

How can we adapt teaching to the level of preschool students?

As the Sunday school grows, it would be a good idea to place each child in a class with others of similar age, experience and ability, much as they do in school. In this chapter, we want to consider the way a child grows and develops, from early childhood through adulthood. We then want to consider how we can best teach the children at each age and on every level.

Preschool Children from Birth to Two Years Old

Babies and Toddlers

1. Physical Development-Birth to Two Years

Preschool children are constantly in motion. They like to explore their limited worlds, putting everything into their mouths. They have to try to touch everything they see. It's impossible to keep them quiet by telling them to be quiet.

2. Mental Development- Birth to Two Years

Preschool children understand many more words than they speak. All the nerve and brain cells are fully formed before the child is six months old. During his entire life, he will not add one more single nerve cell. Good nutrition is very important during this formative time.

3. Social Development- Birth to Two Years

Preschool children are very self-centered. Their "world" consists only of themselves and their families.

4. Spiritual Development- Birth to Two Years

Do not try to teach preschoolers long Bible verses. Teach short parts of verses—five or six words. Speak to him in short, simple phrases repeated often. Example: God loves you. I love you. Jesus is good. Jesus is our friend. God is our Father in heaven. The Bible is God's book. Etc.

Parents should teach these children at home. Usually they do not come to Sunday school. The parents can teach them by giving them loving hugs, and showing love in their tone of voice and the way they interact with the child.