

# Homeschooling the Preschooler

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## I. Benefits of Keeping Your Child at Home

1. More consistent discipline and character training.
2. Reinforces family bonds.
3. Protects your child from early exposure to ideas and behavior contrary to your values and beliefs.
4. Builds a foundation for homeschooling in the older years.

## II. Two Important Questions to Ask Before Purchasing Curriculum

1. What is my philosophy on early education?
2. Where is my child developmentally?

## III. What to do at Home with Your Preschooler

1. Three areas to focus on in the preschool years.
  - Obedience
  - Loving God
  - Serving others
2. Things to Do
  - Follow a routine.
  - Make physical activity a daily activity.
  - Learn through play.
  - Learn through crafts.
  - Learn through field trips and outings.
  - Read aloud to your child.
3. Things to Learn
  - Color names
  - Shape recognition
  - Names and sounds of letters
  - Number concepts such as counting, recognizing numbers 0-9, and understanding greater than and less than

- An awareness of time and the calendar
- Sort objects
- Notice patterns
- Follow directions
- Use scissors
- Color and trace
- Use complete sentences to communicate with others
- Dress themselves
- Bounce a ball
- Develop self-control
- Interact with others

4. Remember

- Playing is learning.
- Each child develops at their own unique pace.
- Kids learn differently.
- Knowing God is more important than knowing the ABC's.