary)

Counting and sorting of the Cars - forwards and backwards to five using musical tones (Music and Math)

Individual pictures of children in Train Cars - We had decorated these at school. Named each child and identified color of train car they were riding in. (One of the children's favorite videos because they could see all their friends.)

Book - Freight Trains by Donald Crews - knew and loved this book from school

I post a Jesus Time on Mondays, a FlipGrid activity on Wednesday, and a story/game/activity on Friday.

Biggest hits with my twos are things that would be similar to our circle time finger plays that use pictures or props. For example we hid a ladybug behind the numbers 1-6. Had a rhyme that we said and then they each got a turn to guess which number it was behind. can adapt to different things hidden and different concepts hidden behind like colors, shapes, letters, etc.

All students thrive on routine. Keep some familiarity in on-line presentations. Sing the 'hello' song, play familiar flannelboard games/songs, end with a prayer or 'good-bye' song.

If students seem uncomfortable with on-line communication, have your screen face your flannel board and let them hear your voice as you sing or use props. Ease into face to face screen time.

Consider having children sit on their parents lap, or maybe sit at the table eating a snack for your zoom/face to face meetings. A child may sit and eat a snack for 10 minutes. This would be a perfect time frame for on-line meetings.

Take familiar home activities like snack time, outside walks, bedtime and give parents suggestions on how to turn those into learning times. Can they look for and count the red cars that they see on their next walk? Can they name all of the colors of their mealtime foods? Can you make a game out of throwing dirty clothes into a laundry basket?

Have parents put together a basket of manipulatives for you to use with on-line interactions. Play games with duplo blocks, colored cereal, crayons, pairs of socks, etc. Model one-to-one correspondence as you

count socks. Name and sort out the colors of Fruit Loop cereal. Hold up two crayons and ask child to match what you're doing.

Set up little hunts as learning activities. Can a tot find something of each color of the rainbow? Talk about finding things of various textures (bumpy, squishy, rough, hard). When outside, can you hunt for natural things like pinecones, seeds, leaves, flowers, rocks, etc? Give parents a sheet of 6 animals for them to cut apart and hide around the house. When the tot finds each animal, give them a few simple facts, and make that animal sound.

Suggest at home play-do toys and a simple play-do recipe. Which type of toys make prints in their play-do? Can they make a play-do and drinking straw sculpture? Break the play-do into small balls/piles, then count.

Encourage movement by dancing to favorite class songs, or play 'freeze-dance'. Will movement/exercise time seem more appealing if they have their own 'workout mat' or towel on the floor? Accept that children might like watching the dancing before they feel comfortable enough to play.

Found Ideas:

<https://pin.it/3MjKRUA>

Here is a packet that I mailed to the families of one of our tot programs. You can mail 6 sheets of paper with one stamp. Use die cut shapes to add to a tot's collection of manipulatives/materials.

APPLE FUN

Dear Busy Bodies Friends,

We are so sorry that our Busy Bodies time together was cut short. We wish that we could see you running, climbing, and building in the gym.

Enjoy this little packet of activities, put together by our pre-k department. We hope that you find moments of JOY and relaxation as you are home together.

We'd love for you to take a look at some of our pre-k teachers presenting story times on YouTube. Search for 'Amy Cimarusti' when you're on You Tube. Take a look at Pre-K video #18 for a little storybook connection to this packet.

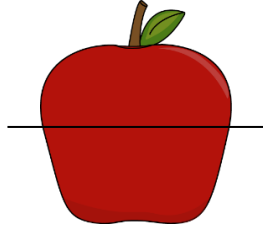
In our pre-k department, we say echo prayers together. We ask the children to fold their hands, close their eyes, and use their best talking voices. We ask that you say these words, one line at a time, and ask your child to repeat you. This is helpful to do with three people. Your child might need someone to 'echo' with them the first few times.



Dear Jesus
Please be with,
Our family and friends.
Keep us safe
While we're at home.
Help us to have fun days,
In your name we pray, Amen.

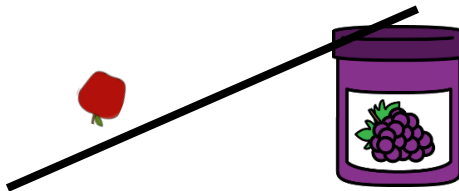
APPLE FUN

1. Take a real apple and cut it open. Before eating it, help your child name the parts of the apple. Point out the skin, seeds, stem, and flesh (the white part). If you cut the apple horizontally, you will find a star inside the apple:



Cut your apple into pieces. Count the pieces with your child. After eating a few pieces, count again. Toddlers learn the sequence of numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.... from hearing it over and over again.

2. Make a simple ramp in your house. Take your largest cookie sheet and raise one end by putting vegetable or soup cans underneath. Take an apple and show your child how to roll it down the ramp. What else will roll? Will some things slide? Can you find something in your house to create an even bigger ramp?



3. Try a introduction to SINK and FLOAT. Take an empty plastic bin outside, and fill it about 6" deep with water (watch your child please at all times). Take an apple and toss it into the water. The apple will float (stay at the top). What else will stay at the top of the water? What will go all the way to the bottom?
4. Use the paper apples from the envelope. Hide the apples around your house or outside. Allow your child to go on an apple hunt. When they have found all of the apples, sort them into piles. Can you put all of the yellow ones together? How about red? Green?
5. Use the paper apples to sort other items in your house that are yellow, green, and red. You can either have your child go and find things, or you gather the items beforehand, and sort them into color categories together.
6. After you have played the apple hunt game, allow your children to color on the apple papers. Maybe you can mail one to someone that is in your family.

7. Recite these poems with your child:

Apple green

(stretch arms up in the air like branches of a tree)

Apple red

(your fists become the apples in the tree)

An apple fell upon my head

(let one of your fisted hands 'bonk' your head)

OUCH!

Way up high in an apple tree

(stretch arms up in the air like branches of a tree)

Two red apples smiled at me

(hold up 2 fingers and smile)

I shook that tree as hard as I could

(pretend that you are shaking the trunk of a tree)

Down came the apples,

(wiggle your fingers from way up high to the ground)

MM-MMM GOOD!

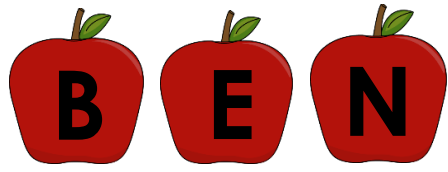
(pretend to take a bite, and rub your tummy)

8. The next time you get out to shop, purchase three different colored apples: Golden Delicious (yellow), Granny Smith (green), and your favorite red variety. Since you have been studying apples, your child may be interested in trying something new. Have a little taste test with all three varieties. Do you like each kind?

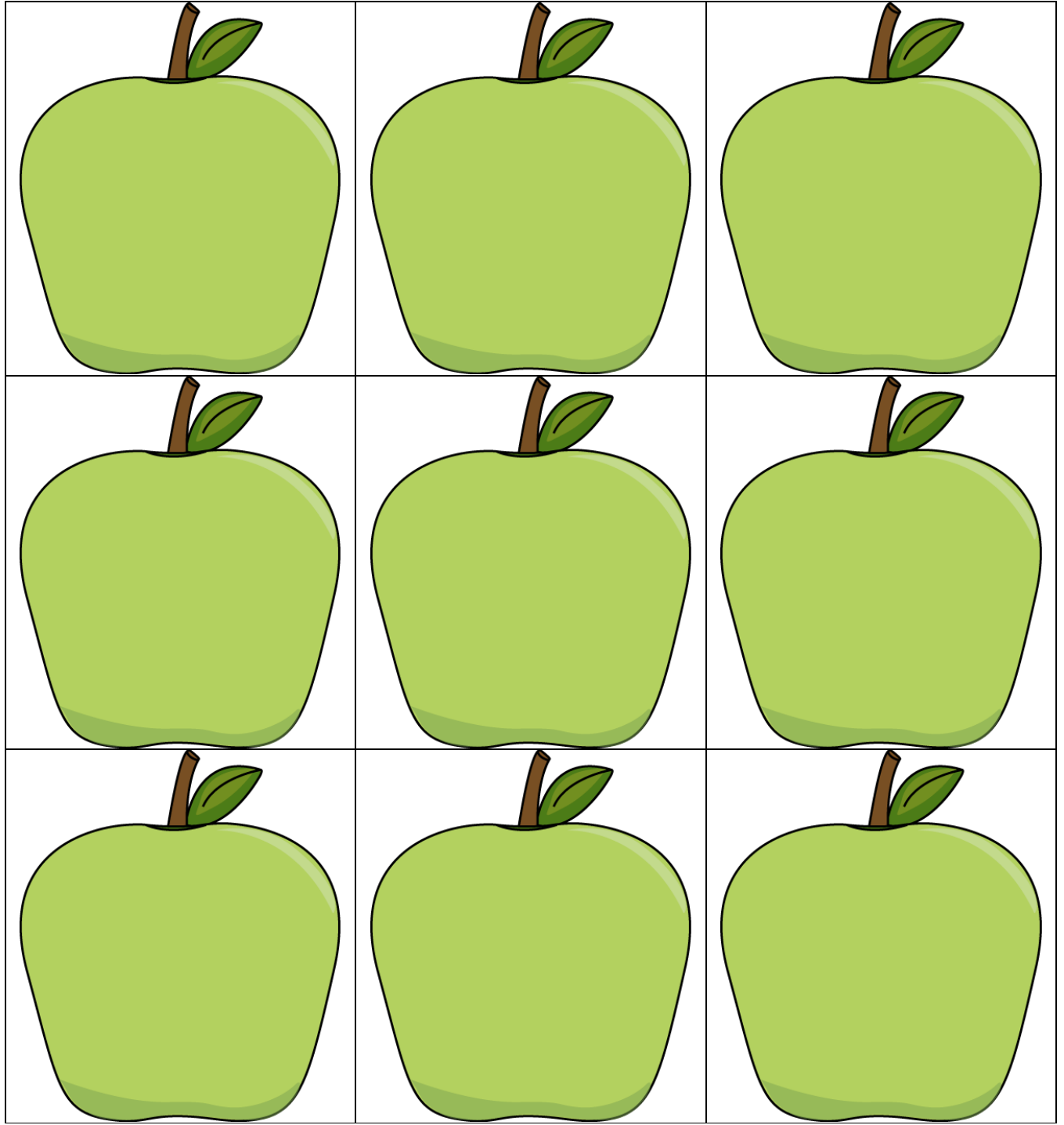
9. Make Apple Toast:

- a. Spread butter on a piece of bread
- b. Lay thinly sliced apples on the buttered bread
- c. Sprinkle on some cinnamon and sugar mixed together.
- d. Place on a baking sheet in a pre-heated 375 degree oven
- e. Toast for a few minutes. Wait to see the apples brown and the butter melt.
Let cool and enjoy!

10. Cut out these apple cards. Write letters from your child's name on each apple. In our pre-k department, we work on teaching children to recognize upper case letters before lowercase letters.



Hang these in your child's room. Point to each apple, saying each letter. They will love this personalized decoration.



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Amy Cimarusti
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