

RHYTHMS & RESPONSES

Authentic Faith

This year you will **provoke discovery** so your child will trust God's character and experience God's family.

Your second grader may be starting to enjoy reading. So, this is a great year to encourage skills that will help them enjoy reading the Bible. Make sure they have a full-text Bible in an easy-to-read translation, like the NIrV.

Throughout your week, continue to talk about faith together.

Say things like...

I love that you noticed how they are feeling. What could we do to help?

Encourage them to act on their impulses to help others.

You should treat others the way you want to be treated.

When I first trusted Jesus...

Share your faith story.

Parent Cue Times



Morning Time

Be a coach. Instill purpose by starting the day with encouraging words.



Drive Time

Be a friend. Interpret life during informal conversations as you travel.



Meal Time

Be a teacher. Establish values with intentional conversations while you eat together.



Bed Time

Be a counselor. Strengthen your relationship through heart conversations at the end of the day.

PHASE SUMMARY

Second Grade



The phase when fairness matters most, differences get noticed, and your enthusiastic kid thinks anything, **"Sounds like fun!"**

Fairness matters.

Cops.CSI. Nancy Drew. Whatever the badge, your child will quickly apprehend and convict you for offenses of unfairness. They may also report the offenses of others, including teachers, classmates, or puppies—if they detect a preference that isn't in their favor.

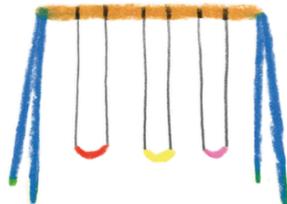
Differences display their uniqueness.

Your second grader's brain is changing in some incredible ways, and they are beginning to notice, "Not everyone is like me." Until now, everyone was pretty equal. Seriously, what kindergartner isn't "the best" at everything? By second grade, kids take notice of qualities that make one kid "athletic" and another "artistic."

This phase is a blend of capable and dependent.

You are entering the golden years of childhood. No one should have a favorite phase, but if you like this phase a whole lot, you aren't alone. Your kid is impressionable, eager, and excited about what you are excited about. If you think something sounds like fun, it won't take much to convince them it really is fun.

**It's just a phase,
so don't miss it.**



OVERVIEW

In the Second Grade phase, your role is to engage their interests.

Your second grader is becoming increasingly self-aware—aware of their thoughts, aware of their abilities, and very aware of their mistakes. Even though your kid is gaining independence in some wonderful ways, don't miss the internal struggle of this phase. The way you answer their questions, listen to their stories, and show up consistently will help you encourage their efforts.



Elementary schoolers think like a scientist.

You help them learn when you...
give them concrete

examples.



Elementary schoolers want to know, "Do I have what it takes?"

You capture their heart when you...

encourage their efforts.



Elementary schoolers are motivated by fun.

You coach them when you...
play on their level.