

Your Morning Basket



PRESCHOOL MORNING TIME PLANS

Growing Term

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SUBJECT BY SUBJECT

Prayer

This term we are teaching children to pray with a prayer structure known as the ACTS prayer. We have included a handy printable bookmark in this file that your children can place in their Bibles to help guide them as they learn the prayer.

Every other week of the term you will explore a new letter in the ACTS prayer. The last two weeks you will continue to practice the entire prayer. The hope is that the ACTS prayer will become a tool in your children's prayer arsenal that they can turn to well beyond this term of Morning Time.

Memorization

Nursery Rhymes are so important to developing minds! They are also fun and easy to memorize. For more information on the importance of nursery rhymes for preschoolers read [The Benefits of Nursery Rhymes on Preschool Development](#).

Poetry

This Spring we will enjoy some spring themed poems and poems by Edward Lear. Edward Lear is one of my favorite poets. He is silly and fun. Sometimes the words he uses are made up! These poems are perfect for the preschool crowd because you can enjoy the sounds of the words and the funny pictures they put in your head without worrying about comprehension.

Read the poem with your family. Enjoy. It's really that easy! You might also:

- Have them close their eyes and after the reading tell what they pictured in their mind.
- Draw a picture to go with the poem.
- Ask what was their favorite part.
- Ask what was their favorite word.

For more on poetry listen to [Your Morning Basket Episode 8](#) and download our [poetry cheat sheet here](#).

NEEDED RESOURCES AND SUPPLIES

If an additional resource is needed to complete the subject, we have listed it below. Many of these resources will be used again in future Morning Time plans.

If you choose not to use a particular resource, you can omit that subject from your plans or make your own substitution. Be sure to check your library for some of these resources as well.

We have included links to these for easy access on the [resource page for these plans](#).

Music	<i>Juanita the Spanish Lobster</i> and <i>Casey at the Bat</i> from <i>Maestro Classics</i>
Nature Study	<i>Preschool Nature By the Season: Spring</i> by Cindy West
Math	<i>Preschool Math at Home</i> by Kate Snow
Picture Study	<i>Come Look With Me: Exploring Landscape Art with Children</i> by Gladys S. Blizzard
Books	Use the links on the resource page to purchase our selections, find them at your library using the printable book list, or substitute something similar from your bookshelf.

ART SUPPLIES

- Paper
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- Chalk Pastels
- Damp paper towel
- Simple set of watercolors
- Paint brushes
- Tempera or washable paint
- Paper egg carton
- Paper straw
- Glue
- Scissors
- Q-tips
- Rubberband

PRINTABLE BOOK LIST

Week 1

May I Please Have a Cookie? by Jennifer E. Morris
Kitten's First Full Moon by Kevin Henkes
Wait Till the Moon Is Full by Margaret Wise Brown
I Took the Moon for a Walk by Carolyn Curtis
This Little Piggy by Annie Kubler
Lobsterman by Dahlov Ipcar
Lobsters by Martha E. H. Rustad
Pieter Bruegel by Mike Venezia
A Beetle Is Shy by Dianna Hutts Aston
When Spring Comes by Kevin Henkes
Old MacDonald's Things That Go by Jane Clarke

Week 2

It's Spring by Susan Swan
In the Small, Small Pond by Denise Fleming
How to Train a Train by Jason Carter Eaton
A Windy Day in Spring by Charles Ghigna
The Piggy in the Puddle by Charlotte Pomerantz

Week 3

Just Enough Carrots by Stuart J. Murphy
The Storm Book by Charlotte Zolotow
Storm Is Coming! by Heather Tekavec
The Great Poochini by Gary Clement
Ox-Cart Man by Donald Hall
Thunder Cake by Patricia Polacco
Flash, Crash, Rumble, and Roll by Dr. Franklyn M. Branley
Otis and the Tornado by Loren Long
Tornadoes! by Gail Gibbons
Tornado Slim and the Magic Cowboy Hat by Bryan Langdo

THE DADDY LONG-LEGS AND THE FLY

By Edward Lear

I.
 Once Mr. Daddy Long-legs,
 Dressed in brown and gray,
 Walked about upon the sands
 Upon a summer's day:
 And there among the pebbles,
 When the wind was rather cold,
 He met with Mr. Floppy Fly,
 All dressed in blue and gold;
 And, as it was too soon to dine,
 They drank some periwinkle-wine,
 And played an hour or two, or more,
 At battlecock and shuttledore.

II.
 Said Mr. Daddy Long-legs
 To Mr. Floppy Fly,
 "Why do you never come to court?
 I wish you 'd tell me why.
 All gold and shine, in dress so fine,
 You'd quite delight the court.
 Why do you never go at all?
 I really think you _ought_.
 And, if you went, you'd see such sights!
 Such rugs and jugs and candle-lights!
 And, more than all, the king and queen, -
 One in red, and one in green."

III.
 "O Mr. Daddy Long-legs!"
 Said Mr. Floppy Fly,
 "It's true I never go to court;

And I will tell you why.
 If I had six long legs like yours,
 At once I'd go to court;
 But, oh! I can't, because _my_ legs
 Are so extremely short.
 And I'm afraid the king and queen
 (One in red, and one in green)
 Would say aloud, 'You are not fit,
 You Fly, to come to court a bit!'"

IV.
 "Oh, Mr. Daddy Long-legs!"
 Said Mr. Floppy Fly,
 "I wish you 'd sing one little song,
 One mumbian melody.
 You used to sing so awful well
 In former days gone by;
 But now you never sing at all:
 I wish you'd tell me why:
 For, if you would, the silvery sound
 Would please the shrimps and cockles
 round,
 And all the crabs would gladly come
 To hear you sing, 'Ah, Hum di Hum!'"

V.
 Said Mr. Daddy Long-legs,
 "I can never sing again;
 And, if you wish, I'll tell you why,
 Although it gives me pain.
 For years I cannot hum a bit,
 Or sing the smallest song;

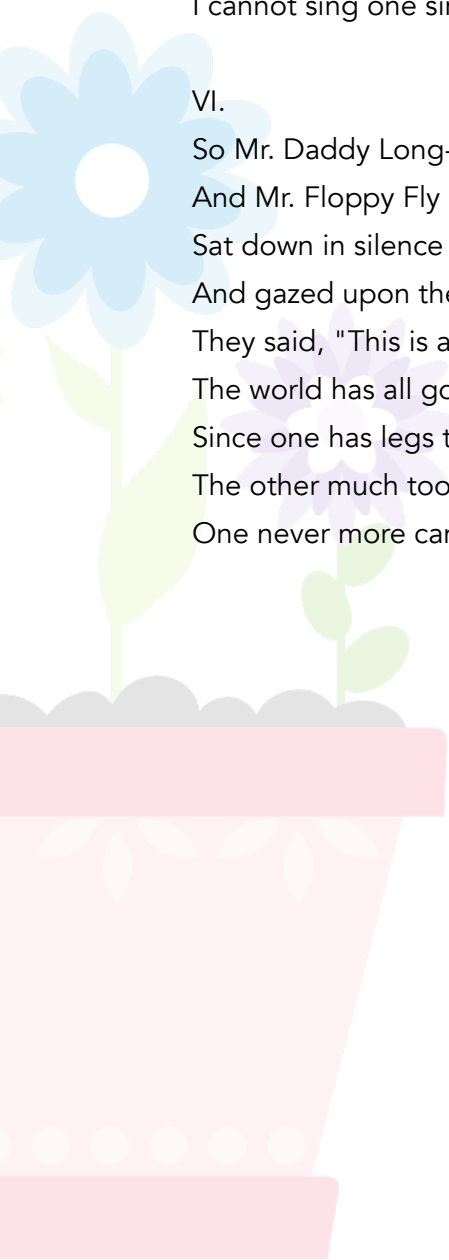
THE DADDY LONG-LEGS AND THE FLY (CONT.)

And this the dreadful reason is, -
 My legs are grown too long!
 My six long legs, all here and there,
 Oppress my bosom with despair;
 And, if I stand or lie or sit,
 I cannot sing one single bit!"

VI.
 So Mr. Daddy Long-legs
 And Mr. Floppy Fly
 Sat down in silence by the sea,
 And gazed upon the sky.
 They said, "This is a dreadful thing!
 The world has all gone wrong,
 Since one has legs too short by half,
 The other much too long.
 One never more can go to court,

Because his legs have grown too short;
 The other cannot sing a song,
 Because his legs have grown too long!"

VII.
 Then Mr. Daddy Long-legs
 And Mr. Floppy Fly
 Rushed downward to the foamy sea
 With one sponge-taneous cry:
 And there they found a little boat,
 Whose sails were pink and gray;
 And off they sailed among the waves,
 Far and far away:
 They sailed across the silent main,
 And reached the great Gromboolian Plain;
 And there they play forevermore
 At battlecock and shuttledore.



WEEK 1	Day 1	Day 2
Prayer	ACTS Prayer • Print out these handy bookmarks for each child. A stands for Adoration or praise. Spend the week praising God for who he is and what he has done. You might read Psalm 145 for inspiration.	
Memorization	This little piggy went to market, This little piggy stayed home, This little piggy had roast beef, This little piggy had none, And this little piggy cried “wee wee wee” all the way home.	
Poetry	“Full Moon” by Walter De La Mare	
Fine Arts		Music Appreciation: <i>Juanita the Spanish Lobster</i> Listen to track 1. Enjoy the story with this coloring sheet .
Nature Study		
Math	Do activities 6.1 and 6.2	
Reading Suggestions	<i>May I Please Have a Cookie?</i> <i>Kitten's First Full Moon</i> <i>Wait Till the Moon Is Full</i> <i>This Little Piggy</i> <i>I Took the Moon for a Walk</i>	<i>Lobsterman</i> <i>Lobsters</i>



Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
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<p>Picture Study: <i>Come Look With Me</i> pgs. 8-9</p>		<p>Art: Draw the Missing Half: Insects OR Draw the Missing Half: Vehicles</p>
<p>Spring Nature Walk: Do the first shaded activity and craft on pg. 13. If you do not have snow, look for things turning green. For the craft, use any medium you choose.</p>		
<p><i>Pieter Bruegel</i></p>	<p><i>When Spring Comes</i></p>	<p><i>A Beetle Is Shy</i> <i>Old MacDonald's Things That Go</i></p>



LOOP SCHEDULE

DAILY SUBJECTS		
Prayer	ACTS Prayer • Print out these handy <i>bookmarks</i> for each child. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A stands for Adoration or praise. Spend the week praising God for who he is and what he has done. You might read Psalm 145 for inspiration. • C stands for Confession. Talk about what it means to confess our sins and why we do it. Use the <i>Ten Commandments</i> as a guide. • T stands for Thanksgiving. What are you thankful for? What things would you miss if they were gone? Being grateful takes practice. Make a list of or talk about the things for which you are grateful. • S stands for Supplication or requests. We often have many things we would like to ask God for and that is ok. Talk about praying for others, the church, or nation, and other concerns outside of ourselves. 	
Memorization	Various nursery rhymes	<i>This Little Piggy</i> <i>Rub A Dub Dub</i> <i>Little Boy Blue</i> <i>Old King Cole</i>
LOOP SUBJECTS		
Subject	Activity	Related Picture Books
Poetry	"Full Moon" by Walter De La Mare	<i>Kitten's First Full Moon</i> <i>I Took the Moon for a Walk</i> <i>Wait Till the Moon Is Full</i>
Math	Do activities 6.1 and 6.2	<i>May I Please Have a Cookie?</i>
Music	<i>Juanita the Spanish Lobster</i> Listen to track 1. Enjoy the story with this <i>coloring sheet</i> .	<i>Lobsterman</i> <i>Lobsters</i>
Picture Study	<i>Come Look With Me</i> pgs. 8-9	<i>Pieter Bruegel</i>
Art	<i>Draw the Missing Half: Insects</i> OR <i>Draw the Missing Half: Vehicles</i>	<i>A Beetle Is Shy</i> <i>Old MacDonald's Things That Go</i>