

Social-Emotional Development for Toddlers 21-27 Months Old



- Your toddler likes to imitate you, other adults, and her friends.
- Your toddler wants to do everything by himself, even though he can't!
- Some of your toddler's favorite words are *mine*, *no*, and *me do it*.
- Your toddler has many emotions, and her emotions can be very "big." She can get angry and have temper tantrums.
- Your toddler likes to imitate you doing household tasks. He can put some of his toys away with help from you.
- Your toddler loves to try new things and explore new places. But she wants to know you are nearby to keep her safe.
- Your toddler is very interested in other children. He is still learning how to play with them.
- Your toddler will play nearby other children but not really with them. She does not understand how to share her things yet.
- Your toddler has a hard time waiting and wants things right now.
- Your toddler loves attention from familiar adults and children but may act shy around strangers.
- Your toddler shows affection by returning a hug or kiss. He tries to comfort familiar people who are in distress.
- Your toddler knows her name and knows what she likes and dislikes. She may be very attached to certain things, such as a special book, toy, or blanket.
- Your toddler enjoys simple pretend play. He may like pretending to cook or talk on the telephone.
- Your toddler is learning about the routines in your home but often does not remember rules.