



Gospel Light®

HOME DISCUSSION GUIDE
for ages infant-36 months

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Lesson 5

Timetable of Growth

*God saw all that he had made, and it
was very good.*

Genesis 1:31

When my kids were little, I remember how easy it was to compare their development to others. I'd wonder, *Why isn't my child talking? Why can't my child say words yet?* I needed to be reminded that God has made each child in a special way, and that each child has his or her own God-given timetable of growth. Often I needed to slow down and let my child have the time to communicate. One of the best ways to encourage my child's growth was to wait for her to express a desire for food or a toy, rather than rushing to give what I thought she needed. When she was successful I'd say, **You are learning to use your words. You are growing up! God made you.**

Try This:

Play a routine tickle game: Say, **1, 2, 3, or I'm coming to get you** and then gently tickle her. Eventually you'll see her anticipate when you will tickle. Stop and see what she does to get you to play again. Say, **More?** and eventually she will learn to use that word to request more play.