

# Starting Steps



## Faith Activities for Families with Toddlers

*Starting Steps* is for families to use at home. It encourages you in your faith-journey and parenting. Use the ideas here and on the *Starting Steps* calendar throughout the week to extend and reinforce what your child learned.

### Time with God

Paul was handpicked by God, chosen to preach to the Gentiles. How special he must have felt to be entrusted with God's message to those outside of the Jewish faith.

Like Paul, you are also hand-chosen by God.

*For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.*

—Ephesians 1:4

God knows your talents and your shortcomings. He's chosen you for a special purpose. You may never be written about in a book on earth, but your faithfulness to the special task of raising your child will have eternal value.

### At This Age

Many two year olds like the change of scenery travel brings. Here are some tips to help your child not become overstimulated or uncomfortable:

- Every couple of hours, let your child stretch his legs—stop the car and take him out of the car seat, stand up in the airplane, etc.
- After a few hours, redirect your child's interest with special toys and munchies.
- Let your child carry a favorite toy or blanket while traveling. The familiarity will help him cope with the changes.
- Stay as close to your child's routine as possible.

### Toddler Tickler

#### "Preacher Leash"

During a service in our church, an evangelist ran to the edge of the platform with his microphone cord dragging behind. Leaning out toward the congregation, he waved his fist to emphasize a point. A frightened little girl in the third row asked her mother, "Mommy, if he gets loose, will he hurt us?"

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# Time with Your Toddler

## Paul Was God's Helper based on Acts 13:2-6; 16:6

This week's Bible story is "Paul Was God's Helper." Toddlers like and need repetition to learn—so read the story many times during the week.



Paul told people how much God loved them. Paul went here. Paul went there.

*(Spread arms one at a time.)*

Everywhere Paul went he told people about Jesus.

*(Cup hands around mouth.)*



Sometimes he took a boat.

Sometimes he walked.

*(Walk in place.)*

Paul told people how much God loved them.

Paul was God's helper.

*(Point up.)*

These questions can be used to help your child review the Bible story.

1. Who was Paul? (God's helper)
2. Who was God's helper? (Paul)

*Look what I made!*



Today your child colored with a crayon taped to a small car. A good way to ask your child about his masterpiece is with an open-ended question such as, "Tell me how you made those lines."

