

PARENTING THROUGH ELEMENTARY

It's Just a Phase: Week 3

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*"Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people."
(Luke 2:52, NLT)*

THE FOUR DIMENSIONS OF DEVELOPMENT

1. Intellectual development. FACTS

"Now, there arose among them a discussion, the point of which was—who would be the one of their number who is greatest. Then Jesus, knowing the reasoning of their heart, laying hold of a little child, stood it beside himself and said to them, Whoever takes this little child into his family in order to bring it up and educate it in my Name, me he receives..." (Luke 9:46–50, WUESTNT)

Education, not GRADES, is preparation for life.

MOMMA knows best!

2. Physical development. FIT

"Your hands shaped and made me...You formed me inside my mother...You dressed me with skin and flesh; you sewed me together with bones and muscles. You gave me life and showed me kindness, and in your care you watched over my life." (Job 10:8–12, NCV)

What are they GOOD AND NOT SO GOOD at?

3. Social development. FRIENDS

"Then God made [David] the leader of Israel...[he] treated the people fairly and guided them with wisdom." (Psalm 78:71–72, CEV)

Build a 4H Home

- HEAR 'em.
- HUG 'em.
- HOPE for 'em.
- HELP 'em.

4. Spiritual development. FAITH

"For the reverence and fear of God are basic to all wisdom. Knowing God results in every other kind of understanding." (Proverbs 9:10, The Living Bible)

Four Ways We Point Them to God

- **TRAIN THEM.**
"Train your child. Then there is hope." (Proverbs 19:18a, NIV)
- **TELL THEM YOUR STORY.**
"One generation makes known your faithfulness to the next." (Isaiah 38:19b, The Living Bible)
- **TEACH THEM GOD'S WORD.**
"You must teach [these commandments] to your children and talk about them when you are at home or out for a walk; at bedtime and the first thing in the morning." (Deuteronomy 6:7, The Living Bible)
- **TAKE THEM TO CHURCH.**
"Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'" (Matthew 19:14, GNB)

Action steps:

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