



**A - Z**

# **Toddler & Preschool Curriculum**

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## Year At A Glance

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### **September** – Red, 1, Circle

A-Apples  
B-Bears & Camping  
C-Circus & Clowns  
D-Down on the Farm

### **April** – Black, 8, Octagon

U-Umbrellas & Spring  
V-Vroom, Vroom Things that Go  
W-Wiggly, Crawly Things  
X-X-Rays and Bones

### **October** – Orange, 2, Square

E-Emotions/Feelings  
F-Fish  
G-Mother Goose Rhymes  
Special Holiday: Halloween (Christian Version)

### **May** – Purple, 9 & 10, Oval

Y-Yippy, Summer Is Here  
Z-Zoo

### **November** – Yellow, 3, Rectangle

H-Helpers (Community Helpers)  
I-Indians  
Special Holiday: Thanksgiving Theme

### **December** – Green, 4, Triangle

J-Jungle Safari  
Special Holiday: Christmas Theme

### **January** – Blue, 5, Star

K-Kings, Queens, & Castles  
L-Library & Books  
M-Mittens  
N-Nutrition

### **February** – Pink, 6, Heart

O-Ocean  
P-Plants  
Special Holiday: Valentine's Week Theme  
Q-Quack Like A Duck

### **March** – White, 7, Diamond

R-Reduce, Reuse, Recycle  
S-Senses  
T-Terrific Teeth  
Special Holiday: Easter Theme

## A

Color: Red

Number: 1

Shape: Circle

Scripture: Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Ephesians 6:1

Theme: **Apples**

Bible: Adam & Eve

- Scripture: Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Ephesians 6:1
- Tell story of Adam and Eve. Keep it simple: God made Adam. God made Eve. God Made Me. God said don't eat fruit from one tree. Adam and Eve did not obey. Bible Concept: We must obey.
- As you cover the theme apples, remind toddler of the Bible concept this week: We must obey.
- Play in the sandbox or make a homemade sandbox for this week if you don't have one. Home stores sell bags of play sand for only \$4. Fill a large rubber maid "under the bed storage box" with the sand. Use this sand play to teach that God formed Adam out of dirt.

Theme Learning:

Talk about how apples grow. Apple trees grow from seeds and apples grow on apple trees. Discuss the different colors apples can be: red, yellow, or green. Ask, "Which color do you like the best?" Guess how many seeds are in the apple. Cut open an apple and show some seeds from the inside. Discuss what they look like, what color they are, what shape they are in (teardrop). Plant an apple seed in a paper cup or small pot and discuss what the seed needs in order to grow: soil, water, sun.

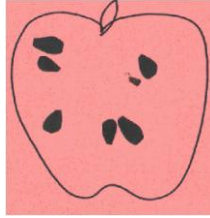
Letter Skills:

- Say It: A says "a" like "achoo"
- Play a Game: Give your toddler a Kleenex and have him practice saying "a..a..a..choo!" Glue Kleenex to hand (page included at back)
- Decorate blank A with fingerprint ants using black washable paint or black stamp pad. Just draw on legs and antennae to their fingerprints using black marker.
- Letter "A" Box: In advance fill an empty wet wipes container or shoe box with items found around the house that begin with the letter a; have child add to the box through the week as they find things that start with the /a/ sound (Ex. animal cracker, apple, alligator toy, etc.) Enrichment: look for things with "a" in middle

Math:

- String Apple Jacks cereal onto yarn (to avoid frustration, be sure to use extra wide tape on the end of the yarn so it doesn't fray and so that it is easier for your toddler to manipulate)
- Guess how many seeds in a apple; cut open and count out loud to your toddler

- Glue black seeds (from above activity or cut out from black construction paper) to a red construction paper apple; give the seeds to your toddler one at a time and make him say one...one...one



#### Shape Practice:

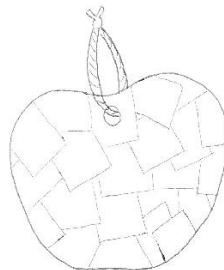
- Have toddler put red circular price stickers found in Office Supply store on Handprint Apple Trees (see Art section below)
- Shape Hunt: Look around the house for circles. Examples: oatmeal container lid, clock on wall, favorite DVD, etc.
- Teach child to draw circles. Guide his/her hand around and around while holding crayon making circles on paper. Trace around a coffee can lid (or other lid)

#### Color:

- Sort red, green, and yellow construction paper apples cutouts
- Play with red play dough and apple shaped cookie cutter
- Sort red, green, and yellow apples: put red, green, and yellow construction paper sheets in front of child. Let him sort apples onto correct paper.

#### Art:

- Apple Stamping: Use apple you cut in half during Math; put red paint on paper plate, dip apple halves cut side down into paint and let child stamp apple prints on white paper. \*Enrichment: stamp apple prints on canvas apron bought in craft section of large stores; give the apron as a gift to a deserving widow, elderly neighbor, hard working church kitchen staff member, or save as special surprise for Grandmother on Grandparent's Day (first Sunday of September)
- Stained Glass Apples: cut apple shape from clear contact paper; peel to reveal sticky side; have child place red, green, yellow tissue paper squares onto the sticky contact paper; cover with another contact paper apple cutout to seal; punch hole and tie yard for hanging on window in kitchen



- Apple Tree Handprint Tree: paint child's hand and part of arm using washable brown paint and large paintbrush; have him press hand/arm onto white construction paper; when dry, add red circular stickers for apples (see Shape Practice section above)

#### Story Time:

- How Do Apples Grow by Betsy Maestro
- The Apple Pie Tree by Zoe Hall
- The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein
- Ten Apples Up on Top by Dr. Seuss

#### Music:

- Use construction paper apple cutouts from Color section above. Sing the song below and at the end, throw the apples into the air and let them “rain” down as your toddler tries to catch them.
  - Sing: “Apples fallin’ down, won’t you try and catch some.  
Apples fallin’ down, won’t you try and catch some.  
Apples fallin’ down, won’t you try and catch some.  
Catch some if you can.” (throw apples up in air)
- Fast and Slow game: play music with fast/slow tempos. Provide brightly colored scarf of fabric ribbon and have your child move it to the music

#### Game Time:

- Pickin’ Apples: Crumple red, yellow, and green construction paper up into balls. Put them into a laundry basket and then dump in middle of floor. Have your child pick the “apples” up and put them in the basket. For added fun...just have them do it fast, slow, by crawling, by hopping, by slithering, etc.
- Batter Up! Have child hold empty paper towel tube like a bat. Use crumpled paper for the ball.

#### Snack Idea:

- Eat applesauce and graham crackers

#### Fieldtrip Ideas:

- Grocery Store – visit produce section; let child pick apple of each color
- Apple orchard or farm

## **B**

Color: Red

Number: 1

Shape: Circle

Scripture: ...The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear... Hebrews 13:6

Theme: **Bears and Camping**

Bible: David and Goliath

- Scripture: ...The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear... Hebrews 13:6
- Story: David and Goliath. Keep it simple: God helped David kill a big, mean bear and lion. Then God helped David kill a Giant. Bible Concept: God helps me.
- Have toddler pretend to be giant. Gently toss a balled up piece of paper (stone) at him and have him fall down. Toddlers will want to do this over and over.
- Set up a “camp” at the Building Center today. Provide sleeping bag and flashlight. Remind children that God is our helper. We should not be afraid.

Theme Learning:

- Talk about what you would need to take if you went camping...backpack, sleeping bag, cooking pan, flashlights, fishing pole, etc.
- Discuss where you might camp...state park, mountains, woods, backyard, etc. Show brochures showing some great campground sites.
- Discuss what you might do while you are camping...fishing, telling campfire stories, cooking over the campfire, etc.
- Discuss what kinds of wildlife and plants you might see if you went camping...bears, deer, rabbits, birds...variety of trees such as oak and pine...watch out for poison ivy...

Letter Skills:

- Sound it Out: B says “b” like bubbles
- Play a Game: Blow bubbles and have toddler practice saying “b” as he pops them; make him say “b” to get a turn to blow
- Decorate blank letter B with hand-aids
- Use dry beans to make letter B (capital and lower case); you may choose to provide a written B b for students to cover with beans
- Letter B collage-let children find and cut or tear out pictures of things that start with b. Glue to construction paper to make a Letter B collage.

Math:

- “Go Fishing” using toy fishing pole and construction paper fish with gem clip taped on so that the magnet in the fishing pole with stick on; count fish as you pull them up
- Pour sand into a shallow dish or baking pan (or use rice). Have toddler practice writing number 1 with finger in the sand.

- Bean counters-Write the numbers 1-5 on small paper cups; students should put 1 bean in the cup labeled 1, 2 beans in the cup labeled 2, etc. If you have several bean varieties, the students may sort the beans.

#### Shape Practice:

- Bubble Wrap: Look around the house for bubble wrap that may have come in a package lying around or ask a mailing service store to donate a small piece to you; show toddler that bubble wrap is made up of tiny circles filled with air; toddlers love popping bubble wrap by stomping on it...sometimes it is too tough for them to pop with fingers
- Circle Bear Project: Use brown construction paper to cut out various sized circles and have toddler glue together to make a bear. Large circle for face; two small circles for ears; really large circle for body; four small circles for legs; draw on face with marker

#### Color: Red

- Paint Red Campfire: Google campfire coloring sheet and print out; have toddler finger paint with red on the campfire (older toddlers can use brush or Q-tip to paint with)

#### Art:

- Bubble Painting: Fill empty yogurt container with dish detergent, acrylic paint and a little water; mix well and use old bubble wand to blow bubbles on white paper; try using several yogurt containers for multicolored bubble painting (note: cover area with newspaper or do outside)
- Bouncy Ball Art: Buy roll of wrapping paper from \$1 Store. Go outside and unroll wrapping paper, turn upside down so that white side is up and lay across sidewalk. Put several colors of paint into paper plates. Roll balls into paint and have toddler drop onto the white side of the wrapping paper. The balls will bounce around making a beautiful bouncy ball art piece. (messy, but so fun for a toddler)
- Have toddler color on a brown paper sack; use the sack for trail mix made below in Snack Idea section

#### Story Time:

- Bears in the Night by Jan and Stan Berenstain (or any Berenstain Bears' book)
- Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Eric Carle
- We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen
- The Three Bears -Little Golden Book (or any version of this story)



#### Music:

- Bean Shaker: Make a shaker using an empty Pringles can filled with beans and duct taped closed. Use colorful drawer/shelf liner to decorate the can or use a piece of the wrapping paper used in the Art project above. Play music from CD or radio and have your toddler shake away!
- Dr. Jean Sings Silly Songs CD has a great, interactive “Going on a Bear Hunt” song that toddlers love! (can find online or at Teacher Supply store)
- Sing as your toddler acts out:
  - Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, turn around.
  - Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear touch the ground.
  - Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear climb the stairs.
  - Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear say your prayers.
  - Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, turn out the light.
  - Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, say “Goodnight.”

#### Game Time:

- Sit on floor with toddler and roll ball back and forth. Toddlers love this simple, repetitive game. They usually aren’t able to catch a ball yet, but love rolling one. Play music and whomever has the ball when the music stops, must name something that starts with B
- Beanbag Toss: toss beanbags into a laundry basket; you can make beanbags by simply filling the bottom of old tube socks with rice or beans and tying securely.

#### Snack Idea:

- Serve mini-marshmallows and hotdog cut with Toddler Bites Hotdog Cutter for a “camp-out snack.” (Choking Alert-be sure child eats marshmallows one by one and be sure the hot dog is split lengthwise and then cut into ½ inch pieces)
- Trail Mix-make toddler friendly trail mix using mini-marshmallows, plain M&M’s, pretzel sticks, and dry cereal
- Serve Teddy Grahams or Gummy Bears

#### Fieldtrip Ideas:

- Take a camping trip outside on your center’s playground. Set up a tent and quilts to sit on. Have lunch outside as well. Be sure to have children each bring their favorite teddy bear.
- Visit a state park
- Have Smokey Bear (local Forestry Department) visit and talk about properly putting out camp fires.

# C

Color: Red

Number: 1

Shape: Circle

Scripture: ...Whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he. Proverbs 16:20

Theme: **Clowns/Circus**

Bible:

- Scripture: ...Whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he. Proverbs 16:20
- Tell story of Daniel in the Lion's Den. Keep it simple: Daniel loved God and prayed to Him. Some men tricked the King into making it law that people could not pray to God. Daniel prayed anyway. The King had to throw Daniel into a lion's den for punishment. God sent an angel to shut the lion's mouths. The King saw what happened and said that everyone should pray to God.
- Make paper plate lion stick puppet-glue yarn around edge of small paper plate for mane; draw on face; tape Popsicle stick on back

Theme Learning:

- What people might you see at a circus? ringmaster, clowns, lion tamer, juggler, tightrope walkers, acrobats, magicians, cannon shooters, etc.
- What animals might you see at a circus? elephants, bears, lion, horses, dogs, etc.
- What things might be happening at a circus? someone selling popcorn, peanuts, etc., jugglers juggling, acrobats swinging on the trapeze, animals performing, etc.
- What does it take to get ready for a circus? choosing an act, making the costumes, decorating, sending invitations or selling tickets, face painting, making props, practicing and have a dress rehearsal

Letter Skills:

- Sound it Out-C says "c" like a clown.
- Play a Game: Draw or print out a picture of a clown. If child says "c" sound, he may add a spot to the clown's shirt. Hang decorated clown on the refrigerator or on child's door.
- Decorate blank C by gluing on cotton balls
- Shape a pipe cleaner to look like letter C. Glue to construction paper. Cut pipe cleaner in half and make little c. Glue beside the big C.

Math

- Put shaving cream (not gel kind) onto kitchen table. Spread the shaving cream out and have toddler practice writing number 1. Then just let toddler have fun! It won't hurt the table, but instead will make it shine and smell so clean! This activity is messy, but will be a sure favorite for your toddler. You could always use whipped cream if you afraid your toddler may put the shaving cream in his mouth.

- Purchase animal crackers to use as Math manipulates. Count the animals...sort the animals, etc.

### Shape Practice

- Potato Stamping: Print out coloring page of a clown (Google for one). Use a potato cut in half and paper plates with various colors of paint to do circle stamping all around the picture to represent “juggling balls.” Of course this could be done simply on plain paper as well. The potatoes are easy for little hands to handle.
- Circle Stamping-dip open end of paper cup or empty toilet roll into paint and stamp lots of circles

### Color

- Use face paint or a non toxic marker to “paint” your child’s nose red like a clown. Pass around a safe mirror and let students see their red clown noses.
- Play “I Spy.” Look for things that are red. You may choose for children to go and get the item and put it into a laundry basket for the children to explore during Center Time.

### Art

- Homemade crayons. C is for crayons. Peel paper from old, broken crayons and break into small pieces. Fill mini muffin tin with small pieces. Put into oven at 200 degrees for about 10 minutes or until crayons melt. Let cool (I put them in the freezer for about 10 minutes to speed this along). These homemade crayons are the perfect size for little toddler hands. Provide white paper and let your toddlers color away! Display artwork. Store crayons in Ziploc bags.
- Draw a simple circus tent outline. Have children count out 1 of each type of animal from a bag of animal crackers and glue inside the tent...1 giraff, 1 elephant, 1 horse, etc.
- Handprint elephant-paint child’s hand with gray paint and have him press onto white paper; when dry add eye, ear and tail



### Story Time:

- Clifford at the Circus by Norman Bridwell
- If I Ran the Circus by Dr. Seuss
- Spot Goes to the Circus by Eric Hill
- Curious George Goes to the Circus by Margaret Rey

### Music

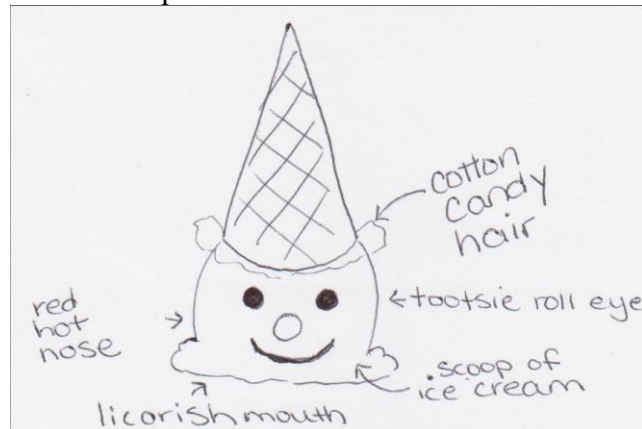
- Play music and have the children move like a circus animal: elephant, tiger, bear, horse, etc.
- Make homemade drum and have child do circus drum rolls. Drum can be as simple as pots with two wooden spoons. It's loud, but toddlers LOVE it!
- Sing: "If You're Happy and You Know It."

### Game Time

- Balloon Toss: SUPERVISE WELL. Blow up several balloons and tie. Have toddlers try to keep balloons up in the air. Don't let them touch the floor. Fun!
- Circus Train: tie 3 laundry baskets together with yarn to make a train; add a rope handle to the first basket; let child give stuffed animals a "train ride"
- Tight Rope Walking-place a jump rope on the ground and let children try to walk along the "tightrope."
- Elephant, Elephant, Lion (like Duck, Duck, Goose)
- Jumping Through Hoops-children must take turns jumping through a hoola-hoop
- Pin the Nose on the Clown..use red balloons blown up slightly for the nose; affix with masking tape.

### Snack Idea

- Eat animal crackers.
- Buy a bag of cotton candy sold at most snack bars is larger Super Center stores. What a treat!
- Serve hotdogs (a circus favorite) cut using Toddler Bites Hotdog Cutter. Squirt red ketchup and discuss the color red.
- Ice Cream Clowns-give each child a scoop of ice cream and have them put a cone shaped ice cream cone on top. Decorate the clown's face with candy and enjoy!



Fieldtrip Ideas:

- Watch the movie, “Dumbo.”
- Invite a balloon artist or clown to come to class
- Fall is the time when the circus usually comes to town. Check your local paper, you may get lucky and find a real circus to attend!

## D

Color: Red

Number: 1

Shape: Circle

Scripture: To everything there is a season...a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted... Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

Theme: **Down on the Farm**

Bible:

- Scripture: To everything there is a season...a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted... Ecclesiastes 3:1-2
- Tell story of the Sower. Keep it simple: A farmer went out to plant seeds. Some seeds fell on the hard ground and the birds ate them. Some seeds fell on the rocks and didn't grow strong roots and dried up in the hot sun. Some seeds fell in the weeds, but the weeds shaded the sunlight and they couldn't grow. Some fell in good soil and grew nice vegetables. We should be like the seed that grew and listen and learn more about God.
- Role-play the story. Go outside and plant vegetables in a small corner of your backyard or in large pots. Tomatoes grow well in pots. You could just plant flower seeds in a pot if you'd rather.

Theme Learning:

- Discuss what you might find on a farm: animals (kinds), farmer/family, tractors, garden (vegetables)
- Discuss Gardens (See Music section for vegetable review game/song)
- Discuss the work the farmer and his family does: feed animals, tend the garden, build/repair fences, collect milk and eggs, sell produce to market, etc.
- Discuss animals found on the farm and their uses: cows/milk, chickens/eggs, sheep/ wool, horse/ride, goats/clearing tall grass, etc.

Letter Skills: D

- Sound It Out: D says "d" like dog.
- Decorate blank letter D to look like a Dalmatian by using Q-tips to paint black spots inside the outline of letter D.
- Letter D Box-use an empty wet wipes box labeled with letter D, d; add things that start with D and discuss. (dime, dollar, toy donut, small stuffed dog, etc.)
- Feed the Pig-Use print pig cutout provided and mount onto half of a file folder; cut hole for mouth and provide yellow squares cut from construction paper for corn; have child "feed" the pig each time he can tell you what letter D says when asked; use flashcards to review other letter-child may feed the pig each time correct.
- Letter F Hunt-give each child a magazine page and let him/her hunt for and highlight or circle all the f's they find
- Playdough-form letter F,f...also provide F cookie cutter as well as the other letters you have already covered this year (A-E)

#### Math:

- Bury toy bones (or use empty toilet rolls for bones) in the sandbox and have toddler dig them up; count how many he finds
- Use chocolate pudding (piggy mud) on paper plate to make #1's with finger
- Haystack Counting-place raffia or straw inside Styrofoam cup; have child place one plastic fork (pitch fork) into straw; write number 1 on cup; take pitchfork in and out of straw as he counts number 1 (for enrichment, make cups for other numbers and provide enough plastic forks to stick in correct cups)

#### Shape Practice:

- Circle Mobile: Collect old CD's (post office usually has a stack of free AOL Internet demo CD's laying on the counter. Attach string to a few of these and tie to a clothes hanger so that they hang down. The mirrored CD's reflect the light and make nice rainbow effect when hung from a ceiling fan pull. Refer to shape of CD's (circles) to reinforce the shape this month.
- Shape Tracing: Collect the lids from various household items in your cabinet or refrigerator. For example: canister tops, oatmeal container lids, coffee can top, etc. Give your toddlers paper and a marker and let them try to trace around the tops to make circles. Toddlers will need help holding the tops down and guiding the marker around until they get the hang of it.

#### Color:

- Egg Color Match Up: Wash empty egg carton. Use marker to color the inside bottom of each egg cup with different color. Use plastic eggs in those same colors and let your toddler place matching plastic egg in correct egg cup.

#### Art:

- Mud Painting: Cut pig shape from pink construction paper. Let your child paint with brown paint or for even more fun paint with chocolate pudding (mud!)
- Sticker Farm Scene: Toddlers LOVE stickers and will usually work intently. Purchase farm animal stickers in the card and stationary area at larger stores. Let them add the stickers to a piece of green construction paper or a farm coloring sheet for a farm scene.
- Tractor track painting: Put black paint on a paper plate and let your toddler roll the tractor in the paint and across white paper to make tractor tracks.
- Pig Nose: Cut one egg cup from a cardboard egg carton and let your child paint it pink. Draw on two oval nose holes and attach elastic (or yarn) to each side of the egg cup for a piggy nose! Provide mirror so your child can see that he's a pig!
- Cotton ball Sheep: Print out sheep coloring page. Have toddler glue on cotton balls.

#### Story Time:

- The Little Red Hen (Little Golden Book or any variation)
- The Big Red Barn by Margaret Wise Brown
- Rooster's Off to See the World by Eric Carle
- If You Give a Pig a Pancake by Laura Numeroff

### Music:

- Sing “Old McDonald Had a Farm” Go through all the animals sounds this week, but also include farm machinery sounds. For example: the tractor on the farm goes “brrr” brrr” “brrr”
- Felt Veggies-Cut out vegetable shapes from felt or fun foam (about 33 cent per piece at large retail store in craft department). “Plant” vegetables around floor like a garden. Give your child a basket and let him pick the veggies as you sing, “Where oh where is Farmer \_\_\_? Where oh where is Farmer \_\_\_? Where oh where is Farmer \_\_\_? Way down yonder in the veggie patch. Pickin’ up tomatoes, puttin’ them in his basket; pickin’ up corn, puttin’ it in his basket; pickin’ up carrots, putting them in his basket. Way down yonder in the veggie patch.” Let him try to identify and find the correct veggie you call out.
- Sing-The Animals on the Farm Go...(tune of the Wheels on the Bus); use different animals/sounds

### Game Time:

- Pin the Tail on the Piggy: Use pink pipe cleaner tail.
- Play “Doggy, Doggy, Where’s Your Bone” by hiding toy bone and having toddler find it.
- Feed the Pig-Get a manila folder and open it like upside down V so that it can stand alone. Find or draw picture of a pig face. (Google it) Glue the pig onto one side of folder and cut opening for mouth of pig. Stand folder back up like upside down V. Cut out lots of yellow construction paper squares (corn). Let your child “fed the pig” by putting the squares of “corn” into it’s mouth.
- Milk the Cow: Fill a rubber glove with water and tie it like a balloon. Let your toddler grab the fingers and pretend they are cow utters. Let him milk the cow. For added fun, use a straight pin to make holes in the tips of the gloves fingers so that as your child “milk” the water will actually come out.

### Snack Idea

- Dog bone biscuits: pinch the middle of canned biscuits together to form bone shape and bake
- Milk Shake
- Homemade butter: Fill a clean, empty baby food jar halfway with whipping cream. Put the lid on tight and let your toddler shake away! The whipping cream will turn to butter! Spread on crackers or a piece of bread for a yummy snack! If you are worried about the jar breaking, try a clean, plastic peanut butter jar...takes more shaking, but makes more butter!

### Fieldtrip Ideas:

- Visit a local farm
- Visit a local farmers market and talk about the many vegetables found there
- Visit the produce section of a grocery store; explain that farmers grow the vegetables and fruits found there



## E

Color: Orange

Number: 2

Shape: Square

Scripture: If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God...and it shall be given him.

James 1:5

Theme: **Emotions/Feelings**

### Bible

- Scripture: If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God...and it shall be given him. James 1:5
- Tell the story of Solomon. Keep it simple: God spoke to Solomon in a dream. He asked Solomon what he would wish for if he could have anything he wanted. Solomon chose wisdom. One day two women came to the king to solve a problem. Both women said that a baby was theirs. Solomon used his wisdom to find out who the real mommy was. He solved the problem.
- Make a "Thinking Cap"-decorate old baseball cap by gluing misc. items on to it; suggestions: jewels, fun foam shapes, feathers, light bulb shaped mini erasers (great idea symbol), etc.

### Theme Learning

- What are emotions? List examples: happy, sad, mad, proud, nervous, excited, etc.
- Talk about the most common emotions: happy/sad. Discuss what might cause you to feel this way. In advance, purchase small, white paper plates. Draw a happy face on one side and a sad face on the other side. Tape to a popsicle stick. Give one to each child. Read the following scenarios and tell the children to decide if they would be happy/sad and show that fac.  
Your friend breaks your toy  
You go see a movie  
You skin your knee  
You go to see your grandmother  
You get to eat an ice cream cone
- Show pictures of people showing various emotions (cut from magazines); talk about what emotion they are showing and what might have happened to them to make them feel this way
- Discuss properly reacting to emotions-Ex. when we are mad, we can count to ten to calm down...when we are nervous or scared, we can say a prayer and ask God to be with us...

# Weekly Lesson Plan

Theme: Apples

Story Time left blank so you can fill in with titles your library has...try to find books related to the theme

Small Group Time:  
1. Letter Skills  
2. Numbers/Readiness Skills  
3. Art or Cooking

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Bible Time</b>	Read Bible verse Tell Story of Adam and Eve	Review Bible verse Prayer Time (use small white board to record/erase requests and praises)	Review Bible verse Prayer Time	Review Bible verse Prayer Time	Review Bible story Review Bible verse Prayer Time
<b>Greeting Circle</b>	Star Student Read Care Bear Journal Calendar/Weather Routine Birthdays & Share Bears (4)	Good Morning song Calendar/Weather Routine Birthdays Share Bears (4)	Good Morning song Calendar/Weather Routine Birthdays Share Bears (4)	Good Morning song Calendar/Weather Routine Birthdays Share Bears (4)	Good Morning song Calendar/Weather Routine Birthdays Share Bears (4)
<b>Center Time/ Small Group Time</b>	1. Blank A/fingerprint ants 2. Apple Seed Sheet (math) 3. Apple Stamping	1-A-a-choo Tissue sheet 2-String Apple Jacks (math) 3. Stained Glass Apples	1.Look through A box 2.Sort apples (color) 3.Handprint apple tree	1.no letter activity for today 2.Add stickers to tree (shape) 3.Cooking-applesauce	F I E L D T
<b>Circle Time</b>	Theme-How Apples Grow Letter Skills-Intro. Letter A Math Skills-cut apple,count seeds Color/Shape-discuss red & circle	Theme- Apple Colors Letter Skills-"a-a-a-choo" game Math Skills-show how to write 1 Color/Shape-pass aro. toilet paper binoculars...look for red & circles	Theme-Apple Seeds Letter Skills-Letter A box Math Skills-sky write 1 Color/Shape-pass out magazines, look for red...blue to large poster board to make class collage	Theme-Plant Apple Seed Letter Skills-Review Math Skills-Review Color-review red Shape-review circle	R I P
<b>Story Time</b>	Read book:	Read book:	Read book:	Read book:	
<b>Game Time/Music</b>	Pickin' Apples game	Batter Up game	Apples Fallin' Down	Ant, Ant, Anteater (played like Duck, Duck, Goose) or Follow the Leader like ants do	Suggestions: apple orchard or grocery store-produce section
<b>Closing Circle</b>	Review today's theme, letter and math skills, color and shape	Review today's theme, letter and math skills, color and shape	Review today's theme, letter and math skills, color and shape	Review today's theme, letter and math skills, color and shape	Review this week's theme, letter, math, color, shape Pass out Care Bear backpack & Star Student briefcase

# Weekly Lesson Plan

Theme: Bears and Camping

Small Group Time:  
1. Letter Skills  
2. Numbers/Readiness Skills  
3- Art or Cooking

Letter: B Number: 1 Scripture: Hebrews 13:6  
Color: red Shape: circle

## Monday

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<b>Bible Time</b>	Read Bible verse Tell Story of David and Goliath	Review Bible verse Prayer Time (use small white board to record/erase requests and praises)	Review Bible verse Prayer Time	Review Bible verse Prayer Time	Review Bible story Review Bible verse Prayer Time
<b>Greeting Circle</b>	Star Student Read Care Bear Journal Calendar/Weather Routine Birthdays & Share Bears (4)	Good Morning song Calendar/Weather Routine Birthdays Share Bears (4)	Good Morning song Calendar/Weather Routine Birthdays Share Bears (4)	Good Morning song Calendar/Weather Routine Birthdays Share Bears (4)	Good Morning song Calendar/Weather Routine Birthdays Share Bears (4)
<b>Center Time/ Small Group Time</b>	1. Decorate blank letter B with bandaids 2. Practice writing number 1 in sandbox 3. Paint red "campfire"	1. Use beans as manipulatives to write B 2. Make bean shaker (music) 3. Bubble painting	1. Look through Letter B box 2. Go Fishing game 3. Decorate brown bags to put trail mix in (tomorrow)	1. Letter B collage from magazines 2. No math activity for today 3. Cooking-Make trail mix	<b>F</b> <b>I</b> <b>E</b> <b>L</b> <b>D</b> <b>T</b>
<b>Circle Time</b>	Theme-Discuss what you might need to take when camping? Letter Skills-Intro, Letter B Math Skills-sky write number 1 Color/Shape-discuss red & circle	Theme-Where might you camp? Show brochures. Letter Skills-"b" like bubbles game Math Skills-count the bubbles Color/Shape-pass aro. toilet paper binoculars....look for red & circles	Theme-What might you do on your camping trip? Letter Skills-Letter B box Math Skills-Go Fishing game/count Color/Shape-pass out magazines, look for red...glue to large poster	Theme-What kinds of wildlife might you see Letter Skills-Review Math Skills-Review Color/Shape-show how to make circle bear (will be making for Art)	<b>R</b> <b>I</b> <b>P</b>
<b>Story Time</b>	Read book:	Read book:	Read book:	Read book:	
<b>Game Time/Music</b>	Game: Bean bag toss	Music: Bean shakers/music	Game: While music plays Pass the ball (when the music stops, must tell something that starts with B)	Music: Going on a Bear Hunt song and Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear Turn Around song	<b>S</b> <b>u</b> <b>g</b> <b>g</b> <b>e</b> <b>s</b> <b>t</b> <b>i</b> <b>o</b> <b>n</b> <b>s</b> <b>o</b> <b>n</b> <b>s</b> <b>o</b> <b>n</b> <b>a</b> <b>B</b> <b>e</b> <b>a</b> <b>r</b> <b>H</b> <b>u</b> <b>n</b> <b>t</b> <b>s</b> <b>o</b> <b>n</b> <b>a</b> <b>n</b> <b>d</b> <b>T</b> <b>e</b> <b>d</b> <b>d</b> <b>y</b> <b>B</b> <b>e</b> <b>a</b> <b>r</b> <b>T</b> <b>u</b> <b>r</b> <b>n</b> <b>A</b> <b>r</b> <b>o</b> <b>u</b> <b>n</b> <b>d</b> <b>s</b> <b>o</b> <b>n</b> <b>g</b>
<b>Closing Circle</b>	Review today's theme, letter and math skills, color and shape	Review today's theme, letter and math skills, color and shape	Review today's theme, letter and math skills, color and shape	Review today's theme, letter and math skills, color and shape	Review this week's theme, letter, math, color, shape Pass out Care Bear backpack & Star Student briefcase

# Weekly Lesson Plan

Theme: Circus Carnival/Clowns

Small Group Time:

1. Letter Skills
2. Numbers/Readiness Skills
3. Art or Cooking

Letter: C

Number: 1

Scripture:

Color: red

Shape: circle

Prov. 16:20

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## Tuesday

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<b>Bible Time</b>	Read Bible verse Tell Story of Daniel in the Lion Den	Review Bible verse Prayer Time (use small white board to record/erase requests and praises)	Review Bible verse Prayer Time	Review Bible verse Prayer Time	Review Bible story Review Bible verse Prayer Time
<b>Greeting Circle</b>	Star Student Read Care Bear Journal Class Jobs Calendar/Weather Routine Birthdays & Share Bears (4)	Good Morning song Calendar/Weather Routine Birthdays Share Bears (4)	Good Morning song Calendar/Weather Routine Birthdays Share Bears (4)	Good Morning song Calendar/Weather Routine Birthdays Share Bears (4)	Good Morning song Calendar/Weather Routine Birthdays Share Bears (4)
<b>Center Time/ Small Group Time</b>	1. Decorate blank letter C with cotton balls 2. Shaving creme-write 1 3. Make paper plate lion (from Bible time)	1. Shape pipe cleaner like C 2. Circus Animal cracker counters 3. Circle stamping-use toilet roll end or potato	1. Look through Letter C box 2. Draw circus tent and glue animal crackers 3. Handprint elephant	1. Letter C collage from magazines 2. no math activity for today 3. Cooking-Make homemade crayons	F I E L D T
<b>Circle Time</b>	Theme-What might you see at a circus? Letter Skills-Intro. Letter B Math Skills-sky write number 1 Color/Shape-discuss red & circle	Theme-What animals you might see at a circus? Letter Skills- "c" like clown game Math Skills-count the clown spots Color/Shape-put a red circle on each child's nose using face paint	Theme-What things might be happening at a circus? Letter Skills-Letter C box Math Skills-Go Fishing game/count Color/Shape-play "I Spy" red things	Theme-What does it take to be ready for the circus? Letter Skills-Review Math Skills-Review Color/Shape-Review	
<b>Story Time</b>	Read book:	Read book:	Read book:	Read book:	R I P
<b>Game Time/Music</b>	Game: Balloon Toss game	Music: Move like Circus Animals	Game: Tightrope Walking	Game: Jumping Through Hoops	Suggestions: Show the movie, "Dumbo" Have a balloon artist or clown visit the class
<b>Closing Circle</b>	Review today's theme, letter and math skills, color and shape	Review today's theme, letter and math skills, color and shape	Review today's theme, letter and math skills, color and shape	Review today's theme, letter and math skills, color and shape	Review this week's theme, letter, math, color, shape Pass out Care Bear backpack & Star Student briefcase

# Weekly Lesson Plan

Theme: Down on the Farm

Letter: D  
Color: red  
Number: 1  
Shape: circle  
Scripture: Eccl. 3:1-2

Small Group Time:  
1. Letter Skills  
2. Numbers/Readiness Skills  
3. Art or Cooking

## Monday

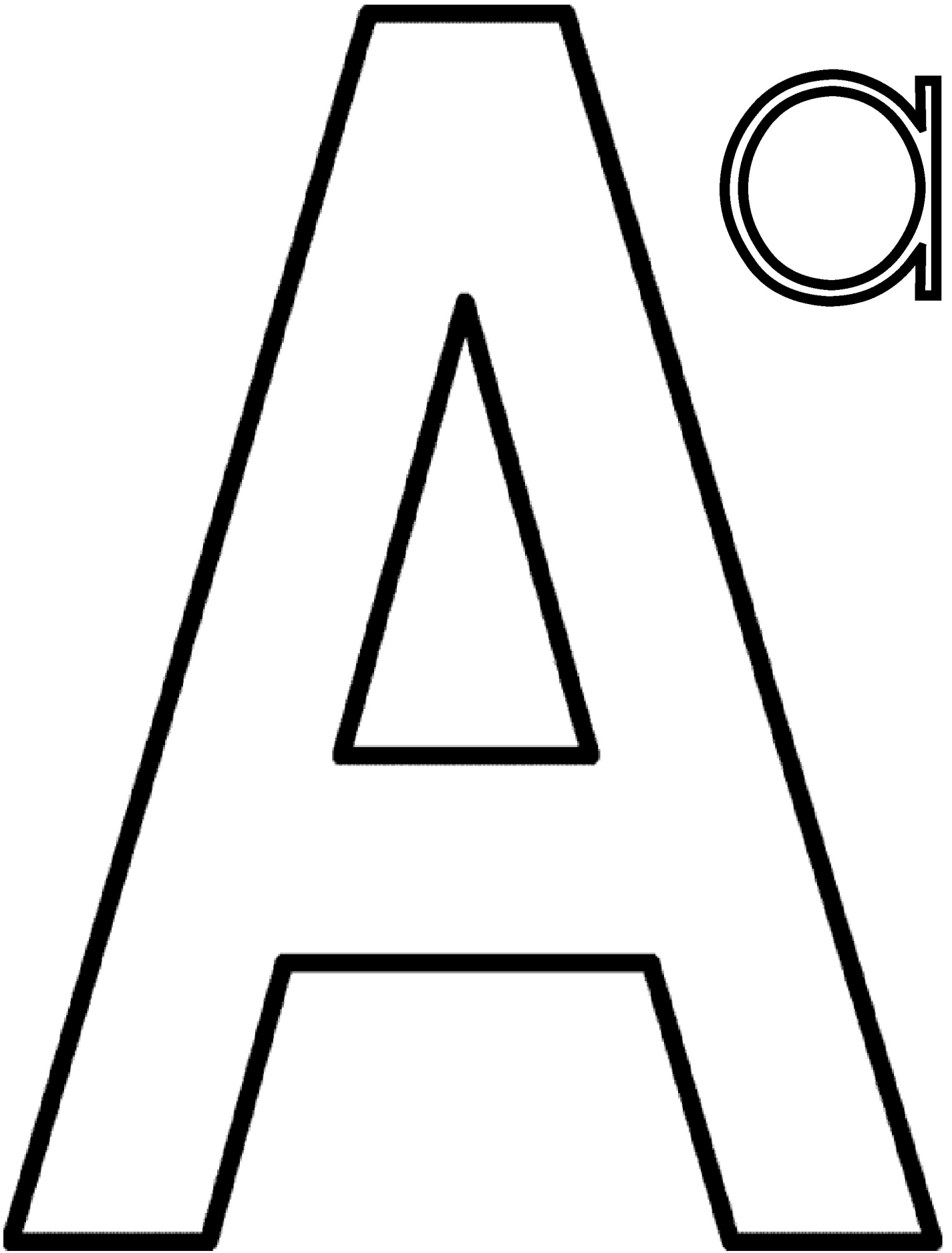
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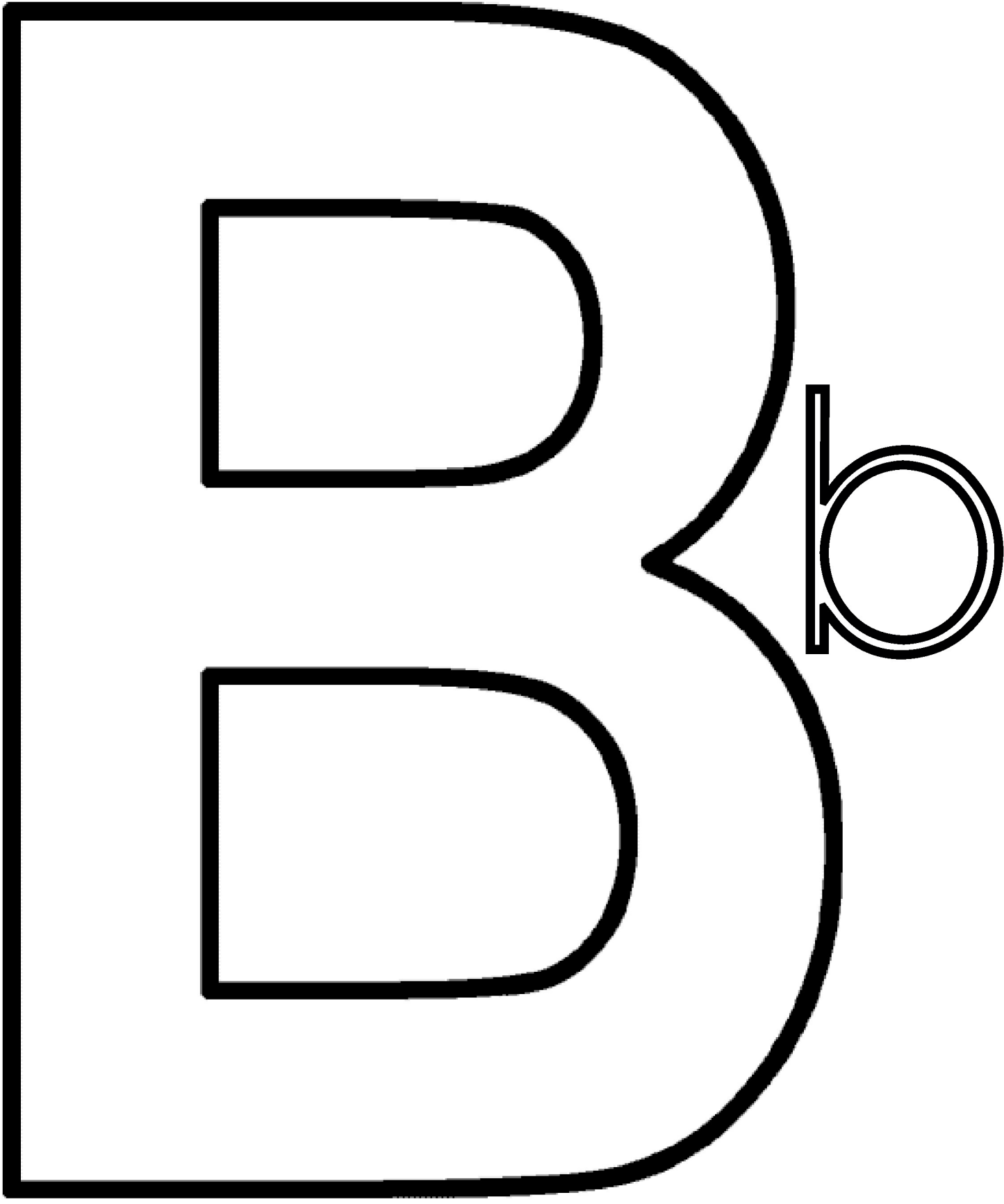
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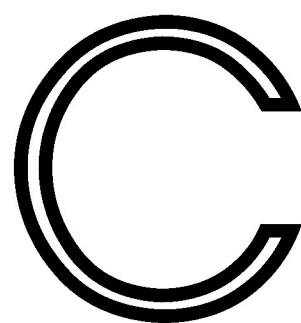
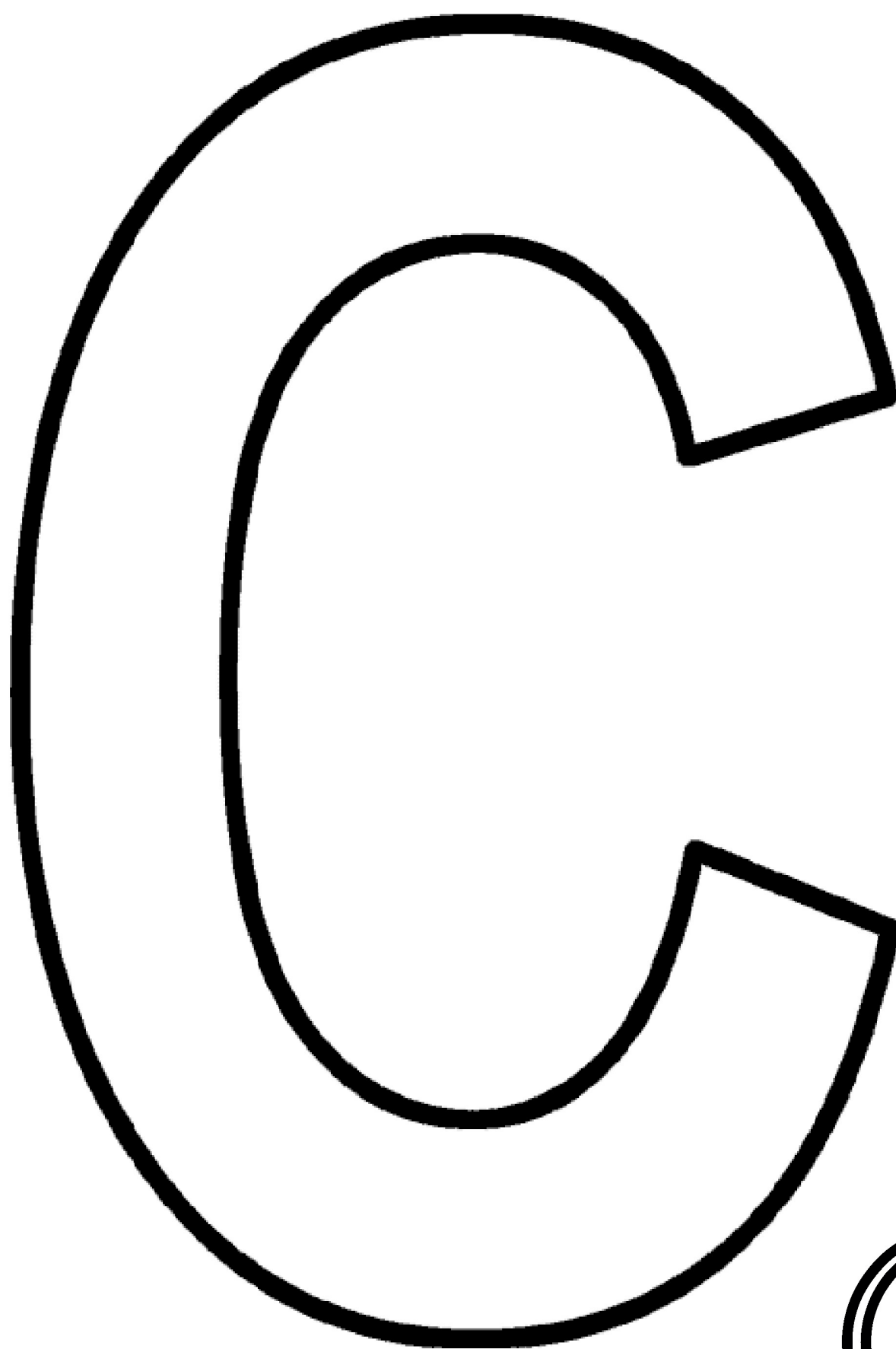
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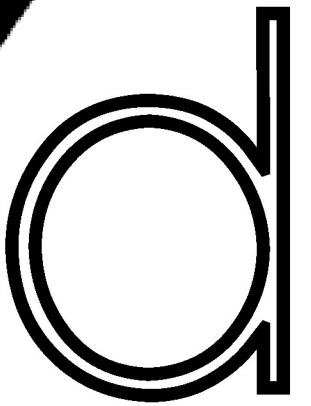
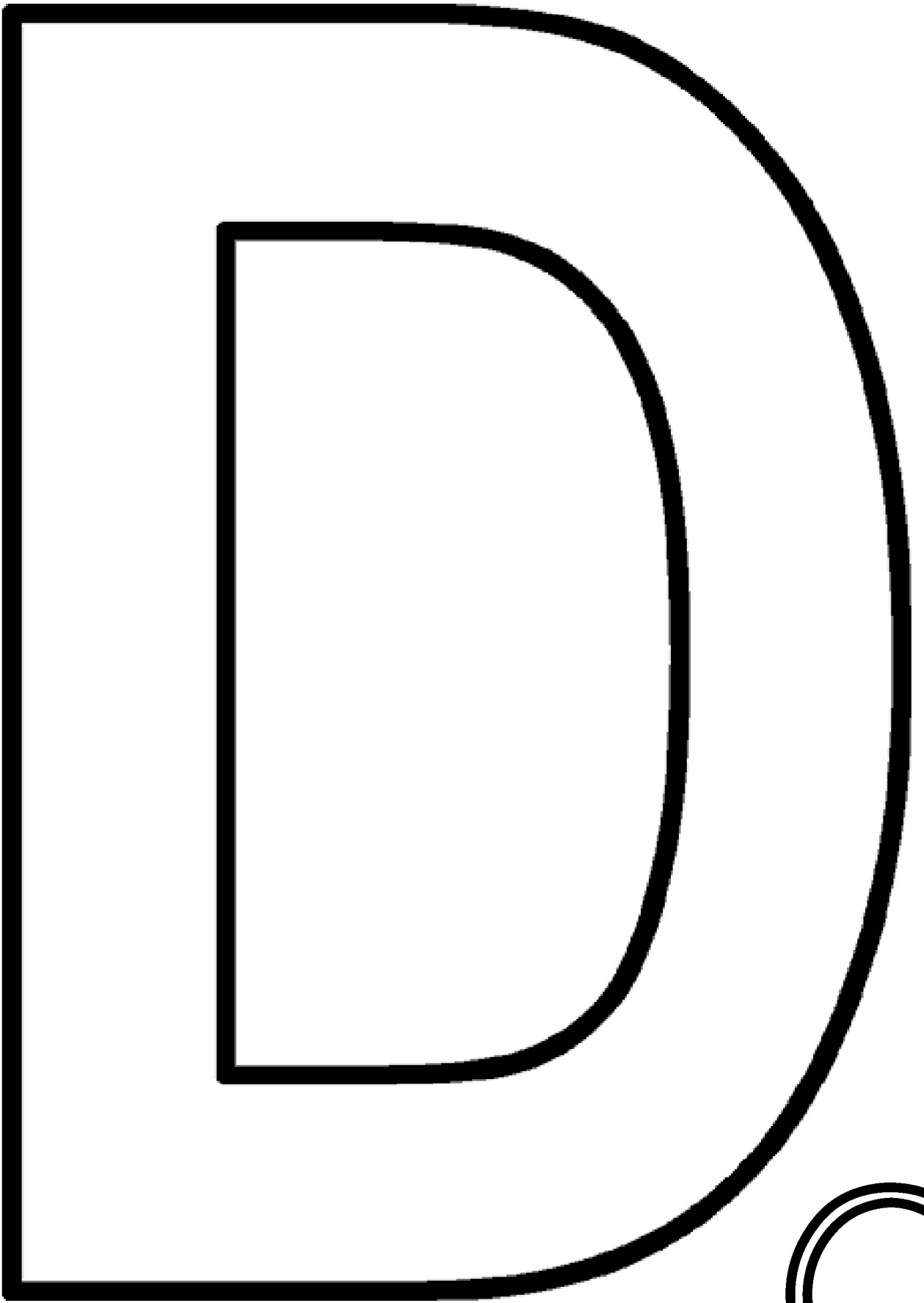
Bible Time	Read Bible verse Tell Story of The Sower	Review Bible verse Prayer Time (use small white board to record/erase requests and praises)	Review Bible verse Prayer Time	Review Bible verse Prayer Time	Review Bible story Review Bible verse Prayer Time
Greeting Circle	Star Student Read Care Bear Journal Class Jobs Calendar/Weather Routine Birthdays & Share Bears (4)	Good Morning song Calendar/Weather Routine Birthdays Share Bears (4)	Good Morning song Calendar/Weather Routine Birthdays Share Bears (4)	Good Morning song Calendar/Weather Routine Birthdays Share Bears (4)	Good Morning song Calendar/Weather Routine Birthdays Share Bears (4)
Center Time/ Small Group Time	1. Decorate blank letter D with dalmation dots 2. Dog Bone Activity 3. Pig nose (see Art)	1. Feed the Pigs activity 2. Mud painting-lots of 1's 3. Sticker Farm Scene (see Art)	1. Playdough-form F, f 2. Haystack counting 3. Tractor tracks painting (see Art)	1. Letter F hunt 2. Circle Mobile (shape) 3. Cooking-homemade butter	F I E L D T R I P
Circle Time	Theme-What might you find on a farm? Letter Skills-Intro. Letter D Math Skills-sky write number 1 Color/Shape-discuss red & circle	Theme-Discuss gardens Letter Skills- "c" like clown game Math Skills-count the clown spots Color/Shape-put a red circle on each child's nose using face paint	Theme-Discuss the work the farmer does Letter Skills-Letter C box Math Skills-Go Fishing game/count Color/Shape-play "I Spy" red things	Theme-Discuss animals on the farm Letter Skills-Review Math Skills-Review Color/Shape-Review	
Story Time	Read book:	Read book:	Read book:	Read book:	
Game Time/Music	Game: Doggy, Doggy, Where's Your Bone game	Game: Pin the Tale on the Piggy	Game: Milk the Cow	Game: Sing "Old McDonald" and "Where Oh Where..." and "The Animals on the Farm Go..."	Suggestions: visit a local farm or petting zoo visit a Farmer's Market
Closing Circle	Review today's theme, letter and math skills, color and shape	Review today's theme, letter and math skills, color and shape	Review today's theme, letter and math skills, color and shape	Review today's theme, letter and math skills, color and shape	Review this week's theme, letter, math, color, shape Pass out Care Bear backpack & Star Student briefcase











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