



Gospel Light®

HOME DISCUSSION GUIDE
for ages infant-36 months

SUMMER A
Lesson 5

Conversations with Your Toddler

The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

Lamentations 3:25-26

When your baby was little, he used his whole body and eyes to send a message! As he grows, he'll respond to your words with more vocalizing. As he grows and you play games like "This Little Piggy Went to Market," pause to see if he'll respond with his body by putting his foot out to play again. Waiting for these responses helps to create growing communication! Be alert for opportunities to "dance together" in your words and actions. Tell him, **God made your mouth. God made my ears. I like to hear you talk!**

Try This:

Very young children don't have much language to express what they want. That can lead to grabbing, screaming or biting when frustrated. Start by teaching simple words: Sit with your baby and take turns saying, "My turn," playing for a moment and then giving the toy to your child while saying, "Your turn." If you have two kids, sit with them to moderate taking turns in the same way. Tell the older one, **You are helping to teach the baby how to share. Thank you!**