

# Hey Mom and Dad

## Listen to me Talk!

Now I am 2 years old!

There is so much I can do!

- I can make some 3-word sentences.
- I can name most of the things I see every day.
- I use the word “me” instead of my name when I talk about myself.



## I'm growing up!

I am 3 years old.

I am helpful, reasonable and fun to be around.

- I ask LOTS of questions.
- I can understand longer explanations.
- My speech is easy to understand.



## Talk with me!

- **Read to me:** Let me point to the pictures, turn the pages and name the pictures.
- **Let me have a say:** Some of the time, let me choose what to wear or what to drink or eat. I feel important and I get to practice
- **Give me paper and crayons:** Watch me scribble and try different colours. Talk about the colours I use and what I am doing.



## Watch me go!

I am 2½ years old and I am on the go!

I love to tell you about things I like.

- I talk in short sentences most of the time.
- I can answer simple questions.
- I can follow 2 related directions.

## Talk with me!

- **Keep reading to me:** I can name many of the pictures now and enjoy short stories.
- **Come play with me:** Play make-believe or go outside to jump, run, swing and slide. Talk about what we are doing.
- **Take me to new places:** I will enjoy the library, the park, the supermarket... Talk about the things I see.
- **Get down where I can see your face:** We will understand each other better this way.

## Talk with me!

- **Play make-believe:** I love to play house, fireman, doctor or hair dresser. I can learn new words this way.
- **Colour, draw and make things with me:** Ask me about my drawings. I love to describe and explain.
- **Read to me:** I love to hear the same stories over and over again. I can even say parts of them myself!

## Soon I'll be in school!

I am 4 years old

and know so many things.  
I am getting ready for school.

- I can tell long stories and explanations.
- I speak in long sentences but sometimes I make mistakes.
- I can talk about things that happened in the past.



## Talk with me!

- **Read me longer stories:** I can sit and listen to fairy tales and longer stories.
- **Play with words and sounds:** Point out rhymes and the first sound in words. ABC books and books by Dr. Seuss are a great place to start.
- **Tell me riddles:** See if I can guess what you are thinking of from the clues you give me.

## Watch me grow! When I am 5

- I will talk like an adult.
- I will recognize some letters and the sounds they make.
- I will be able to explain how to solve a problem.
- I will print my name.