

Pre-Kindergarten Exploring God's World

Grade: Pre-K | Ages: 4-5

Instructor's Guide



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Holzmann. Includes the following resources for teaching all Pre-K subjects: full Schedule; Teaching Helps; memory exercises, nursery rhymes, poems, songs, and activities. Each week includes 5-6 additional hands-on activities that coordinate with the reading. Perfect bound.

Bible

101 Favorite Stories from the Bible

Miller. It's harder than you might guess to find a children's Bible that tells the stories accurately, intelligently, respectfully, and succinctly. This one does. Hb. RA: P-A; R: 3-6

History

The Gods Must Be Angry

Miller & Murray. True story about a Thai boy who accidentally knocks the head off his family's Happy Idol. An innocent question—"Why can't the idols heal themselves?"—leads to a spiritual awakening. Pb. RA: P-3; R: 2-3

New Toes for Tia

Dinkins. Story of a Thai child who loses her toes in an accident. How does she get new toes? Perfect "worldview" book for little ones! Pb. RA: P-3; R: 2-3

People

Spier. Written and illustrated by an award-winning children's author. A meditative book illustrating the broad diversity of people in the world today. Full-color illustrations. Oversize, Pb. RA: P-4; R: 1-4

Stories from Africa

SIM. Six stories of God's faithfulness to His people in Africa. Includes a rescue by airplane, lions in the path, and what happens when a little girl is forced to live in the goathouse because she believes in Jesus. Each story includes at least two black-and-white line drawings suitable for coloring. Pb. RA: P-5; R: 2-5

Then and Now

Amery. Simple text provides discussion starters to help children understand historical time, a concept difficult to grasp. Pb. RA: P-2; R: 1-3

Things People Do

Civardi & Cartwright. Lighthearted look at various jobs—from farmer to service station owner, newspaper reporter to veterinarian. Fascinating! Hb. RA: P-1; R: 1-3

Read-Alouds

American Tall Tales

Weiss. "Tall," not because of the height of the characters, but because the truth gets stretched. Paul Bunyan, Johnny Appleseed, Pecos Bill, and one more, told by a master storyteller. Listen and laugh. A family favorite. Audio CD.

A Child's Book of Art

Micklethwait. Mostly famous, works of art from around the world, arranged in thematic patterns for young children. From Medieval to Modern, Western and non-Western pieces. Gorgeous and fun. "A book to grow up with." Super Oversize Hb, full-color illus. RA: P-A; R: 2-A

Children's Book of Virtues

Bennett. Lavishly illustrated children's edition of the national bestseller of the same title. Oversize Hb, full-color illus. RA: P-5: R: 3-7

Eric Carle's Animals Animals

Carle. In this riveting volume, Eric Carle's wonderfully distinctive colorful collages celebrate the diversity of the earth's animals. Poems and lyrics from distinguished sources as diverse as the Bible, Japanese haiku, Shakespeare, Kipling, and Nash. Pb. RA: P-2; R: 1-3

The Lion Storyteller Bedtime Book

Hartman. Forty folk tales from around the world, including non-Western sources! A delight. Hb, illus. RA: P-3; R: 2-5

Milly-Molly-Mandy Story Book

Brisley. Twenty-one chapters, each a different story in the life of a young girl. It's not a "girl" book, though the main character is a girl. It's just a sweet, happy book of day-to-day adventures in a simpler time. Complete with original art by the author. Wholesome. Hb. RA: P-5; R: 3-5

Stories from Around the World

Amery. Stories from Persia, Russia, Australia, and 18 more countries show that the world is larger than the standard Western fairy tales. There are stories upon stories out there, waiting. Brave heroes and heroines, unusual and faithful creatures, and a few versions of "how it all began." Young listeners and readers will enjoy the easy narrative style. Lovely illustrations and inside cover map. Hb. RA: P-4; R: 3-5

Uncle Wiggily's Story Book

Garis. Uncle Wiggily is funny, kind, and always comes up with a happy solution to any small problem. All children can relate to the experiences described in this amusing collection. Hb. RA: P-3; R: 2-4

My First Spanish Word Book

DK. "My First Spanish Word Book" is an engaging introduction to learning a new language. This is your child's first Spanish picture dictionary. Hb. RA: P-K;

Language Arts

Dr. Seuss's ABC1

Seuss. With a lilting rhyme and distinctive drawings, this book is a must for learning the sounds of the alphabet. Hb. RA: P-1; R: 1-2

First Thousand Words¹

Amery & Cartwright. Large book of intricate pictures of daily life and thousands of words identifying everyday objects. Oversize Hb. RA: P-1; R: 1-2

Science

☐ Pre-K Science

Includes the titles listed below.

The Berenstain Bears' Big Book of Science and Nature

Berenstain. Anthology of *The Berenstain Bears' Almanac* (seasons, weather, and astronomy), *Nature Guide* (plants, animals, and earth science), and *Science Fair* (machines, matter, and energy). Humorous yet factual; easy to read, easy to understand. Filled with full-color cartoon illustrations and diagrams. Oversize Pb. RA: P-7; R: 3-7

How Do You Lift a Lion?

Wells. Learn how three simple machines—the lever, pulley, and wheel—make big jobs (like delivering baboons to a treehouse party) easier. Illustrations are colorful and laugh-out-loud funny. Pb. RA: P-4; R: P-4

How to Dig a Hole to the Other Side of the World

McNulty. Find soft ground and start digging. 8,000 miles later, you'll have many amazing discoveries to share! Caldecott-winner Marc Simont illustrates this delightful book about the earth's crust, mantle, and core. Explore what's in the ground beneath your feet. Pb. RA: P-3; R: P-3

Is a Blue Whale the Biggest Thing There Is?

Wells. A creative look at how truly large things are. A blue whale is enormous compared with an elephant. But how many blue whales would there need to be, in giant fish bowls, to stack up to Mount Everest? And so on, up the scale of large things in the universe. Colorful and creative. Pb. RA: P-3; R: P-3

What's Smaller Than a Pygmy Shrew?

Wells. Your children discover things very much smaller than they, from the mouse-like shrew to microscopic particles, and compare their sizes. Colorful and cute! Pb. RA: P-3; R: P-3

Why Do Tigers Have Stripes?

M. Unwin. Colorful introduction to animals' amazing defense mechanisms. Illustrated Content. Pb

What's Under the Sea?

Tahta. A colorful look at fish, whales, reefs, the seabed... Illustrated Content. Pb.

The Year at Maple Hill Farm

Alice Provensen, Martin Provensen. Watch the seasons change on an upstate New York farm. Observe how they affect the natural world. Oversize; full-color. Illustrated Content. Pb

Teacher Resources

Developing the Early Learner

Bibeau. Very easy to use, this series of four carefully sequenced workbooks helps you discover your children's learning strengths and weaknesses while they have a great time. The program develops your children's abilities in four major areas:

- Motor—left-right tracking, mazes, eye movements, hand-eye coordination;
- Visual—similarities, memory, figure-ground distinction and space orientation;
- · Auditory—similarities, memory, rhyming; and
- Comprehension—categories, sequence, language, awareness.

Each book contains a diagnostic progress chart and suggested exercises for testing and remedying perceptual handicaps. By the end of the year, you will have an excellent idea of your children's learning readiness and have seen improvement in all areas. Pb. RA: P-K

Developing the Early Learner 1

(Consumable)

Developing the Early Learner 2

(Consumable)

Developing the Early Learner 3

(Consumable)

Developing the Early Learner 4

(Consumable)

Pre-K Supplies Kit

Children learn best by doing—exploring with their hands and manipulating materials—so we've selected tactile materials that are especially effective for reinforcing pre-writing, pre-reading, and pre-math skills. This pre-kindergarten supply kit includes an assortment of hands-on learning supplies needed to complete the activities in the Sonlight Pre-K Instructor's Guide.

Includes:

- Math Beads (45 singles, 10 tens): Includes 45 single pony beads in yellow and 10 bead bars. Each bead bar has 10 yellow pony beads on a stiff wire. Sensory Capital Letters: 26 tactile capital print letters with textured surface
- Sensory Number Cards 11-30: 20 tactile numbers (11-30) with textured surface
- Teen Board & Number Tiles: Includes one heavy cardstock Teen Board, ten single-digit number tiles with the numerals 0-9, and three double-digit number tiles with the numerals 10, 20, and 30

All of the supplies are in one convenient, sturdy cardboard box.