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PARENTING
GUIDE



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WHAT IS MY CHILD LIKE?

- **Physical** - Learning through five senses
- **Relational** - Beginning to learn self control
- **Mental** - Learning through imaginative play in community with other children
- **Spiritual** - Asking questions; Discovering right and wrong
- **Emotional** - Exhibiting short attention span; Thriving with set boundaries

WHAT CAN MY CHILD LEARN?

As we partner with you to help children set their hope in God and engage in the mission of God, it is our desire for your older preschooler to grasp that:

- God made people able to love Him.
- God teaches about right and wrong choices in the Bible.
- God sent Jesus to earth as a real person, and He always keeps His promises.

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WHAT CAN I PRAY?

“Lord, help _____ to love you with all his/her heart, with all his/her soul, with all his/her mind. This is the greatest and most important command (Matthew 22:37-38). And show _____ that your way is perfect, your word is pure, and that you are a shield to all who take refuge in you (2 Samuel 22:31).”

WHAT CAN WE CELEBRATE?



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WHAT CAN WE DO?



SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Find a time that works for your family to consistently read the Bible and pray together.

- *Are there rhythms in your child's day to listen to God's truth?*
Listen to a Bible story with your child through a Bible App as you move through your day.
- *What does the Bible teach about prayer? As you read in a Bible, like "The Jesus Storybook Bible", tell your child that we can hear and talk to God through scripture and prayer.*
- *What's an easy way for my child to learn scripture at this age?*
Memorize a simple verse together and recite it during the bedtime routine.



BECAUSE YOUR CHILD...

Because children this age make everything into an imaginative game, point to God's truth by:

- Reminding your child that church is a safe and fun place for your family.
- Bringing your child to church consistently to hear Bible stories and distinguish truth from fiction.
- Letting your child know church is a special place to engage in community and learn about God.
- Telling your child that every word in the Bible is true.

Because life is hard, you can show your child that God is trustworthy by:

- Showing God's love to others through serving at church.
- Finding small group opportunities for your entire family.
- Following the Bible Reading Plan and reminding your child of God's faithfulness.

At Calvary, we believe God cultivates faith in two gardens—the church and the home. This resource is one way we partner with parents to help the next generation set their hope in God and engage in His mission.

