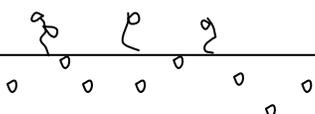
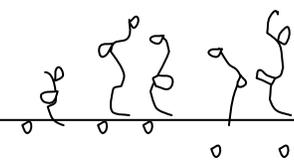
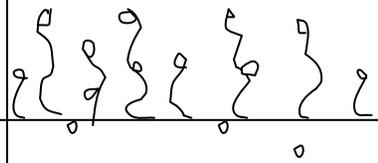
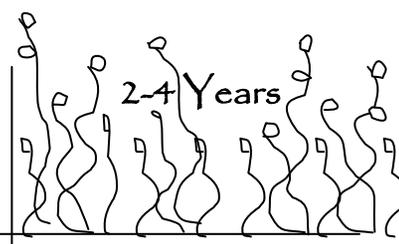


Early Child Training Goals

<p style="text-align: center;">6-9 Months</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">9-12 Months</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">12-18 Months</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">18 Months - 2 Years</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">2-4 Years</p> 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grabbing forbidden objects such as eye glasses - Sitting still for a diaper change - Blowing 'raspberries' at feeding time - Whining and screaming (begin to give a small flick when they whine - not to make them cry but to get their attention and to teach them the meaning of the words 'no whining') 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whining and screaming - Blanket/Lap training (sitting quietly on a blanket or a lap without whining or arching the back) - Quiet training (no noisy babbling while in church or in prayer at home) - No hitting highchair tray while waiting for food - 'Car seat training' (getting into the seat without screaming and staying there peacefully on a loner car ride) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whining and screaming - 'Come here please' training - Highchair training (quietly and patiently waiting for food, no hitting tray, no throwing food, ect..) - 'Put it back' training - 'Be gentle' training (not hitting others) - 'Give it back' training (giving a toy or object back to someone who had it) - 'Sleep Training' (choose random nap times to have them sleep on a blanket on the floor or in a graco in a room with you. If they whine or try to sit up gently lay them down and tell them to be still and give a spank on the leg if they whine or try to get up. This will teach them to sleep in any situation) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whining and screaming - 'Walk with me' training (holding your hand to walk and not letting go) - Putting toys away and cleaning up - 'Church training' (sitting quietly and still in a chair or on a lap in increasing time increments) - 'Attitude training' (disciplining undesirable attitudes such as anger, self-pity, moping, and selfishness) - 'Joyfulness training' (teaching to be joyful in even undesirable circumstances such as long car rides, teething, hunger, lack of nap and sickness) 	<p>When you do not train towards each of these goals you will find deeply rooted weeds of disobedience and undesirable behavior. The seeds of rebellion that were under the surface of your child's heart will manifest themselves in ugly weeds of disobedience. If you start early, you will find that you have very few weeds to deal with however you must consistently maintain the ground you have gained at each stage by constant daily weeding of your child's heart. If you have not started early by training at each of these stages, it is still possible to weed out your child's heart and gain lost ground by going back to the beginning and training towards this end.</p>

The Four Step Training Process

“All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness.” 2 Tim 3:16

	6-9 Months	9-12 Months	12-18 Months	18 Months – 2 Years	2-4 Years
Teaching Example	“Don’t touch mommy’s glasses”	(Child yells for food in high chair) “No whining, wait patiently for your food”	Stand about 10’ apart from spouse and take turns calling child back and forth, leading them with your hand	Child wants to feed himself a messy food. “Mommy will feed you, be cheerful and thankful”	“Mommy wants you to take a nap on the floor next to me, lay down and be still”
Rebuking Example	“No, no (remove their hand) Don’t touch mommy’s glasses” Repeat 3-5 times	(Touch lips as you say this) “No whining, be patient” Be prepared with the rod close by	Give them a chance to obey on their own and when they don’t verbally correct them and physically redirect	“No whining, mommy will feed you, don’t touch the spoon” (Child refuses with an angry look/ tantrum)	They get up, “no, lay down and be still” Gently push them to laying down with your hand
Correcting Example	As they approach to do it again give their hand a soft flick and say, “no, no”	After they understand and you have told them a few times give a gently swat each time they whine	After you feel they understand call them and when they don’t come give them a swat & redirect them	“Mommy said be cheerful & no whining” Give a small swat) “No food if you don’t let me feed you”	Every time they lift their head give them a small swat and tell them to lay down and be still
Training Example	Consistently enforce and allow the glasses to be close to them and ‘ambush’ them when they don’t see that your looking	Consistently enforce and always be prepared with the rod close by as you put them in their high chair and tell them your expectations	Practice this very often!! Make it a fun game and be very excited when they obey. This should be done at least weekly or more.	Continually enforce your word, right when they begin to loose control admonish and warn them. If they don’t respond return to correction.	Practice this at random times and places – when you will be sitting down and can afford to give them your attention – like when you are reading

NOTES:

- These charts are fluid and there are obvious areas of overlap in each stage. Changes may need to be made due to your child’s particular sinful nature and your family’s standards. Each stage will carry over into the next stage, both for good or for bad. Don’t forget that all progress made **MUST** be maintained by constant ‘weeding’.
- Screaming & whining is one of the primal areas of selfishness and if not dealt with early on will embed itself as the mother of all weeds! Always search out to meet legitimate areas of discomfort that can be changed and if it is unchangeable remember they are no more comfortable by whining or screaming.
- Before 12 months teaching is a very short phase of training. It is often verbal only - be sure to anticipate undesirable behavior and react quickly. This early training is foundationally important to develop a respect for your word in the child’s mind. Ground gained at this stage helps tremendously at later stages!
- Many parents underestimate how vital it is to follow through with the training phase by consistently enforcing expectations. Don’t grow weary in this area and when your child seems to backslide, revert back to the rebuking stage and proceed forward again. Set up training opportunities in times of peace – Be proactive in your training – not just reactive!!

Specific Goals for Our Children for this Year

Child's Name	Training Goals (Areas this child needs to grow in)	Theme Scripture for this Child

Our Family's Early Child Training Goals

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Examples of the Four Step Training process with Younger Children

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Teaching Example					
Rebuking Example					
Correcting Example					
Training Example					

Our Family's Child Training Goals

5-6 Years	7-8 Years	9-10 Years	11-14 Years	15 and older

Examples of the Four Step Training process with Older Children

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	5-6 Years	7-8 Years	9-10 Years	11-14 Years	15 and older
Teaching Example					
Rebuking Example					
Correcting Example					
Training Example					