

# Orientation for the Leader/Teacher

Welcome to the joy of teaching babies and toddlers. As a teacher, you need to commit to setting a high standard. Here are 4 principles to help you achieve that goal.

## 1. Personal

In order to share Jesus with others, even small children, you must have a personal connection with Jesus Christ. Personal devotional time, focus on prayer, and openness to the Spirit's leading are all crucial to being a master teacher.

## 2. Excellence

Take your teaching responsibility as a God given challenge. Do your best in all of your endeavors. Be reliable, be on-time and be prepared. God has given you these children for a very short period of time, so use it well. The mind-set should be how can I best use the time I have, and not what can I do just to fill the time. "If the teacher is properly prepared, every moment can be used to profit. The active minds of the children should be kept constantly employed." *Counsels on Sabbath School Work* p. 117

## 3. Nurturing

Even the best prepared teacher will not have success with young children if she does not show a loving spirit. Get to know the children (and parents) in your class and form a warm bond with them.

## 4. Parent Interaction

This class is designed as a "mommy and me" type class, so use the time with the parents to encourage them to work with their children. Most parents don't fully comprehend how much children can learn at this level. If they miss a meeting, follow up with a phone call or note encouraging them to come the next time. Ideally, the leader should be a person who does not have a child in the class, but that rarely happens. A good alternative is to assign a particular segment the program to a specific parent to help spread the load. (ie. One parent is in charge of the My World, another, My Family etc. It is best if they keep the same segment all year. Children do better with consistency.) That will allow you time to interact with your own child. (Another alternative: invite your child's grandmother or father (if available) to be his partner in the program)

We have tried to make your job as stress-free as possible. All the lesson plans you will need are found in this manual. A list of all the supplies you will need is on the following page. (The program repeats twice a year so you are only learning five programs.) Make sure you read everything thoroughly, and memorize the songs and poems. You will lose the children's interest if you are fumbling with notes. We pack a lot of material in the time allotted, so keep the program moving. You will also notice that there is a lot of redundancy in the manual. That makes it easier for you to parcel out a portion of the program. If you find any mistakes or have suggestions for improvement, please e-mail me at [Lyndene@wrightpublications.org](mailto:Lyndene@wrightpublications.org). May God bless you as you dedicate your time to the teaching of these precious children.

"It would be better for him if a millstone were hung about his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones." Luke 17:2

# Program Outline

The program is designed to run 90 minutes once a month. We meet from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Please adjust the times below to your schedule. We choose to meet at the same time as one of the two monthly Adventurer Meetings to help coordinate with parents' schedules. Since the program only meets once a month, several of the songs used are from our Cradleroll Sabbath School or Bible Buddies Children's Church programs. This helps the children to be more familiar with the music.

## 4:00-4:10 OPENING PROGRAM

Song: "Look who's come to Baby Birds"

Flag Salute

Adventurer Pledge

Song: "Discovery Club Theme Song"

Song: "When It's Time To Pray"

Opening Prayer

Activity-Attendance Charts (Children put birds stickers on their attendance "Bird Nest")

## 4:10-4:25 MY GOD

Song: "God Loves Everyone"

Finger Play: "Here is the Holy Bible"

Bible Story Time: 1-Lost Sheep 2-Good Samaritan 3-Wise Man & Foolish Man

4-Prodigal Son 5-Jesus Birth/Crucifixion

Activity-Bible Activity Page

## 4:25-4:40 MY WORLD

Song: "I Love Colors"

Activity-Color Recognition: 1-Red 2-Blue 3-Yellow 4-Green 5-Purple/Orange

Activity-Play Dough Time: (Color & Shape of the Day)

Activity-Shape Recognition: 1-Circle 2-Triangle 3-Square 4-Rectangle 5-Heart

Song: "I Can Tell Shapes"

## 4:40-4:50 MY FAMILY

Song: "With Jesus in the Family"

Activity-Family Virtues: 1-Obedience 2-Kindness 3-Sharing 4-Thankfulness 5-Love

Family Virtue Song: 1-"When a Mother Calls" 2-"Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam

3-"Sharing Song" 4-Butterfly Song 5-"Jesus Loves Me"

## 4:50-5:00 CRAFT TIME

Activity-Seasonal Take Home Craft: (see options in program helps)

## 5:00-5:15 MY SELF

Song: "Head and Shoulders"

Fingerplay: My Senses

Sensory Perception Activity: 1-Hearing 2-Sight 3-Touch 4-Smell 5-Taste

Spatial Learning Activity: 1-Stop&Go 2-Over&Under 3-Up&Down 4-Sit&Stand 5-Fast&Slow

## 5:15-5:25 GAME TIME

Spatial Game: 1-Traffic Light 2-Ball Pit 3-Parachute 4-Musical Chairs 5-Bunny Hop/Turtle Crawl

Action Play: "I Can"

## 5:25-5:30 CLOSING

Song: "If You're Happy and You It"

Song: "Stand Up Tall for Jesus"

Prayer

# Baby Birds Class Supply List

Below is a list of supplies needed. These teaching aids are the best I have found to date. If you have found better resources please let me know. Feel free to substitute with any of the supplies you currently have, if you don't have the funds to purchase these.

## Needed for multiple months

wrightpublications.org	Leader's Manual	Download	Free
Any Office Supply	1" Three ring view binder		Varies
	Clear Label Index Maker Dividers 8 tabs		Varies
(800) 537-7227	Little Folks Felts: 18" Standing Jesus	#1605 un-cut	\$4.50
	Little Folks Felts: Set of Four Families	#22211 pre-cut	\$29.95
		#2211 un-cut	\$19.95
	or		
	Little Folks Felts: Crayons with English & Spanish	#22512 pre-cut	\$15.95
		#2512 un-cut	\$9.95
	or		
Discountschoolsupply.com	Plastic mirrors (Set of 12)	8WWMIRROR	\$7.49
Discountschoolsupply.com	Rolling Pins (Set of 6)	8WWNOSTICK	\$8.99
edu4kids.com	*Dough cutters -shapes (one set for each child)	CK-9765	\$3.01
Any fabric shop	Felt Shapes (one set for each five children)		
	(Using the dough cutters as templates, cut a set of the five shapes in each of the six colors)		
	Home made play dough made to the color of the month		

## Program 1 (August & January)

Amazon.com	<i>The Shepherd Who Searched</i> by Juliet David	ISBN#0825473160	\$6.99
orientaltrading.com	Craft of your choice		
Amazon.com	<i>Sounds on the Farm</i> by Gail Donovan	ISBN#1584762217	\$13.59
(800) 537-7227	Little Folks Felts: My Farm Friends Add-on	#27703 pre-cut	\$8.95
Puppetuniverse.com	Chocolate Lab Puppet (no longer available)	#FLK022	\$19.99
Puppetuniverse.com	Mini Chocolate Lab finger Puppet (no longer available)	#FLK020	\$5.99

## Program 2 (September & February)

amazon.com	<i>The Friendly Stranger</i> by Juliet David	ISBN#0825473179	\$6.99
orientaltrading.com	Craft of your choice		
Amazoncom	Ball Pit Balls	B000066SWO	\$17.54

## Program 3 (October & March)

Amazon.com	<i>The Two Builders</i> by Juliet David	ISBN#0897333381	\$6.99
orientaltrading.com	Craft of your choice		
Amazon.com	6' Play Parachute (for smaller groups)	B0006N8WFQ	\$15.80
Amazon.com	10' Play Parachute (for larger groups)	B00000IURU	\$24.99
	or		

## Program 4 (November & April)

amazon.com	<i>The Father Who Waited</i> by Juliet David	ISBN#0825473144	\$6.99
Adventsource.org	Sabbath School Activity Children	#023471	\$15.95
orientaltrading.com	Craft of your choice		

## Program 5 (December & May)

amazon.com	<i>The First Christmas</i> by Allia Nolan	ISBN#0825455332	\$3.99
amazon.com	<i>The Easter Story</i> by Allia Nolan	ISBN#0825455340	\$3.99
orientaltrading.com	Craft of your choice		
amazon.com	Baby Animals Humming Top (stewarttoys.com)	B0006FDL40	\$15.39

# Children's Supply List

Below is the list of items that parents can purchase directly for their own children.

## Library

Standardpublishing.com "First Virtues for Toddlers" by Mary Simon ISBN#9870784718483 \$14.99  
May also be found used at amazon.com or barnesandnoble.com

## Dress Uniform

The dress uniform is navy pant/scooter and a white shirt/blouse, with the Baby Bird patch sewn on the left breast pocket area. One of our members has an embroidery sewing machine, so we embroider the church name above the patch. The children receive a powder blue Baby Bird scarf and slide at induction.

### Boys

frenchtoast.com	White Short Sleeved Dress Shirt	#1021R	\$7.98
frenchtoast.com	Navy Blue Pants	#1348R	\$10.98

### Girls

frenchtoast.com	White Short Sleeved Peter Pan Blouse	#1461Q	\$5.98
frenchtoast.com	Navy Blue Scooter	#1338Q	\$7.98

### Ladies

schooluniforms.com	White Short Sleeved Peter Pan Blouse	#175	\$13.99
schooluniforms.com	Navy Skirt	#6100	\$39.99
expressurway.com	Navy Suit	or BenMarc2295	\$88.00

Staff Dress Uniform is part of the Discovery Club with the accompanying patches. See Discovery Manual for patches.

Below is the list of items that the club needs to purchase to sell or supply to the parents. These are available from [pathfindershirts.com](http://pathfindershirts.com). See their site for current prices.

## Dress Uniform Scarf and Patch

Baby Bird Uniform Patch	(attached to dress uniform on enrollment)
Baby Bird Scarf (child)	(awarded at induction)
Discovery Club Scarf (staff)	(awarded at induction)
Discovery Club Slide	(awarded at induction)
Baby Bird Pin	(awarded at investiture)

## T-Shirts and Sweatshirts (can be personalized with your church's name)

[Pathfindershirts.com](http://Pathfindershirts.com) 1-800-626-6287 or [mail@pathfindershirts.com](mailto:mail@pathfindershirts.com) call or e-mail for pricing

Powder Blue Baby Bird t-shirts and sweatshirts  
Powder Blue Adult Polo or t-shirts