

3-YEAR-OLDS NEED DIRECTION

For parents of young children, the journey of raising Christ followers starts with the task of instilling respect for God and His authority. The psalmist tells us, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” (Psalm 111:10).

While most of us enjoy teaching young children fun Bible stories, we can’t stop there. Early childhood materials may solely emphasize how “Jesus is your friend.” Warm fuzzy feelings build our children’s affection for Jesus, but they don’t build the foundation for spiritual wisdom.

So how do you instill this respect and direction for their lives? Teach your young children these truths:

- The Bible is True.
- God is always Good.
- God always keeps His promises.
- God gives us rules that we must obey.
- Even if Mommy or Daddy can’t see what you are doing, God sees it.
- God disciplines us because He loves us.
- Jesus loves you.

