

AGES

BIRTH-2



PARENTING
GUIDE



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WHAT IS MY CHILD LIKE?

- **Physical** - Exploring through five senses
- **Relational** - Beginning to develop confidence
- **Mental** - Investigating new skills to prepare for the next stage
- **Spiritual** - Learning the church is a safe and loving place
- **Emotional** - Expressing feelings through tantrums

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 younger preschooler to grasp that:

- God made the world, which includes me, and He loves me.
- God gave me people to take care of me, and I can help care for others.
- Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

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WHAT CAN I PRAY?

"Lord, may _____ be rooted and firmly established in love and may he/she be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width and height and depth of your love. I pray _____ will know Christ's love that surpasses knowledge so that he/she may be filled with all your fullness (Ephesians 3:17-19)."

WHAT CAN WE CELEBRATE?



Parent
Commissioning

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 you could speak God's truth to your child?* Repeat a Bible story to your child as you change a diaper or read a passage during a meal.
- *How do I teach my child to pray?* Demonstrate how to close your eyes and fold your hands when you pray with your child.
- *What's an easy way for my child to learn scripture at this age?* Use simple songs and poems to learn or memorize God's word.



BECAUSE YOUR CHILD...

Because your child needs to feel safe and is curious about the world, create an environment of security and growth by:

- Letting your child know church is a special place and is important to your family.
- Bringing your child to church consistently to develop a sense of trust.
- Telling your child that the Bible is a special book about God.

Because life is hard and you could feel alone, you can make connections with your church family by:

- Following along with the Bible Reading Plan.
- Finding small group opportunities for your entire family.
- Stepping in to serve on Sunday mornings with a serving team.

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.

