

# Understanding Child Development (Kindergarteners)

A Leadership Certification  
Course #8



# Characteristics of Kindergarteners

\* Ages 3 - 5 \*

## Physical

- ~ Active; energetic and intense, but tire easily
- ~ Learn to use large & small muscles

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## Physical

- Are curious and like to explore their environment
- Prone to accidents and childhood diseases
- Learn by exploring

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**Social**

- ~ Grow and learn through play
- ~ Like to play alone but are beginning to enjoy some group experiences

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**social**

- ~ Like to make friends and be with friends
- ~ Are self-centered with the world revolving around them

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**Mental**

~ Talkative & has a large vocabulary

~ Learn through their senses, repetition  
and the familiar



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**Mental**

- ~ Have a quick memory
- ~ Able to create a mental substitute for real things (house, dog, mother)
- ~ Curious and excited about the world



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**Emotional**

- ~ Impulsive, explosive & easily excited
- ~ Often shy & need reassurance & security
- ~ Eager to be center of everything; can get jealous of other children
- ~ Naturally sympathetic; beginning to think of others





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## Spiritual

- ~ Think of God as a real and loving person
- ~ Can learn to repeat simple repetitive prayers
- ~ Need to know the difference between right and wrong

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**Spiritual**

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- ~ **Experience God's love best through interaction with adults**
- ~ **Need to know God loves and cares for them**

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**Spiritual**

~ Faith experience becomes foundation upon which all other growth takes place

~ Need images of God's caring presence and loving protection

