



Infants and Toddlers Bible Class

Closing Session

(10 minutes total)

On the mat in the soft corner

The last few minutes of class are spent in calm free play on the mat in the soft play corner (textured pillows, soft toys).

- Through imaginative play they are encouraged to nurture baby dolls. They feed them, cuddle them and rock them to sleep.
- The teacher may read a book to the children or engage in quiet play.

Normal Class Routine

(45 minutes)

Welcome Time

(15 minutes)

*On the mat
in the soft corner*

Bible Lesson

(20 minutes)

At the table

- Bible Time
(5 minutes)
- A simple thought or lesson from God's Word
(10 minutes)
- Craft (optional)
- Prayer and Snack
(5 minutes)

Closing

(10 minutes)

*On the mat
in the soft corner*





Closing Time Songs

These songs can be sung during the Closing Time as the children are settling down before their parents come to pick them up. (in the Soft Corner)

Note: Infants and toddlers enjoy the rhythm and melody of song but they are not critics of the teacher's abilities! It's fine if you sing the same tune every time, make up your own tune or even just say the words in a poetic or fun way. Just have fun with it and put the children's needs above your own shyness.

Night, Night Little One

Night, night little one, God loves you.
He watches over you all night through.

Tune: The first two lines of "Twinkle, twinkle Little Star"

Action: Guide the children in rocking and putting babies to bed as you sing.

God Blesses You

You're a *kind little girl and God blesses you.
God blesses you. God blesses you.
You're a kind little girl and God blesses you.
May you bless others too.

Tune: Buffalo Gal Won't You Come Out Tonight

*Substitute various fruits of the Spirit and address each individual child in class (loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, good, faithful, gentle)

God is Listening

God is listening. God is listening,
When we pray. When we pray.
Fold our hands so nicely.
Close our eyes so quietly.
Now we'll pray. Now we'll pray.

Tune: Are You Sleeping?

Actions: Use this any time you pray. It works great as the prayer before snack time.

Finger Play- Open Shut Them (poem)

Open, shut them; open, shut them;
Give a little clap;
Open, shut them; open, shut them;
Lay them in your lap.

Creep them, creep them slowly upward
To the rosy cheek;
Open wide the shining eyes,
Through the fingers peek.

Open, shut them; open, shut them;
To your shoulders fly;
Let them be like little birds,
Flying in the sky.

Slowly falling, falling, falling,
Almost to the ground;
Quickly raise them high again,
And turn them round and round.

Open, shut them; open, shut them;
Give a little clap;
Open, shut them; open, shut them;
Lay them in your lap.

Actions: Open and shut your fingers as you say the words. Then follow the movements of the remaining words with your hands. This is a nice song to gather everyone in just before moving to table time. It could also be a nice way to settle things down during the closing session.



Happy Hands Go Clap-Clap-Clap

Happy hands go clap-clap-clap (clap hands).
Fold and lay them in your lap (lay hands in lap).

Happy hands go clap-clap-clap (clap hands).
Our hands are happy hands (continue clapping).

Tune: Five Little Ducks Went Out to Play

Actions: As listed. This is a nice song to settle things down during the closing session.

Night, Night Little One

Night, night little one, God loves you.
He watches over you all night through.

Action: Guide the children in rocking and putting babies to bed as you sing.

Are You Sleeping?

Are you sleeping? Are you sleeping?
Little one? Little one?
Listen to my singing. Listen to my singing.
God loves you. God loves you.

Tune: Frere Jacques/Are Sleeping, Brother John.

Action: Guide the children in rocking and putting babies to bed as you sing.

A Maori Slumber Song

by Princess Te Rangī Pai, 1907
(Maori version)

E tangi ana koe
Hine e hine
E ngenge ana koe
Hine e hine
Kati tō pouri rā
Noho i te aroha
Te ngākau o te Matua
Hine e hine
(English version)
You are weeping
Little girl, darling girl
you are weary
Little girl, darling girl
Be sad no longer
There is love for you
in the heart of the Father
Little girl, darling girl

Tune: Listen at

<http://folksong.org.nz/hinel/index.html>

Actions: Sing as you are rocking babies to sleep.

Moemoe Pēpe

(An old Maori lullaby for putting a tiny baby to sleep.)

Moemoe pēpe, moemoe rā
Moemoe pēpe, moemoe rā
Hokimai māmā, āpōpō
Hokimai māmā, āpōpō.

English translation:

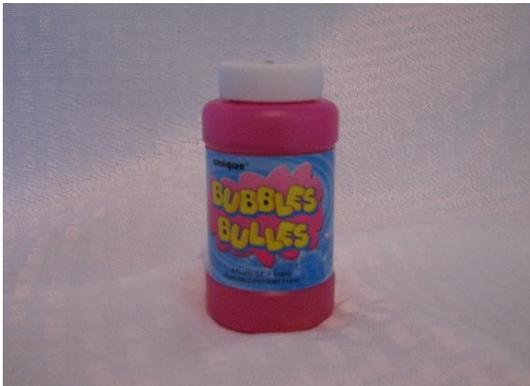
Dreamtime baby, drift away to dreamland
Come back to mummy tomorrow

Tune: Listen at

http://folksong.org.nz/kids_waiata/index.html#370

Action: Gently rock the baby in your arms and keep repeating the song, more and more softly, until it nods off.

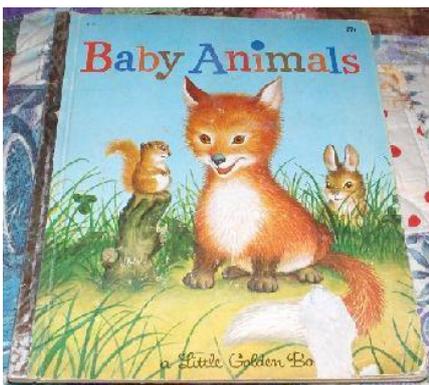
Items to Use for Closing Time



Bubbles. Nice distraction for all infants and toddlers. Nice way to calm down..



Dolls, bottles and blankets. Toddlers can rock and cuddle the dolls.



Books. To read as everyone calms down.



Music. Quiet lullaby music or nature sounds can help set the tone for this last part of the class-time.



Soft toys and pillows of various textures to provide a gentle area in the room for the last session.