

PRINTABLES GENIUS SHEET

**OUR PRINTABLES ARE TRIED AND TRUE AND
BUILT BY PARENTS IN THE THICK OF RAISING KIDS.**

We've kept them simple, so you can add your own personal tweaks, and tailor them to your life.

Life with kids is like a constant update, so print them out as many times as you need to change the plan. There's no need to squish in new info and cross old stuff out.

Try these genius tips:

1. Use different coloured pens for different kids if you need to combine everyone on a single chart. Consider following these colours through to everything else (lunchboxes, drink bottles, bags, name tags).
2. Print several at a time and staple/clip together so you have a fresh chart when needed, and you have the old one still there to refer to.
3. Laminate and use a wipeable pen if you need to tick or regularly add your own scribbles to the chart. Handy too for minor tweaks.
4. Establish a "family command centre" to stick up your printables. This way everyone knows where to find the info.

Different ways to display your charts:

- Magnets on the fridge or magnetised board.
- Pegs on string or wire.
- Pins on a pin board.
- Velcro dots on a wall, fabric board, or a carpet square on the wall.
- Use picture frames on the wall and pop your charts into these.
- Think transportable, and slip charts into clear plastic folders and keep a neat stack on your command centre, office, or somewhere visible on the kitchen bench.
- Using a photo album, create a chart book. Make sure everyone can access it when they need to. Make your book look beautiful and easy to spot.

Let's talk!

You don't need to set aside extra "learning time". Instead, use routines you already have. Here's how to turn everyday moments into conversation with your toddler...

At bath time

Chat about what floats, sinks, splashes or feels warm. Even silly conversations count.

In the car

Point out what you see and invite your child to join in. "I can see a huge truck. Where do you think it's going?"

At the supermarket

Ask your toddler to help find items, name colours or choose between two options. "Can you spot the bananas?" or "Which apples should we get?"

At breakfast

Rather than simply saying, "Eat your toast," try asking, "What's the best thing to put on toast?" or "What does your breakfast taste like?"

On a walk

Notice sounds, colours and things you pass. "Can you hear that bird?" or "What do you think is making that noise?"

At bedtime

Ask about their day. "What made you laugh today?" or "What was your favourite thing we did?"

At the playground

Follow what catches their attention. "That slide is really high! How do you think you'll get to the top?"

Getting dressed

Talk about colours, weather and choices. "It looks cold outside. What do you think we should wear?"

While cooking

Talk about what you're doing and invite them to help. "What do you think will happen when we mix these together?" or "Which ingredient should we add next?"

