

What

Middle Elementary Kids

Are Like

Get to know the kids in your class. Observe them, talk to them, listen to them, and read about them.

Physically, middle elementary kids

- Have longer attention spans
- Love to play games and compete
- Are increasingly more coordinated and skilled

Intellectually, middle elementary kids

- Understand diagrams and have a good sense of time
- Still mostly think in concrete terms, not abstract
- Memorize easily; are reading to learn instead of learning to read

Emotionally, middle elementary kids

- Are cooperative, friendly, agreeable
- Care about acceptance and peers and belonging
- Have a sense of right and wrong, and are sensitive to fairness

Socially, middle elementary kids

- Love to talk and interact with friends
- Can emphasize competition over cooperation
- Develop many heroes

Spiritually, middle elementary kids

- Are developing skills for using the Bible and Bible reference tools
- Can put Bible stories in a framework that helps them see God's plan of salvation
- Are beginning to understand that God has plans for their lives