

Normal Class Routine

(45 minutes)

Welcome Time

(15 minutes)

On the mat in the soft corner

- Time to Settle in and free play.
- Personal welcome.
- Music or singing.

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

- Quiet activities to settle down.
Quiet music or nature sounds.
- Parents collect the children.

About Infants & Toddlers

Emotional:

- Insecure
- Adjustment to new surroundings is difficult
- Emotions are controlled by physical needs

Mental:

- Language is Developing
- Brief attention Plan
- Short memory
- Sensory Learners



Social:

- Very self-centred
- Play is solitary-sometimes parallel.
Enjoys mimicking others.

Physical:

- Newly acquired ability to walk
- Learning new skills with their hands-stacking blocks, opening a box, unscrewing a lid, etc. Easier to take apart things than put together
- Require a lot of rest
- Beginning toilet training

Spiritual:

- Openness and receptivity

Finding My Feet

Infants & Toddlers Experiencing God



Purpose of the Class

This class is an introduction to a lifetime journey in which God is exalted and his word is respected. Children learn they are part of a Christian community of faith who loves and appreciates them. Parents are encouraged to participate as teachers and helpers.

The classroom is safe and clean. The teacher and helpers are loving and tender. Learning is done through sensory experiences, singing and simple words and stories.

Depending on class sizes children usually move into the pre-school class sometimes near their 3rd birthday.

What to Expect

(Infant and Toddlers Bible Class)

Some children settle into bible class more easily than others. This is completely normal and should not stress parents or teachers.

- Parents or Caregivers are asked to feed the child before class and not to bring food or drink into the room.
- Please inform teacher of any allergies or other considerations.
- For the sake of the other children please do not bring a child who is unwell.
- After the session teachers will disinfect items that have been handled by children.

1. Welcome Time

As children arrive they are guided to the mat for free play. This is a time of fellowship and community allows children to become familiar with the room and helpers so that they will feel safe and welcome. Some of the activities include:

- Bubbles/toys/picture books
- Songs which welcome each child by name.
- Mirrors and Peep Tube
- Toy vehicles or steering wheels to mimic driving to Bible class.

2. Bible Time

During Bible Time children learn respect for Scripture and connect to God personally through it. Each week, upon arriving at the table, the first five minutes are spent in routines like:

- Patting the bible
- Finding Jesus picture (sticker) in bible.
- Turning to a page and "reading"- God loves *insert child's name*.
- Singing B-I-B-L-E

3. Bible Lesson

During the Bible Lesson the teacher shares a theme from the bible or tells a bible story in a simplified way that relates to an infant and toddler's world. Teaching is done through song and sensory activities.

- Teacher uses visual aids, puppets or stand-up figures to tell story.
- Teacher encourages children to experience God's Word by touching, tasting and hearing what is in Scripture.
- Craft: If a simple craft relates to the lesson then this is included. This involves the child's own work as much as possible.
- Prayer and Snack: Children pray before eating a snack such as fruit, cracker or plain biscuit. Water is provided for drink.

4. Closing

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.



Paul said to Timothy, "...from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."
2 Timothy 3:15, NIV