



Two-Year-Old

YOU HAVE APPROXIMATELY 832 WEEKS AND COUNTING

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

Your two-year-old listens to your words. So this phase is the perfect time to begin talking, singing, and praying together with your toddler. Begin by simply incorporating faith into your daily routines.

Life for your three-year-old can be confusing. It's okay to throw a ball, but not a rock. You can hug your friend, but not squeeze his neck. Your three-year-old is learning the rules for life and encountering some necessary discipline. The way you consistently meet their needs, engage their senses, and provide discipline will help them develop self-control.

SAY THINGS LIKE...

- "God made me. God loves me. Jesus wants to be my friend forever."
- "Let's read about how God made the world. Let's read about Christmas. Let's read about Easter."
- (Read a few Bible story books -- the kind with really good pictures.)
- "Jesus loves me." (Sing songs together.)
- "God, thank you for...God, please help us." (Pray aloud while you are with your two-year-old.)



CONNECTION POINT: MORNING TIME

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



CONNECTION POINT: DRIVE TIME

Reinforce simple ideas. Talk to your child and play music as you go.



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

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

WANTS TO KNOW, "AM I ABLE?"

You capture their heart when you...
DEVELOP THEIR CONFIDENCE

IS MOTIVATED BY SAFETY

You coach their moral abilities when you...
RESPOND CONSISTENTLY

YOUR TWO-YEAR-OLD IS CHANGING...

THE PHASE WHEN NOBODY'S ON TIME,
EVERYTHING'S A MESS, AND ONE EAGER TODDLER
WILL INSIST, "I CAN DO IT."

PHYSICALLY

- Jumps in place.
- Throws a ball overhead.
- Briefly stands on one foot.
- May demonstrate hand preference.

SOCIALLY

- Says 40-50 words including some actions words like, "Go" (2 Years).
- Says approximately 300 words and simple sentences like, "I do it." (2 1/2 years).
- Learns now to whisper (2 1/2 years).
- Understands more than they can communicate.

MENTALLY

- Follows simple instructions.
- Benefits from repetition.
- Is unable to take the point of view of other people.
- Learns through engaging their five senses.

EMOTIONALLY

- May begin to bite, scream, and throw tantrums.
- Plays next to, rather than with, playmates.
- Recognizes basic emotions in others.
- May begin to name their own emotions like, "I'm happy."