



TINYSTEPPERS—FIRST YEAR

WEEK 1 Date: _____

Why:

To understand what the name Tinstepers means.

When:

15 minutes before start time, set up **Welcome** activity. Then prepare to receive Tinstepers.

Welcome
10 min.

Wonder Works 1
10 min.

Walking in The Word
10 min.

Wonder Works 2
10 min.

Wisdom from the Word
10 min.

Wonder Works 3
10 min.

Wee Wiggles
10 min.

Wonder Works 4
NATURE ACTIVITY#1
10 min.

Wrap It Up
10 min.

(This is a sample schedule. You have the freedom to use your time as you see fit.)

Welcome:

1. Trace Tinstepers' bare foot onto card stock. Cut it out, punch a small hole in the top and add string for a name tag.
2. Dip Tinstepers' bare feet into a pie pan of washable paint. Print their footprints on card stock. Write their name and the date on it. Put the prints away for an end of the year project.

Walking in The Word:

Following God's Footprints
Ephesians 5:1
Teacher Edification:
Psalm 86:8-12
Deuteronomy 30:11-20

Summary: The Tinstepers' theme verse is introduced and explained.

Wonder Works:

1. Play "Simon Says." Teacher/Leader stands in front of group, and says, for example, "Simon says jump." The group does what the leader says unless the leader leaves out the words "Simon says." If the group moves then, those who move are out. Play a few times allowing the winner to be "Simon."
2. Sing "6 Little Ducks" (see pg. 8).
3. Foot Path: Trace the foot template, on page 4, 9 times on cardstock. Write Ephesians 5:1 on one foot and one word of the verse on each foot. Place the feet like a walking path through your room. As Tinstepers step on each foot they say the words. Repeat until they can say the verse well. Option: pick up a few of the feet and have them jump over the empty space saying the missing word.
4. Growing in God's Footprint: you will need an old boot, planting soil and green bean seeds for each Tinstepers. Fill boot with dirt, plant 3 seeds in boot, then water. This is a reminder to grow up being a follower of God. (See pg. 9 for other options.)

Wee Wiggles:

Sing songs that use imitation and/or echo. Also songs about growing to be more like God or following Him would be appropriate.

Suggestions:

*Down By the Bay; Going on A Lion Hunt
The Other Day I Saw a Bear
My Aunt Came Back
The Littlest Worm
Rejoice in the Lord Always; Be Bold
I Will Call Upon The Lord
Jesus Loves Me Rap; Step by Step*

Websites: www.kidzup.com/lyrics1.htm;
www.kiddles.com

Wisdom from The Word:

Ephesians 5:1 Be ye...followers of God, as dear children. (KJV)
(Be imitators of God... as dearly loved children. NIV)

Application: As these little ones so eagerly imitate and follow those older than they, so they must learn to follow Christ Who will never disappoint them or lead them astray.

Sing the verse:

Tune: "Row, Row, Row, Your Boat"

*Be ye, Be ye, followers of God
As dear children, as dear children
Ephesians five verse one.*

Wrap it Up:

Please use this time to finish any activity times, or to clean up as a group.

Parent Pick-up Activity:

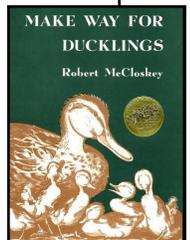
Read: Make Way for Ducklings
by Robert McCloskey

OR,

Worksheets:

Footprint Maze (page 10)

Ducklings Coloring (page 11)



Welcome: Note: You will keep the name tags for the year. You may want to laminate them.

Walking in the Word:

Have a picture of a duck and ducklings. (The book Make Way for Ducklings, by Robert McClosky, would be an excellent visual for this lesson.)

Showing the picture(s) of the young ducks following their mother: ask Tinysteppers what is happening in the picture(s). Discuss if they have seen real ducks following their mother like this. What were they doing? Where were they going?

Tell Tinysteppers that young ducks are created to follow their mother. Soon after they hatch from their eggs, the mother leaves the nest and they all follow her. She usually walks straight to the water, hops in and swims away! All the babies hop right in behind her, without fear, and swim, too! Wherever she goes, they follow close behind. They do exactly what she does -- they trust her completely!!

The mother duck was created to take good care of her babies. She knows they are following her. If she knows there is danger nearby, she leads her babies to a place that will be safe. As long as her babies follow close behind her, she does all she can to keep them safe.

God wants us to be like these baby ducks. He wants us to follow Him that closely. The Bible tells us over and over again to follow God. Just as these little ducks do whatever their mother does, we should follow God so closely that we try to do what He does.

One thing that God does is show His love for people. In fact, He loves us so much that He sent His Son Jesus to die for us. We should love people, too. Who are some people that we should love? (*Parents, teachers, each other.*) How can we show that we love these people? (*Have children give specific ways to show their love to those mentioned. Perhaps have pictures of a mom, dad, teachers, and other children. They could put these pictures on the chalkboard, bulletin board or wall when mentioned.*)

These ducklings trust their mother to teach them where to go and what to do. In the same way, we should trust God to show us how to live.

God has promised to take care of us. He will show us how to live. How can we learn more about how God wants us to live? (*By listening to God's Word when it is taught or read to us at home, in EG's, Sunday School and Church.*)

Wonder Works:

2. Sing *Six Little Ducks* (There are two versions of this action song.)

Version 1: You will need one large feather. Have one Tinystepper lead others around the room as you all sing.

Six little ducks	Down to the river	Back from the river
That I once knew	They would go	They would come
Fat ones, skinny ones,	Wobble, wobble, wobble, wobble,	Wobble, wobble, wobble, wobble,
Fair ones, too	To and fro	Ho, hum, hum
But the one little duck	But the one little duck	But the one little duck
With the feather on his back	With the feather on his back	With the feather on his back
He led the others	He led the others	He led the others
With a quack, quack, quack	With a quack, quack, quack	With a quack, quack, quack
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Teacher/Leader Note:

Activity/Awards: Each week Tinysteppers will work on one particular activity that is part of an activity award. These awards are stitched badges that can be attached to a banner, sash or bag. All of these items can be purchased through EG Ministries, Inc. See Activity/Awards section for more details.

Version 2: Arrange Tinysteppers in groups of six. You play the Mother Duck. After each verse, one Tinystepper from each group hides, then everyone comes back on the last verse.

6 little ducks went out one day
Over the hills and far away
Mother duck said,
"Quack quack, quack, quack."
But only 5 little ducks came back.

5 little ducks went out one day
Over the hill and far away
Mother duck said,
"Quack, quack, quack, quack."
But only 4 little ducks came back.

4 little ducks went out one day
Over the hill and far away
Mother duck said,
"Quack, quack, quack, quack."
But only 3 little ducks came back.

3 little ducks went out one day
Over the hill and far away
Mother duck said,
"Quack, quack, quack, quack."
But only 2 little ducks came back.

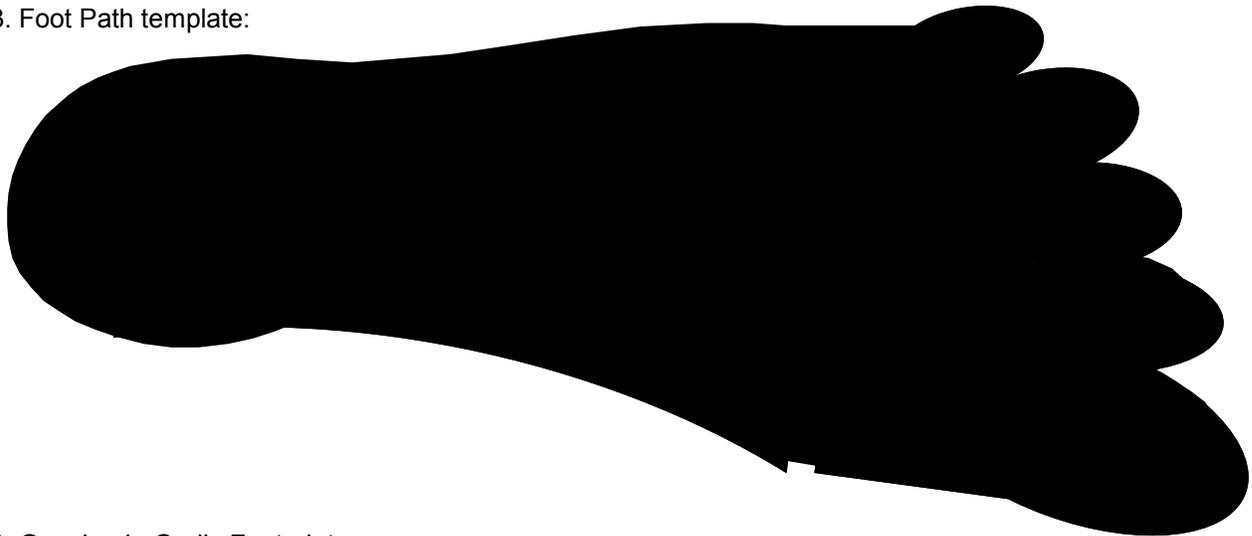
2 little ducks went out one day
Over the hill and far away
Mother duck said,
"Quack, quack, quack, quack."
But only 1 little duck came back.

1 little duck went out one day
Over the hill and far away
Mother duck said,
"Quack, quack, quack, quack."
But none of the 6 little ducks
came back.

Sad mother duck
went out one day
Over the hill and far away
The sad mother duck said,
"Quack, quack, quack."
And all of the 6 little ducks
came back.

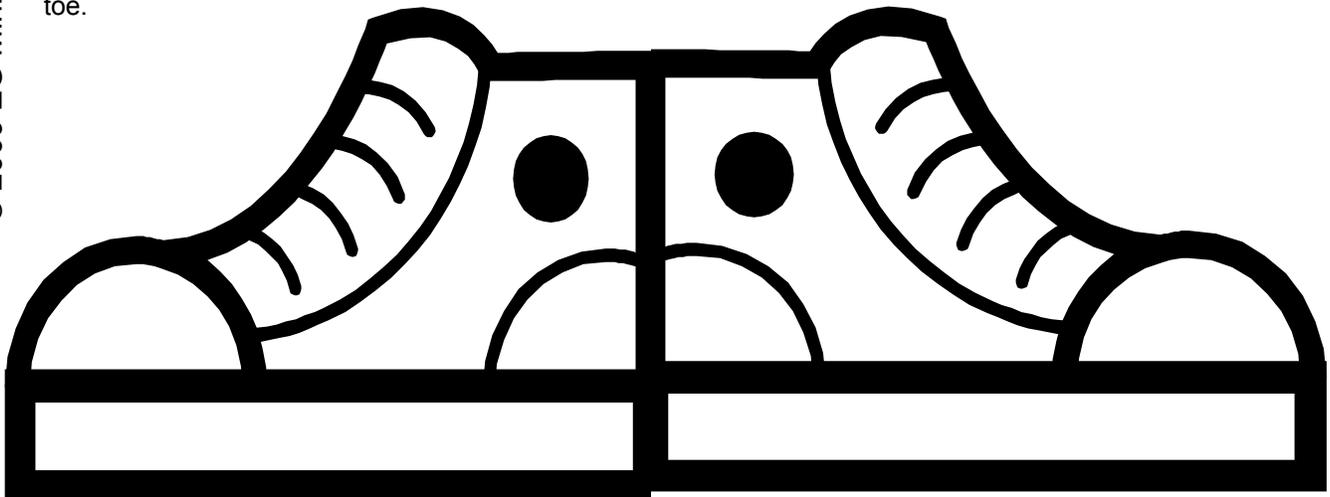


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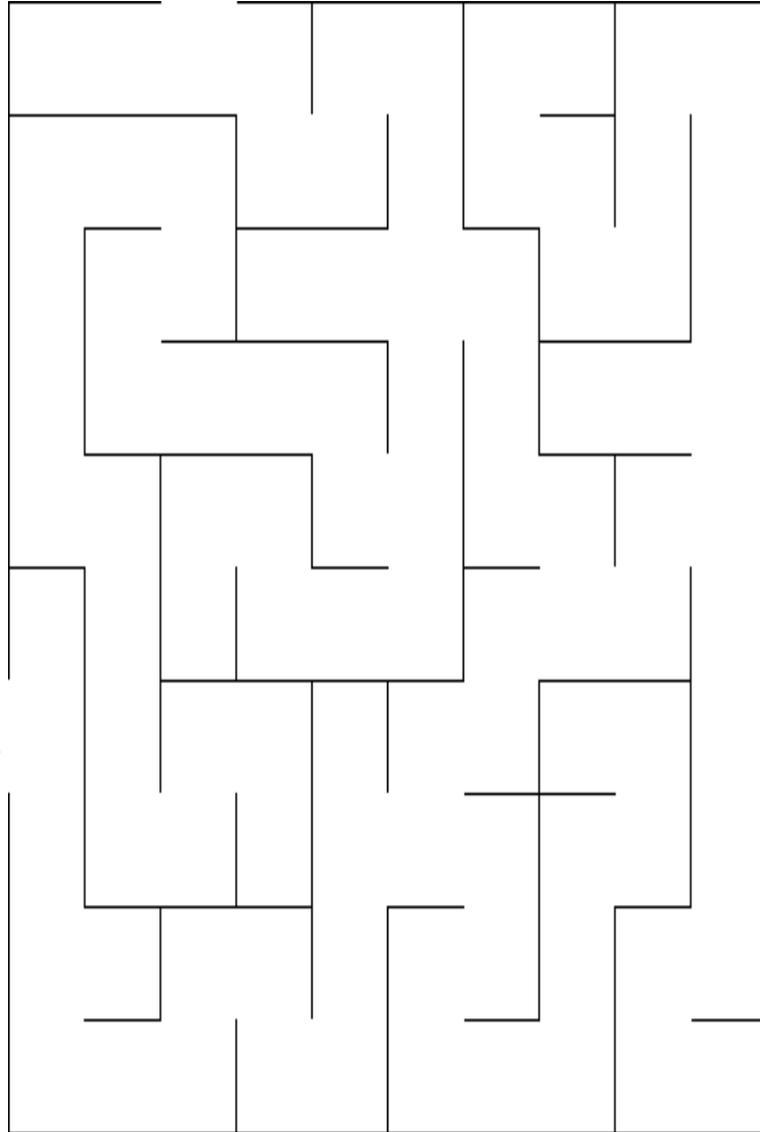
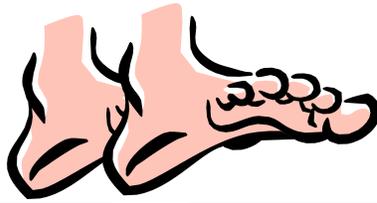


4. Growing in God's Footprint:

Old boots can be found at garage sales, thrift stores, or donated from family, friends and the church community. If you are not able to gather boots, plant the seeds in a Dixie cup. Copy the shoe figure on this page. Cut it out and have Tinysteppers color it. Then fold it around the container and tape it at the toe.

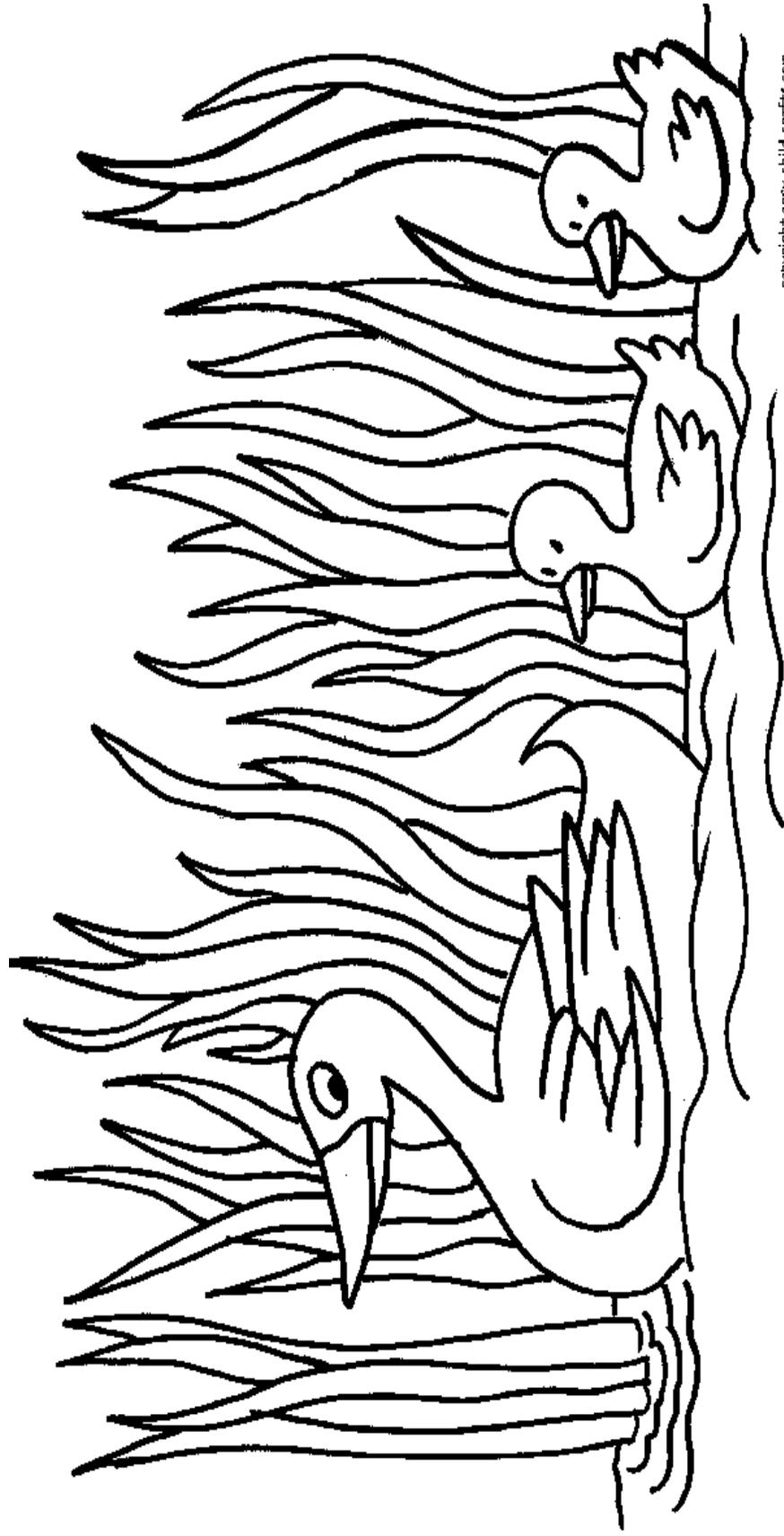


Can
you get
the feet
back to
their
boots?



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as dear children.



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Just as a duckling is made to follow its mom,

I am made to follow God.

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