



Characteristics of Fours

Physical

Fours begin a period of rapid growth. Coordination catches up in both small and large muscles. They still need a great deal of space and time to explore and enjoy the processes of learning, investigating and creating.

Cognitive and Emotional

Fours begin to ask why and how. Their attention spans are still short, but they can concentrate for longer periods. Fours may often test the limits of what is acceptable behavior.

Social

Fours begin to enjoy being with other children in group activities. They want to please adults and usually love their teachers. Give each child a chance to feel successful by helping in some way. Provide ways they can sing, pray and talk together.

Spiritual

Fours begin to understand more about Jesus: that He is God's Son and that He made sick people well when He lived on Earth. Fours can also understand that the Bible tells us ways we can show love for God and obey Him, and that we can talk to God in prayer.