

TWO-YEAR-OLDS

THE TWO-YEAR-OLD YEARS ARE FULL OF CURIOSITY AND THE DESIRE FOR GROWING INDEPENDENCE. THEY WILL TEST THEIR BOUNDARIES AND DISCOVER AS MUCH AS THEY CAN THROUGH ADVENTURES YOU AREN'T SURE THEY ARE READY TO TAKE.

Their non-stop movement and exploration will surely exhaust you, but stay patient and enjoy this year as they continue to develop their personality, their temperament, and their enjoyment for life. Encourage them to try new things while setting boundaries to keep them safe. Sing worship songs with them and talk about God's love every day.

- Engage in simple spiritual conversations: What is God like? What does God do? What did God create?
- Introduce Biblical words along with simple definitions: prayer is talking with God, Church is where God's people meet, The Bible is God's Book, The Bible is True.
- Affirm your child's obedient behavior as a way to make God proud and happy.
- Clearly communicate boundaries, penalties, consequences, and rewards and maintain those rules consistently.
- Encourage your child to make choices based on long-term benefits instead of immediate gratification of desires and help him/her think through the options.
- Assign simple chores and demonstrate how to complete each one. Praise your child with each success.
- Express confidence that your child can, with God's help, do anything he/she decides to do.
- Encourage your child to try new things and practice together until it's easy.

Find more at [Discipleland.com](https://discipleland.com), [Raising Godly Children: What Your Two-Year-Old Really Needs](#).