

Second Grade

YOU HAVE APPROXIMATELY 572 WEEKS AND COUNTING

THIS YEAR YOU WILL PROVOKE DISCOVERY SO YOUR CHILD WILL TRUST GOD'S CHARACTER AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S FAMILY.

Your second grader may be starting to enjoy reading. So, this is a great year to encourage skills that will help them enjoy reading the Bible. Make sure they have a full-text Bible in an easy-to-read translation, like NIRV. Throughout your week, continue to talk about faith together.

Your second grader is becoming increasingly self-aware—aware of their thoughts, aware of their abilities, and very aware of their mistakes. Even though your kid is gaining independence in some wonderful ways, don't miss the internal struggle of this phase. The way you answer their questions, listen to their stories, and show up consistently will help you encourage their efforts.

SAY THINGS LIKE...

- “Can I pray about that with you?”
- “When I first trusted Jesus...” (Share your faith story).
- “Our family sets aside 10% of what we make to give to our church.”
- (Talk about how you manage finances as a response to God.)
- “You can trust God no matter what.”
- “You need to make the wise choice.”
- “You should treat others the way you want to be treated.”
- “I love that you noticed how they are feeling. What could we do to help?”
- (Encourage them to act on their impulses to help others.)



CONNECTION POINT:

MORNING TIME

Be a coach.

Instill purpose by starting the day with encouraging words.



CONNECTION POINT:

DRIVE TIME

Be a friend.

Interpret life during informal conversation as you travel.



CONNECTION POINT:

MEAL TIME

Be a teacher.

Establish values with intentional conversation while you eat together.



CONNECTION POINT:

BED TIME

Be a counselor.

Strengthen your relationship through heart conversations at the end of the day.

THINKS LIKE A SCIENTIST

You help them learn when you...
GIVE THEM A CHALLENGE

WANTS TO KNOW, “DO I HAVE FRIENDS?”

You capture their heart when you...
DEVELOP FRIENDSHIPS

IS MOTIVATED BY FUN

You coach their moral abilities when you...
INVITE OTHERS TO JOIN IN.

YOUR SECOND GRADER IS CHANGING...

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THE PHASE WHEN FAIRNESS MATTERS MOST, DIFFERENCES GET NOTICED, AND YOUR ENTHUSIASTIC KID THINKS ANYTHING, "SOUNDS LIKE FUN!"

PHYSICALLY

- Continues losing baby teeth (incisors and canines).
- Grows approximately three inches and gains seven pounds, typically in spurts.
- Improving hand-eye coordination.
- Needs 10-12 hours of sleep each night.

MENTALLY

- Able to concentrate on one activity up to 30 minutes.
- Logically interprets cause and effect.
- Has a better understanding of time (seconds, minutes, hours, days...).
- Learns well through hands-on activities, problem solving, code, and puzzles.
- Beginning to notice that people have different perspectives than their own.

SOCIALLY

- May struggle in highly competitive situations.
- Often prefers independent work and alone time.
- Places a high value on fairness and consistency.
- Shows gender preference for friends.

EMOTIONALLY

- Better able to control their emotions.
- Tends to be perfectionist (easily embarrassed by failure).
- May confuse "I feel..." with "I am..."
- Thrives with routine and clear boundaries.
- Highly sensitive to harsh criticism, tone, and body language.