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Say What You Mean For Preschoolers

Laying a Proper Foundation for Effective Communication



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Course Outline

Being an Effective Communicator Will Enhance Your Child's self-confidence, leadership skills, personal presence, interaction and enjoyment, understanding of others, ability to persuade and learning effectiveness.

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(Basic Manners, Whining, Showing Respect, Introductions, Sharing)

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(Ten Tricky Tongue Twisters to Train Your Tike's Tongue!)

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(Eight Funny Sights, Sounds & Situations to Practice Description Skills)

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Introduction

"From the fruit of his mouth a man's stomach is filled; with the harvest from his lips he is satisfied."

Proverbs 18:20

Dear Parent,

Communication is the most important skill your child will ever learn! I say this because studies have shown that communication skills affect their quality of life. These studies indicate that effective communicators are happier, better students, more likely to be promoted, have better relationships and make more money than their less eloquent counterparts. These studies have tied increased vocabulary to higher earnings and better listening skills to increased retention and higher test scores. Teaching your children to express themselves well builds their leadership skills, personal presence and credibility. It also brings about a better understanding of others, greater interaction with peers, increased ability to persuade and better learning effectiveness overall.

Ok so it is an important skill, but why is it so important to begin teaching these skills so early? You may think that your little kidling has all the time in the world to learn to express himself well, but there are three basic reasons why I advocate beginning young. First, the younger a child is the easier it is for them to learn. At this age they are a sponge. They learn without much effort at all. Secondly, toddlers/preschoolers are less intimidated by new things. If you wait until your child is older, not only will you need to teach them these very same skills, but you will have to battle with their inhibitions, their self esteem issues, their shyness and later on their hormones! Third, communication is a skill that needs to be practiced. The more practice a child has with this skill, the better he/she will become. Starting early gives them an advantage in life that many other children do not have.

Teaching your child effective communication skills has never been so easy and so much FUN! Hi, I am JoJo Tabares and I am a homeschool mom of two. I have found that when my children are having fun, they are more likely to stick with something and actually learn more. I designed my studies to involve all five senses as much as possible in each lesson so that the concept is fully engaging to a child. This is especially valuable at this age.

Say What You Mean for Preschoolers is designed to meet the needs of 2-5 year olds. It was written with your child in mind. Each child learns differently. Some are visual learners, some are auditory, some are kinesthetic and need to do and be involved when they are learning. Each topic employs games and activities that teach the same skill. This is so that no matter what learning style your child falls into, he or she will find something that works well for them. The study is designed to be a fun and lighthearted way to introduce these very important topics to your preschooler, so have fun with it!

How To Use This Study

Before beginning this study with your child, read through the introduction to become familiar with the concepts and the different activities. It is best to take each communication topic in the order presented, but if your child is older or more advanced, you may skip to where you feel his interest lies or where you feel he would most benefit.

Each section includes various activities and games that appeal to different types of learners. Begin each section with the first activity and spend only as much time on it as your child seems to want. When you feel that your child is getting bored or frustrated, move on to the next activity. Don't worry that he may not have mastered the first one. He will in time. This is a very comprehensive study for this age group. Some children will just love the coloring pages, some will have fun with the exercises and some will enjoy talking about the various concepts. Repeat the activities that your child finds engaging. This only reinforces his skill level.

This study is written for 2-5 year olds and children will change so much during this time. If you have gone through the whole study with your two year old, you will want to come back to it four months or a year later and go through it again. This time try introducing the activities that he wasn't quite ready for or had no interest in before. Practice these skills in this manner all through his preschool years. You will be surprised and amazed at how much they will learn and become comfortable with in that time.

Each section will begin with Mom Notes that will guide you through the activities and concepts. In this section, we discuss some aspects of general communication for your preschooler that you simply need to keep in mind. These are not necessarily things you will teach your children, but more concepts that you will need to be aware of.

Each activity is coded to help you utilize the study more effectively. All visual activities are marked with a "V". All auditory activities are marked with an "A" and all kinesthetic activities are marked with a "K". Some activities involve more than one and will be marked accordingly.

NOTE: The following is a sampling of activities you'll find in each section of *Say What You Mean for Preschoolers*. To order the full version, click here: <http://artofeloquence.com/store/preschool/SWMPebk>

1: Social Graces and Making Friends

"He who loves a pure heart and whose speech is gracious will have the king for his friend." Proverbs 22:11

Mom Notes:

In this section we will be having fun practicing the skills necessary for respectful behavior in public and in making friends. You have probably already been addressing most of the social graces with your preschooler. This section will just reinforce what you have already taught them. The introduction to making friends may hold something new for your preschooler. If your child is having fun, let him practice these skills even if you have already gone over these concepts. Practice makes perfect and your child will only strengthen his communication skills by further practice. If your child is not interested in parts of this section, just move on to the next. Let your child guide you as to where to go next.

There is a **chart (K)** at the end of this study that you can use to help your preschooler through this section. As your child learns about each one of the social graces, encourage him/her to practice them. Put a sticker on the chart after each successful event. You can put the chart up on your refrigerator and have your child work up to a prize when he fills in section. Make it something fun and watch how motivated he/she becomes!

Make notes in this section about the topics that you would like to see your preschooler have more practice or experience with. This way you can go back and revisit these topics when he or she is ready. Don't forget to continue to practice those skills with which your preschooler has begun to master. Don't let their skills become stale. This is the time to build their self confidence in their abilities to express themselves. It will last a lifetime and serve them and our Lord well!

NOTES:

"Please" and "Thank You"!

(V) Color the children who are using good manners. (K) Practice your good manners using the chart!

We say please when we are asking someone to do something for us.



We say thank you when someone does something nice for us.

No need to whine!

(V) Color the children who are not using good manners. (K) Practice your good manners using the chart!

We don't need to be whiny to get what we want.



We can just ask.

2: Pronunciation and Grammar

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6

Mom Notes:

In this section we will concentrate on pronunciation skills. It sounds so cute when our little ones mispronounce words and use grammar incorrectly. You just want to hug and squeeze them; it's so adorable! This is especially true if this is our last baby who is growing up. We want to keep them at this cute age forever. However, if we do not correct our children now, it will not be so cute when they are older.

I have heard 10 year olds pronounce words that begin with an "R" as if they began with an "L" and I am here to tell you that this will eat away at their self esteem. Their peers will be less than kind to them and their self confidence will wane because confidence comes from mastery, not from sparing them from the embarrassment of being corrected. On the contrary, they will be mortified if they have to get through their young years in school still sounding as if they were 4 years old.

The benefit of training them in pronunciation and grammar now is enormous! The self esteem of a 3 year old who speaks well cannot be measured. A preschooler's confidence will grow in direct proportion to the amazement of the adults around him who are suitably impressed. So when you notice your child mispronouncing something, gently, and with a smile, correct him. If your child is beginning to read, encourage him to read as much as he can in this section.

Remember to spend as much time on each area as your child wants and no more.

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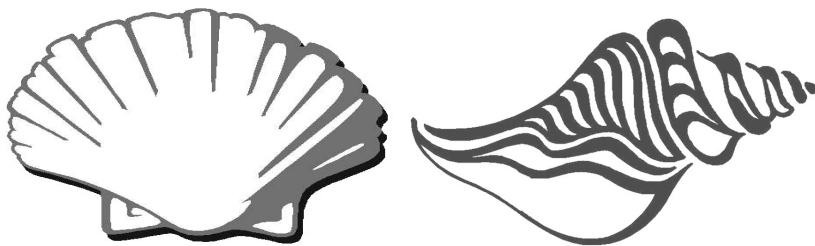
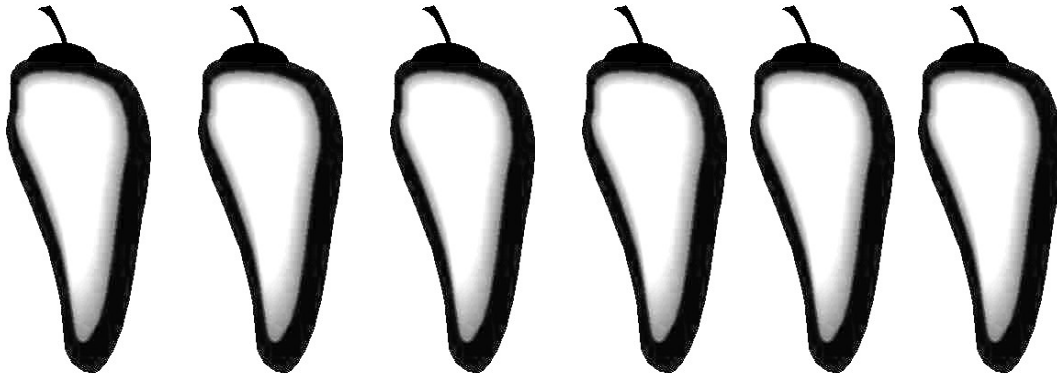
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Tongue Twisters!

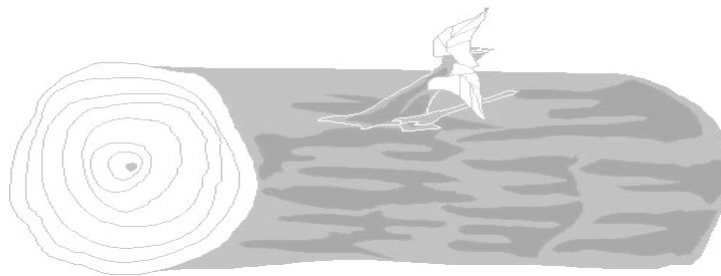
(A) Repeat these fun tongue twisters with your mom.

(V) Color and identify the pictures.

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.



She sells sea shells by the sea shore



How much wood would a woodchuck chuck, if a woodchuck could chuck wood?

3: Description Skills

"-So is my word that goes out from my mouth: it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." Isaiah 55:11

Mom Notes:

This section focuses on description skills. Description is a matter of noticing things and communicating them so that others will be able to visualize what you saw. First we will work on your child's observation skills and then we will give him some practice in explaining what he saw, heard or did.

Remember to spend as much time on each area as your child wants and no more. Every child develops at a different rate so the younger children will need more practice with this skill than older children will. If your child doesn't know what to say, prompt him by asking what types of things he sees or hears. For example: colors, noises, odors, gender of the people... You can ask them what they think happened just before this scene or what might happen after it. You can also ask them how they think the people feel or what their names are.

Some very young children may get frustrated with this section. It is perfectly fine to skip this section altogether if your child is not yet ready. You can always come back and try it again when he is older or takes an interest.

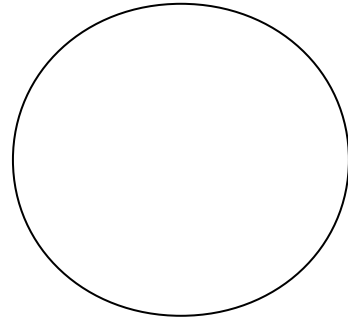
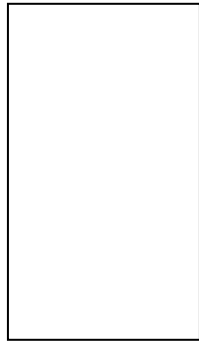
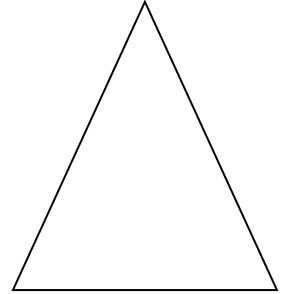
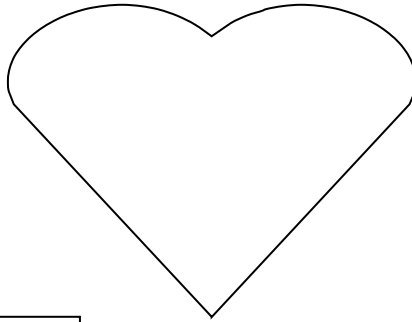
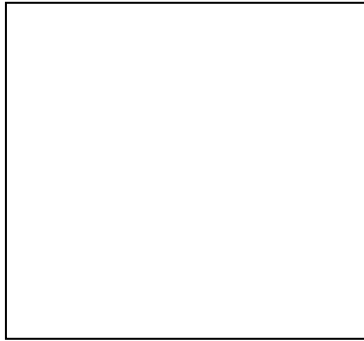
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NOTES:

Describe these shapes.

(K) Color each shape a different color as you tell mom all about them.

(A) Describe the following shapes: color, number of lines, shape of lines, length of sides...



What Do You See?

(V) Describe what you see in the picture.

(A) Color and identify what is in the picture.



4: Giving Directions

"We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited." 2Corinthians 6:3

Mom Notes:

This is a rather short section, but one that is important. We will be teaching your son or daughter how to give directions. This is a skill that many adults have not mastered! We will be concentrating on some simple directions at this age so that you can introduce the concept of making him/herself understood.

There are only three activities in this section. As always, if your child is not receptive at this time, just go on to the next activity or section.

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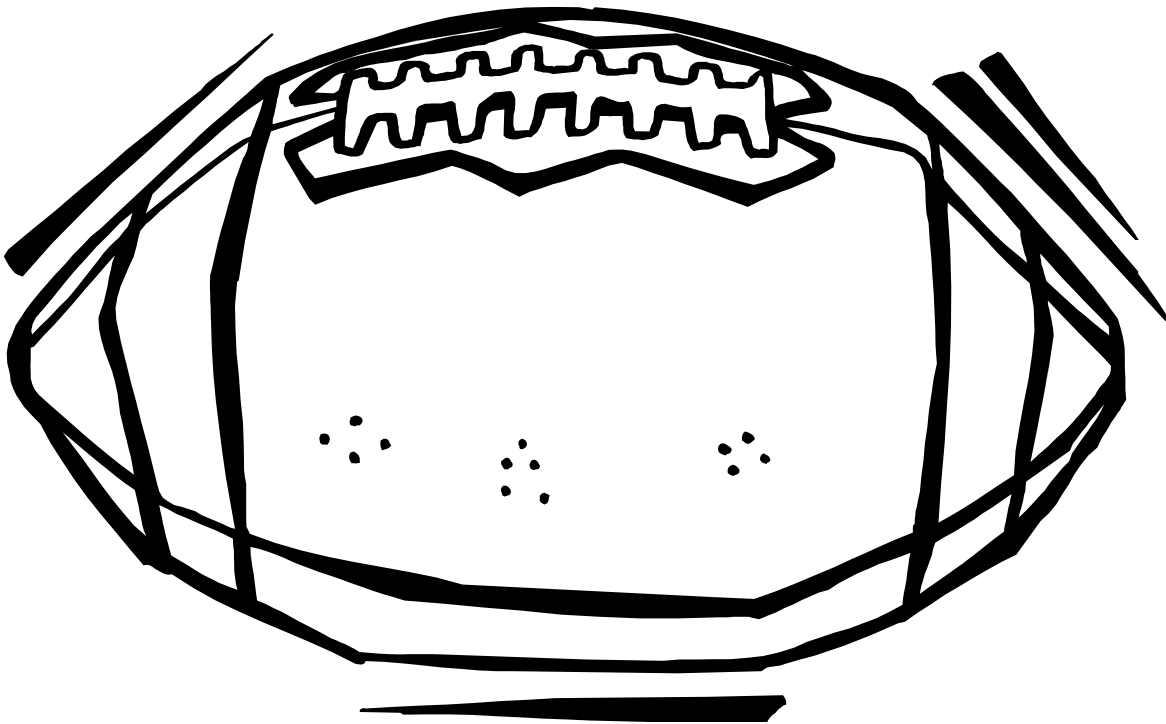
Help me find the kitchen!

(K) Ask your child to give you directions to the kitchen from any other room in the house. Follow the directions carefully and if you get there give him a treat! (V) Ask your child to color the picture.



How do you play...?

(K) Have your child tell you how to play their favorite game. As you play, go over the rules (as you would describe it to him/her). Don't worry if they don't get the difference. If you can, get them to repeat how you describe each of the rules. (V) Ask your child to color the picture.



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