



# What Preschool Children Wish Grown-Ups Knew

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**P**reschoolers cannot describe themselves well. If they could, however, they might give teachers and helpers these tips.



## We like to imitate big people.

If you play with blocks to build a church (zoo, town, forest), we will play with blocks. If you put actions to songs, we'll put actions to songs. If you remind us to talk softly in your soft voice, we'll talk softly too.



## We like games.

Can you make a game to teach a simple Bible verse? Can you make a game about cleaning the room? Can you make a game using play dough? We like games.



## We learn by doing.

The Bible says to teach children while we walk, eat, sit, and get up (see Deuteronomy 6:5-7). You can teach us about God, Jesus, and the Bible. You can teach us all this while we play. It will be just like Jesus' using sheep, birds, and flowers to teach about God.

Whatever we are playing, you can relate it to something God wants us to know. If we learn on the go, we will be doers of the Word, not just hearers.



## We get hungry more often than big people do.

Snacks help us keep up our energy. Sometimes we forget to ask for drinks, but remember to give us a drink too.



## We need to be both active and quiet.

Sometimes we need to climb and slide. We like to tumble on a mat too. If we get too wound up or too tired, we need to sit and

listen to music, or you could read a book to us, or we could play with play dough.



## We learn through repetition.

The first time we hear a song, we may just watch. If you repeat the song (verse, game, story), we will begin to do it too.



## We need to be reminded of the rules.

Every time we break a rule, please remind us. Remember to tell us what to do as well as what not to do.



## We want to please grown-ups.

Tell us when we're being good, and we'll try to be good again. We also like to know when we're doing better than before. And sometimes we need encouragement just to keep trying.



## We may forget to thank you.

But Jesus said that whatever you do to the least in His kingdom, you do to Him. Jesus promises to reward you—and He will.

