

# KINDER GARTEN

THE PHASE  
WHEN →

AND LIFE  
BECOMES A STAGE



WHERE YOUR KID SHOUTS

UNFILTERED WORDS  
MAKE YOU LAUGH,

←  
THE SCHOOL BUS MAKES YOU CRY,

**"LOOK AT ME."**







## **GET READY FOR MEMORABLE STATEMENTS.**

By this age, a child can talk in sentences... and long, wandering monologues. Sometimes it may seem as if the only goal for conversation is to Just. Keep. Talking. But, you will be amazed and entertained by all the profound and uncensored things they say, like, "How did you get the wrinkles out of your hair?" and "You're talking so much I can't hear you."

## **ADJUST FOR A CULTURAL SHIFT-SCHOOL.**

This means less time for play, more early-morning alarm clocks, and a higher demand for focused attention. While kids at this age thrive on routine and predictability, they also crave opportunities to have a little unstructured play, a chance to skip and run, to throw and catch, and to use their imagination.

## **GIVE SOME UNDIVIDED ATTENTION.**

Where previously a kid might have been one adorable toddler drawing the attention of multiple adults, they are now in a classroom with multiple kids-some even as cute and as smart as they are. At school, at church, or on the soccer field, one thing is true: they want your undivided attention. They want your focus, so give it as freely and as often as possible.

IT'S JUST A  
**PHASE**

SO DON'T  
MISS IT



**YOUR ROLE IS TO**  
**ENGAGE**  
**THEIR INTERESTS**

School is a crisis. Your now-elementary-school kid is adjusting to big changes, whether it's bus rides or lunch lines or new routines. But the stress of change can also be a platform for discovery and growth. The way you answer their questions, listen to their stories, and show up consistently will help them improve their abilities.

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**THINKS LIKE  
A SCIENTIST**

You help them learn when you...  
**GIVE CONCRETE EXAMPLES.**

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**WANTS TO KNOW,  
"DO I HAVE YOUR  
ATTENTION?"**

You capture their heart when you...  
**IMPROVE THEIR ABILITIES.**

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**IS MOTIVATED  
BY FUN**

You coach their moral abilities when you...  
**PLAY ON THEIR LEVEL.**

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YOU CAN HELP YOUR KID GROW IN WISDOM, FAITH,  
AND FRIENDSHIP.

When you **ENGAGE** your child's interests, you help them...

**TRUST GOD'S CHARACTER.  
EXPERIENCE GOD'S FAMILY.**

Practically speaking, that means every week  
you have an opportunity to...

**CONNECT WITH A FAITH COMMUNITY.  
PRAY TOGETHER.**

**READ BIBLE STORIES AND ANSWER FAITH QUESTIONS.  
REPEAT BASIC TRUTHS LIKE:**

**"I can  
trust God  
no matter  
what."**

**"I need to  
make the  
wise  
choice."**

**"I should  
treat others  
the way I  
want to be  
treated."**

You can do these things by taking advantage  
of the time you already spend together.

**MORNING  
TIME**

**BE A COACH.**

You instill purpose  
when you start  
the day with  
encouraging words.

**DRIVE  
TIME**

**BE A FRIEND.**

You interpret life  
during informal  
conversation as  
you travel.

**MEAL  
TIME**

**BE A TEACHER.**

You establish values  
with intentional  
conversation while  
you eat together.

**BED  
TIME**

**BE A  
COUNSELOR.**

You strengthen  
your relationship  
through heart  
conversations at the  
end of the day.



## YOUR KID IS CHANGING...

### PHYSICALLY

- » Can brush teeth, wash and dry hands, and use toilet paper independently...pretty well
- » Draws a person with a body
- » Writes his or her name
- » Learning to tie shoes
- » Needs 10-12 hours of sleep each night

### MENTALLY

- » Can focus on one activity for 5-15 minutes
- » Beginning to understand ironic humor and tell simple jokes
- » Recognizes and names, numbers, shapes, and colors
- » Knows the difference between need vs want and real vs pretend
- » Doesn't logically interpret cause and effect

### RELATIONALLY

- » Wants to please and help others
- » May wander from activity to activity or playgroup to playgroup
- » Has a hard time asking for help
- » Needs guidance taking turns and losing well
- » Shows very little gender preference for playmates

### EMOTIONALLY

- » May display extreme emotions
- » Expresses feelings better through play and art (rather than in words)
- » Tends to be optimistic
- » Needs to experience moderate challenges and success
- » Highly sensitive to harsh criticism, tone, and body language

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## A TIMEFRAME

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IN A KID'S LIFE WHEN YOU CAN

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# LEVERAGE

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DISTINCTIVE OPPORTUNITIES TO INFLUENCE

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THEIR FUTURE

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YOU HAVE 676 WEEKS AND COUNTING...

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PHASE  
SO DON'T MISS IT  
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