



# BUILDING FAMILY TRADITIONS

AS YOUR CHILD TURNS

# 4 YEARS



## PRAYER

A good way to help your child as they pray is using the words:

Wow, Sorry, Thanks, Please

Wow - Praise God for how awesome He is!

Sorry - Why do you need to say sorry to God?

Thanks - Thank God for all He has done.

Please - What requests do you need to bring before God?

## RIGHT VS WRONG

Four-year-olds want limits and want to know the rules and boundaries. They also want to test them to see if they can break them. Use this to teach them God's values for right and wrong.

## WORSHIP

Kids in this phase love to sing and dance. Use worship songs to praise God together. See below for some of our favorite resources.



Preschoolers are beginning to use "bathroom words" more and more. They do it for the shock value it has and the attention it brings. Have conversations with your child about appropriate places to use certain words and how our words can make God happy or sad.

## WORDS



## ADVENTUROUS

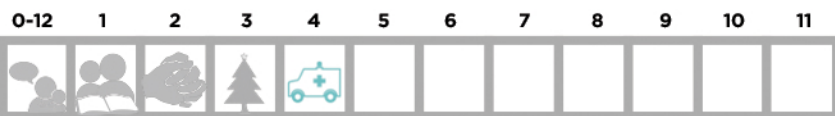
Your four-year-old's favorite question might be "why" because they are adventurous and excited about life. They don't need a long explanation, but they will probably ask "why" again.

Use their adventurous spirit to explore the amazing stories from God's Word together.

## FRIENDSHIPS

Often at this age kids may have trouble having more than one friend at a time. It is much more common for them to parallel play alongside their friends rather than with them. Teach them the value of sharing with others and give them opportunities to practice this with friends and siblings.

## SPIRITUAL TRADITIONS



To learn more about spiritual traditions, visit [church-redeemer.org/traditions](http://church-redeemer.org/traditions)



Take advantage of everyday experiences to teach your child about prayer. When you see an ambulance or hear sirens, take a moment to pray for those affected. Demonstrate this habit of prayer yourself. It will make a big difference to your kids.

## RESOURCES

**Worship Music:** Look up "Hillsong Kids" on YouTube for worship songs your kids will love.

**Take Home Sheets:** These resources are sent home weekly. Use these to review the Bible lesson and help keep it fresh in your child's mind.