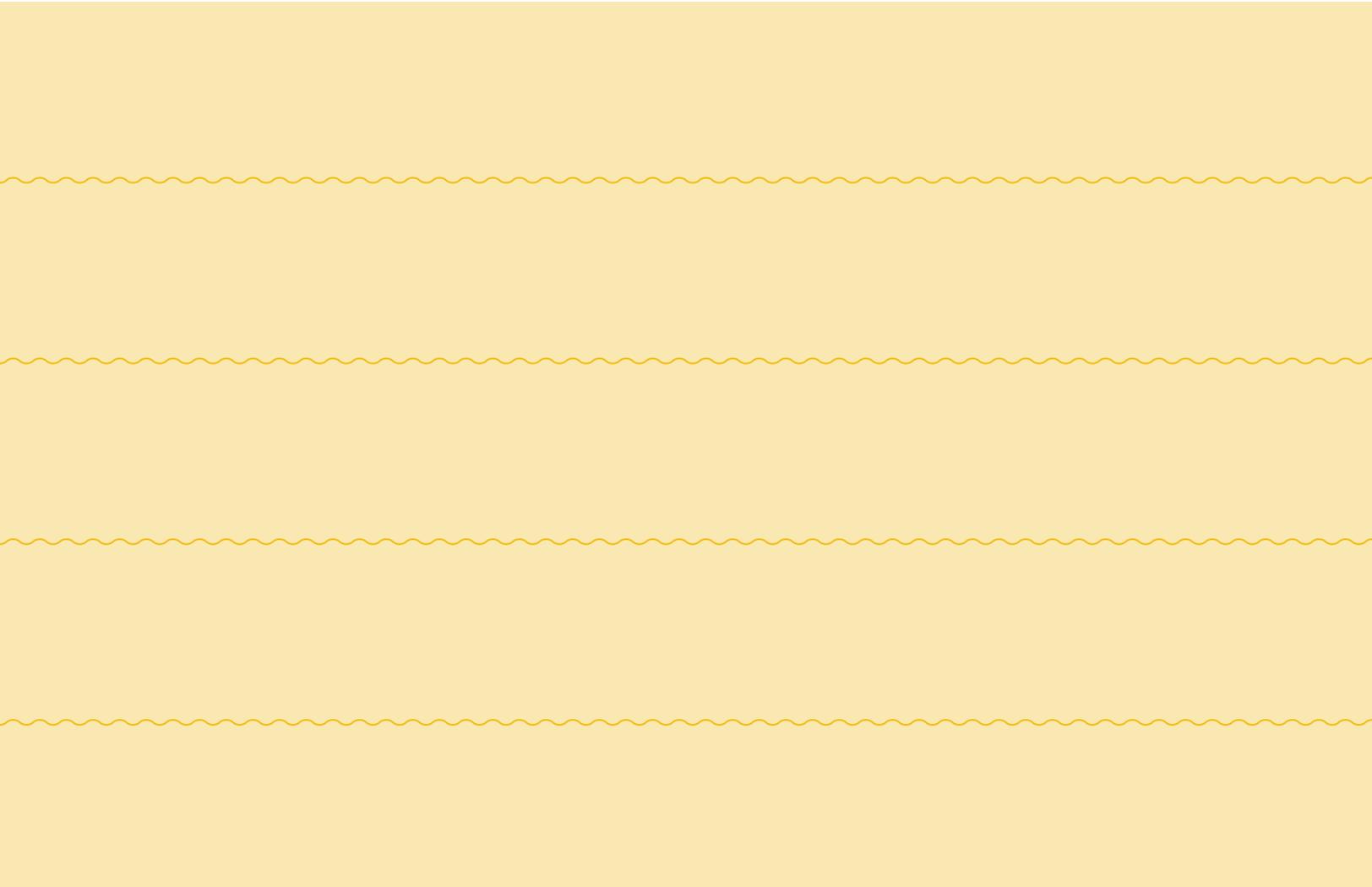


The Elementary Survival Guide



At the heart of everything your elementary schooler says and does these days, they're likely asking inside of themselves...

Do I have your attention? Do I have what it takes? Do I have friends?

These are some pretty big questions swirling around in such tiny bodies. And while it may be hard to believe, your kid is becoming way more self aware and looking to the outside world to confirm — or deny — what they think about themselves and how they're perceived by everyone else. Though this is a critical time, it's also your time to shine as the biggest influence in your kid's life right now.

So, what do your kids need from you right now? What communicates love to them in this phase they're in? Three words: Engage their interests. When you demonstrate to your kids that you're interested in who they are and what they like, you're conveying to them that they have value, that their ideas are worth listening to, and that, ultimately, they matter.

If you're looking for a great starting point, here's a quick tip: Be curious about your child. Instead of assuming you have them all figured out, take some time to ask them questions about their thoughts and feelings. Hang out with them doing what they want to do. Spend time getting to know their friends. And who knows? You might find out this small human you're raising is pretty cool.

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You have approximately 936 weeks from the time your child is born until he or she graduates from high school. It goes by fast, and kids change and grow quickly. It's as if they shift or move on just as you're starting to figure them out. It all makes the responsibility to shape a child's faith and character feel overwhelming.



The Elementary School Phase Guides simplify what parents need to know about each phase of a kid's life and give them the opportunity to discover more about their children—so they can make the most of every phase.

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- The 6 things your kid needs most.
- 4 conversations to have in this phase.

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