



BUILDING FAMILY TRADITIONS

AS YOUR CHILD TURNS

3 YEARS



TIME WITH GOD

For three-year-olds, naps might become more of a struggle for you & your child. Maintain the routine of nap time by at least having your child stop for quiet time every afternoon. Looking at Bible books, listening to calm worship songs, or a Bible story on CD are all wonderful ways for your child to unwind.

IMITATION

During this phase kids often imitate adults and other kids in their lives. Ask yourself, are your actions and responses godly? Because your child will imitate them! (1 Corinthians 11:1)

PRAYER

Now is the perfect time to start "repeat-after-me" prayers.



IMAGINATION

Take time to point out the world around you and how God's imagination and creativity are clearly seen. Nature walks are a wonderful way

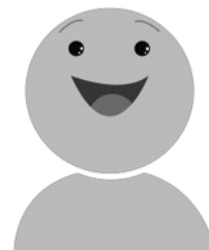
AUTHORITY & RESPECT

Your toddler must understand that you are the authority they need to respect. Be consistent in discipline and give them the chance to make decisions in the simple things. Going to church should never be negotiable.

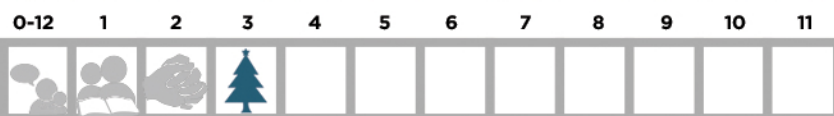
WONDER

Whether it's their excitement, imagination, exploration or discovery, the perspective a three-year-old has on life is wonder-full!

Make sure you often show wonder at God's creation and His abundant mercy.



SPIRITUAL TRADITIONS



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- Christmas traditions are abundant, but make sure Christmas is about Christ's birth and more than just gifts.
- ☐ Read the Christmas story as a family before opening gifts.
 - ☐ Allow them to play with a manger scene.
 - ☐ Have a birthday party for Jesus.
 - ☐ Participate in Operation Christmas Child and give presents to other kids to show God's love.

ATTENTION

Three-year-olds will be jealous if you show attention to others and don't give all your attention to them. It's important to focus on them at times, but also help them to focus on other's needs and wants as well. "Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you..."

Matthew 7:12