

## What Ages 4-5 Can Learn

Physical	Mental	Emotional	Social	Spiritual
<p>4's use about 1500 words. Often ask what? Begin to use plurals.</p> <p>5's use about 2100 words. Speaks in complete sentences.</p> <p>Ask who and why? Begin to use "because", "their", &amp; "myself".</p> <p>Learning to make use of these expressions: Thank-you, I'm sorry, Please, I love you.</p> <p>Asks details. Want to know what words mean and how things work. Sometimes he is asking, not because he wants the knowledge but to practice talking skills.</p> <p>Only large muscles are coordinated; finger muscles</p>	<p>4's have attention span of 10 minutes.</p> <p>5's about 15 mins.</p> <p>Cannot understand symbolism. Thinks concretely. Use phrases and words that mean exactly what they say.</p> <p>Understand idea of time: past, present and future verbs i.e., now, later. Able to tell about a recent experience. Loves to recount events.</p> <p>While little children need to take home their handwork every day, sheets can now be collected in a binder and taken home when series is over. A review book can be given at the end of the semester.</p>	<p>Looks forward to new experiences in learning. Admits when needs help.</p> <p>Fantasy is at its height. Has a great imagination. Tries to sort out real from what is pretend, but has difficulty. Believes everything you say.</p> <p>Sensitive and observant. Affectionate and wants to be loved. Aware of what people think and say about him. Fears people laughing at him.</p> <p>Learns to develop attitudes concerning right and wrong. Usually makes no allowances for good intentions. See right and wrong as black and white.</p> <p>No</p>	<p>Their world widens slightly. Senses himself one among many. Are becoming group conscious and likes inter-active play. Reasoning is based entirely on how things appear to him. His powers of observation are not entirely accurate.</p> <p>Strong sense of family and home. Tells family faults outside of home without restraint.</p> <p>Loves dramatic play usually assuming the role of a parent. Great imitators. Able to choose between two or three possibilities.</p> <p>Carefully select your words because often when we tell them not to do something that it is just the stimulus they need to do it.</p>	<p>He can believe that God is real, wise, great, good and think of Him as a loving Father. Understand that God is the Creator.</p> <p>Death is not something to fear. God will take care.</p> <p>Accept the fact that God is invisible, the Bible is God's word and contains true historical accounts.</p> <p>God understands what I say, anytime, anywhere. Trusts God will answer his prayers. Needs to learn that sometimes God answers "no", just like parents.</p> <p>God's Book tells how to please Him: share, honest, obey, thanking,</p>

<p>still uncoordinated. Recognizes letters. With help can print or copy simple words.</p> <p>Continued rapid growth stimulates physical activity. Shows speed in learning special skills: riding, bicycling, swimming, coloring.</p> <p>Still have delicate health. Still tire easily.</p> <p>Learn largely through the senses. Learn more from what they see than from what they hear.</p>	<p>Can plan, build and finish most simple craft projects by themselves. Knows several colors. Can count to 12. Begins to understand money. Able to group simple objects.</p> <p>Tells story combining reality with fantasy. Narrates long tales but doesn't end with same topic.</p> <p>Enjoys stories of song and rhythm. Understands a simple story. Can carry plot.</p> <p>Repeats long sentences accurately. Can remember short memory verses.</p>	<p>understanding of cause and effect. Unable to consider the motivation behind an action.</p> <p>Enjoys obedience and thrives on praise. Exaggerates, boasts and praises self. Bosses, tattles and criticizes others. Yet, excuses own behavior.</p>	<p>Leadership is beginning to show. Tends to be bossy. Likes to invite friends to Bible classes.</p> <p>Still basically self-centered. Can learn to share with one or two others and respect their needs. Learning to understand fairness. Primary concern is for self, can ask will I get punished?</p>	<p>helping.</p> <p>People learn about God in services so I behave in certain ways. 4's love to go to services and like to play church at home.</p> <p>Learns profanity is wrong. Sorry when they break God's rules. God forgives.</p> <p>Jesus is a real person who lived on earth. Jesus is God's son. Jesus loves everyone. Can realize that Jesus is always with them. Learn to trust God.</p>
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