

Some Learnings and Experiences for Growing in the Faith: Infants and Toddlers

For developing faith foundations, infants and toddlers need

- an attractive, safe space in the church;
- loving, caring adults who help them experience trust;
- to know that others love them and that they can love others;
- to know that they can use their senses to explore God's world; and
- to know that they are worthy of love and care.

For knowing the Bible and our faith traditions, infants and toddlers need

- to hear words and stories from the Bible.

For relating to God and the church, infants and toddlers need

- to feel that the church is a good place to be;
- to know they belong in a family and to a church;
- to develop the sense that God is always with them; and
- to have opportunities to join with others in praising and thanking God.

For relating faith to daily living, infants and toddlers need

- to hear people talk about God, Jesus, and the Bible;
- to have opportunities to show love to family and friends;
- to become aware of their increasing ability to take part in God's world; and
- to learn to deal with anger, frustration, and conflict.