

2 & 3 Year Olds

Age Group Characteristics

Emotional

- *Animated emotional expressions*
- *Little control over emotional behavior*

Mental

- *Absorbing a great deal of new knowledge and understanding*
- *Enjoy pictures and being read to*
- *Learning to count and the letters of the alphabet*
- *Developing drawing skills*
- *Learning pitch and rhythm*
- *Play skills become more complex - puzzles, punching bags, role plays*

Spiritual

- *Uninhibited trust*
- *Eagerness to learn about God*
- *Ready to express their love for God and talk with Him*

Physical

- *Still needs a great deal of rest including afternoon naps*
- *Walking and running are becoming much easier*
- *Learning to control bodily functions*

Social

- *Strong family ties*
- *Still a loner*
- *Very possessive of things*
- *Beginning to learn to mingle with other children*



Teaching 2 & 3 Year Olds

- *Important truths should be taught- God made me, God loves me, God made the world, etc.*
- *Help them learn to share and relate to other children.*
- *Teach them to pray and express themselves to God.*
- *Teaching should be centered around things that they can touch and see.*
- *Teach them songs that they will enjoy and that will help them remember what they are being taught.*