



# New Baby

YOU HAVE APPROXIMATELY 936 WEEKS AND COUNTING

THIS YEAR YOU WILL INCITE WONDER SO YOUR CHILD WILL  
KNOW GOD'S LOVE AND MEET GOD'S FAMILY.

Your baby isn't ready to make a public declaration about what they believe, but that doesn't mean you can't begin to lay a foundation for their faith. In this phase, incorporate faith into a few of your daily routines.

Birth is the first crisis of life. Your baby has arrived in a world where they don't know the language and have very little control over their body. But babies are quickly forming first impressions about themselves and the world. So the way you respond consistently, cuddle often, and engage their senses will help lay a critical foundations of trust.

## SAY THINGS LIKE...

- "God, thank you for this healthy baby." (Pray aloud while you are with your baby.)
- "Jesus loves me." (Sing songs while you hold your baby.)
- "We are going to church." (Connect with a faith community.)



### CONNECTION POINT: MORNING TIME

Set the mood for the day. Smile. Greet them with words of love.



### CONNECTION POINT: FEEDING TIME

Reconnect throughout the day. Make eye contact and hold them close.



### CONNECTION POINT: CUDDLE TIME

Be personal. Spend one-on-one time that communicates love and affection.



### CONNECTION POINT: BATH TIME

Wind down together. Provide comfort as the day draws to a close.

**THINKS LIKE  
AN ARTIST**

**WANTS TO KNOW,  
"AM I SAFE?"**

**IS MOTIVATED  
BY SAFETY**

You help them learn when you...  
ENGAGE THEIR SENSES

You capture their heart when you...  
ESTABLISH TRUST.

You coach their moral abilities when you...  
CONSISTENTLY MEET THEIR PHYSICAL NEEDS

# YOUR NEW BABY IS CHANGING...

THE PHASE WHEN NOBODY SLEEPS, EVERYBODY SMELLS,  
AND ONE MESMERIZING BABY CONVINCES YOU,  
“I NEED YOU NOW.”

## PHYSICALLY

- Lifts their head and chest (3-4 months).
- Reaches for objects & rolls over (4-6 months).
- Sits up & grabs with two fingers (6-8 months).
- Crawls (6-10 months).
- Stands unsupported & maybe even walks (11-12 months).

## SOCIALLY

- Has distinctive cries for different needs (0-6 weeks).
- Turns toward your voice (3 months).
- Mimics your tones and “babbling” (6 months).
- Understands a few simple words (9 months).
- Understands around 70 words & may say first “words” (12 months).

## MENTALLY

- Is mildly aware of everything.
- Learns through their five senses.

## EMOTIONALLY

- Mirrors your expressions (2 months).
- Distinguishes happy faces from sad faces (4 months).
- Turns away from strangers to show fear (6 months).
- Shows surprise at loud noises (7 months).