



# A Sure Foundation

## *A Philosophy and Curriculum for Ministry to Infants and Toddlers*



*A Sure Foundation* helps transform nurseries from a babysitting service to a vital, intentional ministry to build a foundation of truth in the lives of infants and toddlers. The curriculum is divided into four stages. *A Fragrance of the Knowledge of Christ* establishes the philosophy of ministering in infant nurseries and creates an environment centered on prayer for each baby. Young toddlers, 18-24 months, are taught four repeating Bible stories along with truth statements about God's character in *The Wonders He Has Done*. The Older Toddler Volume 1 Teacher's Guide, *His Praiseworthy Deeds*, reviews the four stories already learned and teaches 24- to 36-month-old toddlers nine new stories. For toddlers 36 months and up who have not graduated to a preschool class, the Older Toddler Volume 2 Teacher's Guide, *Set Their Hope in God*, introduces 16 new Bible stories. Both young and older toddlers are also taught monthly memory verses.

*A Sure Foundation* provides practical advice for setting up a schedule for the nursery, creating a Christ-centered atmosphere, praying Scripture over and blessing children, leading toddlers in worship, helping children memorize Scripture, and instilling simple truth statements about God as a foundation of truth is built.

### Truth Statements

- » God is good.
- » God is big.
- » God is strong.
- » Jesus loves you.
- » We love Jesus.
- » God made everything (the trees, birds, your nose, etc.).
- » Thank you, Jesus.
- » God is with us.
- » God knows everything.
- » Jesus is my friend.
- » Jesus loves \_\_\_\_\_ (babies, children, boys, girls).
- » We need God.

### Young Toddler Lessons: *The Wonders He Has Done*

#### Lesson 1: GOD MADE EVERYTHING

*Genesis 1; Psalm 139:13-16*

There was nothing, but God is so big and strong that He made all things.

#### Lesson 2: JESUS IS HERE!

*Luke 1:26-2:20*

God kept His promise to send Jesus, a special baby, which is good news!

**Lesson 3: WE LOVE JESUS***Matthew 2:1-12*

The wise men were so happy to find Jesus, who was so special and great.

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**Lesson 4: JESUS LOVES ME***Matthew 19:13-15*

Jesus' friends wanted to send the children away, but Jesus would not let them because Jesus loves boys and girls.

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**Older Toddler, Volume 1 Lessons: His Praiseworthy Deeds****Lesson 1: GOD MADE EVERYTHING***Genesis 1; Psalm 139:13-16*

*Note: This is Lesson 1 from The Wonders He Has Done.*

There was nothing, but God is so big and strong that He made all things.

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**Lesson 2: ONLY GOD IS BIG***Genesis 3*

Adam and Eve wanted to be like God, but no one can be big like God.

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**Lesson 3: GOD IS GOOD***Genesis 21:1-7*

God is good and kept His promise to give Abraham and Sarah a baby.

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**Lesson 4: GOD ALWAYS WINS!***Exodus 5:12*

Pharaoh would not let the people go. But, God always wins and made Pharaoh let the people go.

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**Lesson 5: GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING***1 Kings 17:1-6*

Ahab wanted to hurt Elijah, but God knows everything and knew how to take care of Elijah.

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**Lesson 6: ONLY ONE GOD***2 Kings 5:1-14*

No one could heal Naaman except the one true God.

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**Lesson 7: GOD IS EVERYWHERE***Jonah 1-3*

Jonah could not run away from God because God is everywhere.

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**Lesson 8: JESUS IS HERE!***Luke 1:26-2:20*

*Note: This is Lesson 2 from The Wonders He Has Done.*

God kept His promise to send Jesus, a special baby, which is good news!

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**Lesson 9: WE LOVE JESUS***Matthew 2:1-12*

*Note: This is Lesson 3 from The Wonders He Has Done.*

The wise men were so happy to find Jesus, who was so special and great.

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**Lesson 10: JESUS IS THE BOSS***Matthew 8:23-27*

Jesus stopped the storm because He is the boss of the wind and water, and of all things.

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**Lesson 11: JESUS LOVES ME***Matthew 19:13-15*

*Note: This is Lesson 4 from The Wonders He Has Done.*

Jesus' friends wanted to send the children away, but Jesus would not let them because Jesus loves boys and girls.

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**Lesson 12: JESUS IS A FRIEND***Luke 19:1-10*

Jesus was a friend to Zacchaeus. He helped Zacchaeus to see his sin and gave him a new heart.

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**Lesson 13: JESUS IS ALIVE!***John 19:16b-20:31*

Jesus died on the cross, but He did not stay dead; He came back and is alive again.

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**Older Toddler, Volume 2 Lessons: Set Their Hope in God****Lesson 1: YES, GOD***Genesis 6-9:17*

God is holy and can change bad hearts. But only Noah said, "Yes, God" and obeyed God.

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**Lesson 2: GOD'S WAY***Genesis 9:1, 11:1-9*

The people of Babel thought their way was better than God's way. So they disobeyed God, but they found out that God is stronger and His way is best.

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**Lesson 3: GOD HAS A WAY***Exodus 14-15:2*

God always has a way to help His people. He helped the Israelites cross the sea and be safe.

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**Lesson 4: WE NEED GOD***Exodus 17:1-7*

The people of Israel needed God to give them water in the wilderness.

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**Lesson 5: GOD CAN***Joshua 6:1-20*

God showed Israel that He is strong and can do anything when He broke down the walls of Jericho.

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**Lesson 6: PRAISE GOD***Daniel 4:28-37*

King Nebuchadnezzar thought he was a great king, but he found out that God is greater than anyone or anything. We can praise God by telling Him He is great.

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**Lesson 7: ONLY GOD***Daniel 6:1-23*

Daniel would not bow down to the king. He would only bow down and worship God.

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**Lesson 8: JESUS IS MOST SPECIAL***Matthew 2:1-12; Luke 1:26-33; 2:1-20*

Jesus is most special because He is the Savior God promised to send His people. We must tell others about Jesus, the Savior for all kinds of people.

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**Lesson 9: JESUS IS ENOUGH***John 6:1-14*

Jesus fed 5,000 people and showed us that He is more than enough for everything we need.

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**Lesson 10: THANK YOU, JESUS***Luke 17:11-19*

Jesus is kind and healed 10 lepers, but only one man came back to say, "Thank you, Jesus." We can thank Jesus, too.

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**Lesson 11: HELP ME, JESUS***Mark 10:46-52*

Bartimaeus was blind, but he asked Jesus to help him and heal his eyes. We can ask Jesus to help us, too.

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**Lesson 12: JESUS IS KING!***Matthew 21:1-11*

The people were excited to praise King Jesus when He rode into Jerusalem.

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**Lesson 13: FOR JESUS***John 12:1-8*

Mary used her perfume for Jesus because she loved Him most of all.

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**Lesson 14: JESUS LIVES!***John 19:16b-20:31*

Jesus' friends were sad when He died on the cross. But, they did not stay sad because Jesus did not stay dead. Jesus lives!

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**Lesson 15: JESUS IS WITH US***Luke 24:13-35*

Two sad men were traveling when they found out that Jesus was alive again. They were so excited they ran back to tell their other friends: "Jesus is with us!"

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**Lesson 16: JESUS IS COMING AGAIN!** *Matthew 24:29-31; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 19:11-16*

Jesus is coming again as the King of Kings. It will be a happy day for those who love Jesus.

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**Memory Verses, Volume 1***(To be memorized with the Young Toddler and Older Toddler, Volume 1 lessons.)*

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| » January: Matthew 6:24a     | » July: Proverbs 3:5      |
| » February: Philippians 2:14 | » August: Proverbs 17:17a |
| » March: Psalm 56:3          | » September: Genesis 1:1  |
| » April: Psalm 118:24        | » October: Romans 3:23    |
| » May: Ephesians 6:1         | » November: Psalm 1:6     |
| » June: Proverbs 18:10       | » December: James 1:17a   |

**Memory Verses, Volume 2***(To be memorized with the Older Toddler, Volume 2 lessons.)*

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| » Lesson 1: Psalm 119:10  | » Lesson 9: Philippians 4:13       |
| » Lesson 2: 1 Peter 5:7   | » Lesson 10: 1 Corinthians 13:4-5a |
| » Lesson 3: Psalm 86:7    | » Lesson 11: Leviticus 19:18b      |
| » Lesson 4: Psalm 100:5   | » Lesson 12: Psalm 100:3           |
| » Lesson 5: Luke 18:27b   | » Lesson 13: Deuteronomy 6:5       |
| » Lesson 6: Psalm 95:3    | » Lesson 14: John 3:16             |
| » Lesson 7: Isaiah 30:15b | » Lesson 15: Isaiah 43:5a          |
| » Lesson 8: Psalm 36:5    | » Lesson 16: Psalm 100:1-2         |

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