



## @ Notes for the term

This term makes for some great dressing up opportunities! Kids loves to dress up in onesies, dress ups and just clothes with dinosaurs or ducks etc. on them. I like to get involved too and wore wings for bugs week! Some mums love dressing up and will relish the opportunity, others won't join in and that's fine.

You can also invite children to bring a soft toy from home if they have something that fits the theme. In bear week you want to ensure every child brings a teddy to do the actions with and go on a bear hunt with too.

In dinosaur week we usually get loads of plastic dinosaurs and the kids know all the names so I let those kids show everyone before story time. Then we thank God that he made sure we would dig up loads of dinosaur bones and learn lots about them.



## Session plans

Introduction – Session 1			
1'	Announcements	Welcome, explain expectations, animal theme	
2'	Welcome	Hello song (See training video) Explain expectations: stay with child on the circle and bring back if wandering. Touch circle.	Stand around the circle
10'	Singing- <b>Action/ Standing</b> <i>Explain Jesus is the boss is the theme song, sing every week! Animals in every song!</i>	Jesus is the boss (CD 2) Down in the valley (CD 3) Dino Stomp (CD 4) Swim little duck, fly little bird, hop little frog Let me see you do the monkey (CD 5) I can fly like a bird (CD 6)	J4J (3) PHHH (16) PLet's (8) PUB p.64  PLet's (5)  PHHH (31)
5'	Singing- <b>Sitting</b> <i>You could use a treasure bag of animals for these songs if you own them all.</i>	Tell me what your name is God made the pig Little Peter Rabbit Der Glumph I have made a pretty nest** Leo the lion (CD 7)	None VBG (6)* None None None POB (18)
5'	Story	Thank you God for animals.  Read the creation story from a children's bible and potentially elaborate on the creation of animals.	Prayer: thank you God for making ALL the animals.

7 week program: Intro, farm, ducks, dinosaurs, bugs, jungle, bears



5'	Dancing	Claves to Dancing Chicken (CD 8)	JC Sing (14)
1'	Goodbye	Goodbye song (CD 9)	
	Next week	FARM animals	

## Resources

J4J = J is for Jesus      POB = Oomba Baroomba      PHHH = Playschool Hip Hip Hooray!  
 PUB = Playschool Useful Book      PLet's = Play School Let's Play Together  
 JC Sing = I Like to Sing

\*Learn the song on A Very Very Very Big God (VBG) but sing it without the CD in the class.

\*\*Song with actions available as part of the download pack



Farm – Session 2			
2'	Welcome	Hello song	Stand around the circle
10'	Singing- Action/ Standing	Jesus is the boss (CD 2) Down in the valley (CD 3) Clap, stamp, blink, nod, shake (CD 4) Freeze (CD 5) Swim little duck Dingle dangle scarecrow	J4J (3) PHHH (16) JJ3 (15)  JJ2 (2) None None
5'	Singing- Sitting	Tell me what your name is God made the pig Baa baa black sheep This little piggy Old Macdonald*	None None None None None
5'	Story	God made farm animals.  Read <i>What the ladybird heard</i> by Julia Donaldson.	Prayer: thank you God for making farm animals.
5'	Dancing	Drum song	none
1'	Goodbye	Goodbye song	
	Next week	DUCKS	

## Resources

J4J = J is for Jesus      PHHH = Play School Hip Hip Hooray

JJ3 = Jingle Jam Sing and Swing    JJ2 = Jingle Jam Dance    \*Use a treasure bag to hide animals: a bright cloth bag that is very useful for hiding props in. You can ask a different child to pull each animal out. Teaches turn taking.



Ducks – Session 3			
2'	Welcome	Hello song	Stand around the circle
10'	Singing- <b>Action/ Standing</b>	Jesus is the boss (CD 2) Drip drop (CD 3) <i>ducks love rain</i> Swim little duck Clap, stamp, blink, nod, shake (CD 4) Head, shoulders Animal Hokey Cokey (trunk, tail, wings, claws in and out etc.)	J4J (3) PLet's (32)  None JJ3 (15)  None None
5'	Singing- <b>Sitting</b>	Peekaboo* Hands (CD 5) Hickory dickory dock Rolling all around in a boat on the sea (CD 6) God made the pig Five Little Ducks	None JJ2 (13) None PF (23)  None None
5'	Story	God made ducks. Read <i>Duck in a truck</i> by Jez Alborough or <i>Duck's key, where can it be?</i> by Jez A.	Prayer: thank you God for ducks.
5'	Dancing	Parachute games	none
1'	Goodbye	Goodbye song	
	Next week	DINOSAURS	

## Resources

J4J = J is for Jesus      PLet's = Play School Let's Play Together

JJ2 = Jingle Jam Dance      PF = Playschool Favourites

\*Take a bright scarf to hide the children.

JJ# = Jingle Jam 3

PHHH = Play School Hip Hip Hooray



EMAIL PEOPLE TO TELL THEM TO WEAR DINOS TAILS/CLOTHES

Dinosaurs – Session 4			
2'	Welcome	Hello song	Stand around the circle
10'	Singing-Action/ Standing	Jesus is the boss (CD 2) Dino Stomp (CD 3) A-jump (with dino actions) – jump, roar, stomp, flap Shake my sillies (CD 4) God made me special (CD 5) Up and down (CD 6)	J4J (2) PS Let's (8) None  TT J4J (9) POB (4)
5'	Singing-Sitting	Peekaboo* Dinosaur long ago** (CD 7) The Tiger (CD 8) God made the pig (add dinosaur and it says roar roar) Dancing face (CD 9) Open shut them	None POB (23) POB (20) None  JC Sing (2) None
5'	Story	Thank you God for Dinosaurs...  Read <i>Dinosaur Roar</i> by Paul and Henrietta Strickland or <i>I'm just a baby Pterodactyl</i> by Top That! or <i>Dinosaurs Love Underpants</i> by Freedman and Cort.	Thank God for giving us dinosaurs!
5'	Dancing	Egg shakers to Dinosaur Roar (CD 10)	JC Songs (2)
1'	Goodbye	Goodbye song	
	Next week	BUGS	



## Resources

PS Let's = Play School Let's play together J4J = J is for Jesus TT = Tumble Tots

POB = Play School Oomba Baroomba JC Sing = I like to sing

JC Songs = Songs to Make you Smile \*Have bright scarf to hide kids behind.

\*\**Dinosaur long ago* - see below for lyrics. It takes some learning!

Looong ago

Looong ago

Long long long long looong ago

There weren't any people

There weren't any roads

No cats or bats or dogs or ducks

No planes or bikes or cars or trucks

But there were.... dinosaurs

There was brachiosaurus munching

Apatosaurus lunching

Iguanodon a-crunching

And the spiky stegosaurus

But you'll never see, oh you'll never see, no you'll never see a dinosaur alive

Oh the plesiosaurs and pliosaurs were swimming and were diving

(P)teranodon a-gliding and the fierce tyrannosaurus

But you'll never see, oh you'll never see, no you'll never see a dinosaur alive

Because they don't live on earth any more.

No you'll never see a dinosaur alive.





BUGS – Session 5			
2'	Welcome	Hello song	
10'	Singing- Action/ Standing	Jesus is the boss (CD 2) Shake my sillies (CD 3) Action song (CD 4) Walk in time (CD 5) Up and down (CD 6) Sleeping bunnies*	J4J (3) TT JJ3 (2) JJ2 (7) POB (4) None
5'	Singing- Sitting	Incy wincy spider Fuzzy wuzzy caterpillar* (humps, goes to sleep, someday butterfly) Hands (CD 7) There's a worm at the bottom of my garden** Round and round the garden	None None  JJ2 (13) None  None
5'	Story	God made caterpillars and butterflies and all insects.  Read <i>Ten Wiggly Wiggly Bugs</i> by Debbie Tarbet or <i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i> by Eric Carle.	Prayer: thank you for caterpillars and beautiful butterflies.
5'	Dancing	Dance with scarves: Caterpillar/Butterfly (CD 8)	JJ3 (17)
1'	Goodbye	Goodbye song	
	Next week	JUNGLE	

## Resources

J4J = J is for Jesus      TT = Tumble Tots      JJ3 = Jingle Jam 3      JJ2 = Jingle Jam

POB = Play School Oomba Baroomba

\*Song with actions available as part of the download pack

\*\*There's a worm (with actions from 0:40): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=slxr8W0jM6k>





JUNGLE ANIMALS – Session 6			
2'	Welcome	Hello song	
10'	Singing- Action/ Standing	Who's the king of the jungle? (CD 2) Down in the valley (CD 3) Hey-de hey-de ho (around circle) (CD 4) Let me see you do the monkey (CD 5) Action Song (CD 6) Ring-a-rosey	10,9,8 (9) PHHH (16) PHHH (25) PLet's (5) JJ3 (2) None
5'	Singing- Sitting	The elephant wobbles from side to side (poem)* One grey elephant balancing... (on line in middle of circle)** I have made a pretty nest* Three cheeky monkeys bouncing on the bed The Tiger (CD 7)	None None None None POB (20)
5'	Story	God made jungle animals.  Read <i>Monkey Puzzle</i> by Julie Donaldson.	Pray: thank you God for elephants, monkeys etc.
5'	Instruments	Instruments to <i>The Lion Sleeps Tonight</i> or your favourite tune!	Your jungley choice!
1'	Goodbye	Goodbye song	
	Next week	BEARS – Bring a teddy!	



## Theme: Animals

7 week program: Intro, farm, ducks, dinosaurs, bugs, jungle, bears



## Resources

10,9,8 = 10, 9, 8 God is great (Colin Buchanan)

PHHH = Playschool Hip Hip Hooray

PLet's = Play School Lets Play Together

JJ3 = Jingle Jam 3

POB = Play School Oomba Baroomba

\*Song with actions available as part of the download pack

\*\*One grey elephant song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nhBqS8Nbilk> Do it in the middle of the circle on a line of tape. Call an older child up to balance with you after each verse. The last verse is: *5 grey elephants balancing, step by step on a piece of string, all of a sudden the piece of string broke, and down fell all the elephant folk. All fall over.*



BEARS – Session 7			
2'	Welcome	Hello song	
10'	Singing- Action/ Standing	Jesus is the boss (CD 2) Who's the king of the jungle? (CD 3) Swim little duck, fly little bird, hop little frog Teddy bear twist (CD 4) Teddy bear, teddy bear (CD 5) Rock-a-bye your bear (CD 6)	J4J (2) 10,9,8 (9) None PLet's (4) PHHH (36) PHHH (35)
5'	Singing- Sitting	There is someone who is hiding* Wind the bobbin up* Dancing Face (CD 7) Round and round the garden God made the pig (and another verse: dinosaur, monkey, bear) God made me (CD 8)	None None JCSing (2) None None J4J (18)
5'	Story	God made bears.  Read: <i>Going on a bear hunt</i> by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury.	Prayer: thank you for bears and teddy bears.
5'	Instruments	Going on a bear hunt** (sing the song and go through the blue scarf river, over the bench bridge, through the bubbly rain, find a teddy bear in cave and run back home to bed!***	None
1'	Goodbye	Goodbye song	



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10,9,8 = 10,9, 8 Colin Buchanan

PLet's = Play School Let's Play Together

JCSing = Justine Clark I like to sing

\*Song with actions is available as part of the download pack

\*\*Bear hunt song is call and response: We're going on a bear hunt, we're going to catch a big one, I'm not scared, what a beautiful day! Came to a river. A wide, cold river. Can't go over it. Can't go under it. Must go through it.

\*\*\*You will need some blue scarves to walk through, a bench/chairs to balance on like a bridge, bubbles x 2 or bubble machine and a teddy bear hidden somewhere in the room.