

Early Elementary

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

Physically, early elementary children

- need to move.
- are awkward and uncoordinated.
- touch, handle, and explore everything.

Intellectually, early elementary children

- are eager to learn and ask a lot of questions.
- think in concrete terms, not abstract.
- are developing reading and writing skills.

Emotionally, early elementary children

- are experiencing new and intense feelings.
- can have trouble controlling their behavior.
- are often ashamed of their mistakes.

Socially, early elementary children

- want to have friends but are still self-centered.
- like to win.
- love attention and will often show off or act silly to get attention.

Spiritually, early elementary children

- think that prayer is very important.
- think of Jesus as their friend.
- understand that they can choose right or wrong and that choosing wrong is sin.