

Young Achievers in Christ (Y.A.C.)

"God's Little Creatives" Development Program (Ages 0-3)

Where Little Hearts Meet God's Love

Program Overview

The Young Achievers in Christ (Y.A.C.) "God's Little Creatives" development program empowers the development of infants and toddlers through God's love. As the hands and feet of Jesus, we minister healing and strength to "God's Little Creatives" through consistent training (Proverbs 22:6) for God's glory. NOTE: This document serves as an example and guide for creative modification. The program facilitator, teacher, and director may use this example for working creatively to modify and engage your unique group, enhancing and maximizing this program experience. Enjoy the journey!

Program Details

When: Daily

Duration: 52 weeks (On-going)

Age Groups:

- ★ Precious Gifts (0-12 months)
- ★ Little Miracles (13-24 months)
- ★ Joyful Gems (2-3 years)

Daily Session Structure [EXAMPLE] (45 minutes: Rotate various offerings throughout the weeks and months)

Note: Keep activities flexible based on children's needs and attention spans

1. Welcome Time (5 minutes)

- Soft worship music playing
- Gentle greetings and welcome song for each child
- Things to Know About God, and Things God Knows About You and Me Biblical Affirmations in song form (*1 alphabet from each category per week*)

2. Bible Cuddle Time (10 minutes)

Precious Gifts (0-12 months)

- Rock babies while singing Bible songs
- Show simple pictures of God's creation
- Prayers with Pat-a-cake motion

Little Miracles (13-24 months)

- Short Bible Stories (My A.C.E. Decree Story Time)
- Jesus Loves Me with hand motions

- Simple prayer movements

Joyful Gems (2-3 years)

- Interactive Bible stories with puppets
- This Little Light of Mine song with hand motions
- The Lord's Prayer (recite and learn)

3. Sensory Bible Play (15 minutes)

Precious Gifts

- Soft textured cards with Bible pictures
- Gentle music with rattles
- Creation texture bags

Little Miracles

- Noah's Ark animal matching
- Jesus Loves Me finger painting
- Bible story sensory bins

Joyful Gems

- Creation collage with safe materials
- Bible story play dough
- Good Shepherd sensory play

4. Rest & Reflect (10 minutes)

- Quiet music
- Gentle rocking
- Things to Know About God Biblical Affirmations A-Z in song form (*1 alphabet from each category per week*)

5. See You Again Soon Blessings (5 minutes)

- This Little Light of Mine song (*and others in rotation as desired*)
- Individual blessings: (Recap) Things God Knows About You and Me Biblical Affirmations A-Z in song form (*1 alphabet from each category per week*). *You can also focus on the letter of the child's first name in addition to the letter of the week*.
- Parent connection time

Monthly Themes

1. God Made Me (Identity affirming) (At Peace with God, At Peace with Me)
 - Songs about me (i.e. "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes; Headbone connected to the neckbone...etc.")
 - Reflection in the Mirror activity play
 - "Thank You, God" touches

2. God's Love (Glory to God)
 - Heart sensory play
 - Hugging time
 - Love songs

3. God's World (New Things)
 - Nature sounds
 - Animal friends
 - Creation touch-and-feel

4. God's Care (Create)
 - Gentle movements
 - Comfort songs
 - Prayer pats

5. Bible Friends (Prayers)
 - Simple Bible puppets
 - Friend songs
 - Sharing play

6. God's Gifts (Faith)
 - Sensory presents
 - Thank you plays
 - Blessing songs

7. Jesus Time (Victory)
 - Manger touches
 - Baby Jesus songs
 - Gentle nativity play

8. Prayer Hearts (Miracles)
 - Prayer motions

- Blessing touches
- Quiet praise

9. God's Joy (Healing)

- Happy movements
- Praise plays
- Celebration songs

Safety & Care Guidelines

1. Environment

- Soft, clean floor mats
- Safe, washable toys
- Good ventilation
- Appropriate temperature
- Sanitized equipment

2. Materials Safety

- No small parts
- Non-toxic materials
- Age-appropriate toys
- Rounded edges
- Clean supplies

3. Health Practices

- Regular toy sanitizing
- Hand washing routine
- Clean blankets/mats
- Individual supplies
- Health check on arrival

Essential Materials

- Soft Bible board books
- Clean, safe toys
- Music player
- Soft blankets
- Age-safe sensory items
- Cleaning supplies
- First aid kit
- Extra diapers/wipes

- Change of clothes
- Sanitizing stations

Teacher Tips

1. General Guidelines

- Always have 2 adults present
- Know each child's needs
- Watch for tired signs
- Keep activities short
- Be flexible

2. Communication

- Use gentle voices
- Simple words
- Lots of smiles
- Positive tones
- Clear parent updates

3. Activities

- Follow child's lead
- Keep it simple
- Use repetition
- Include movement
- Allow exploration

Parent Partnership

1. Daily Connection

- Activity updates
- Care notes
- Prayer points
- Development observations
- Special moments

2. Monthly Resources

- Simple Bible songs
- Prayer ideas
- Play suggestions
- Growth activities
- Bible story tips

Important Reminders

- ★ Always prioritize safety
- ★ Watch for signs of distress
- ★ Keep adult-child ratios
- ★ Maintain clean environment
- ★ Document any concerns
- ★ Regular parent communication
- ★ Pray for each child
- ★ Stay calm and loving
- ★ Keep activities flexible
- ★ Celebrate small moments

Note: Always ensure proper adult supervision and maintain appropriate caregiver-to-child ratios (1:3 for infants, 1:4 for toddlers) For safety, quality programming, and compliance, always have authorized adult helpers (a minimum of 2) present during group sessions.