# **TOP 7 TODDLER TIPS**

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### Raise Them Independent

Help them build skills that lead to their independence i.e. dressing. Explain out loud what you are doing when they are watching. Teach them to be comfortable entertaining themselves.

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### **Allow Growing Opportunites**

Don't be over-protective if they get hurt. Did a friend break your child's toy? Allow the friend to apologize as you teach your child to stay calm and forgive their friend.

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#### **Mind Their Health**

If you feed your child high-sugar snacks, don't monitor their sleep, or ignore their emotional needs, understand they won't be able to follow your guidance as well.

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## Feed Them Spiritually

Pray over them daily. Read Bible Stories. Teach them short scriptures. Sing worship songs. Have them lay hands if they get hurt. Teach them to talk to Jesus. Use resources on LFC website.

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#### You Are Their Role Model

Do you say "Please" and "Thank You?" Do you get upset when you don't get your way? Do you love to pray, worship, and read your Bible?

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#### **Your Words Matter**

You play a huge role in how they see themselves. Be intentional with the way you shape them with your words. "You look nice!" "You are loved." "You are smart." "I love having you around."

**07** 

### Don't Be Afraid To Discipline

Children are not perfect. They need guidance. The earlier you teach them to obey with the right attitude, the more they will be able to grow. You will hurt them by not disciplining them.