

Technology

Technology explodes all around us! We are exposed to technology even before we take our first breath. Did you get to see what I looked like before I was born?

Most of my baby toys need batteries and by the time I get to be a toddler and preschooler I can use all sorts of electronic things to help me learn numbers, shapes and colors. I may go through my whole life with out seeing old fashioned land phones! I do know about cell phones though. They can make me feel really sad when you use them too much, especially if we have been away from each other for a while. I can feel very lonely when you are on your cell phone, kind of like I am invisible. When I feel invisible, I might do things I am not supposed to do to get your attention. This can make us both feel sad and angry!

- **Technology is part of this world now and it can be a big part of my learning!** I want to be part of the world too, like working on the computer. The buttons and lights are inviting to me. I like feeling successful when you show me what to do and praise me for learning something new. I'll need to know a lot about computers by the time I grow up!
- **But, please remember that while all the gadgets are fun there is nothing that can replace my best teacher of all... you.** I like to work with all of my electronic toys but most of all I like it when you read to me, spend some time building blocks with me or when you join me when I play make believe.
- **Technology is part of this world but so are people.** All kinds of people. Technology is important but so are relationships. I'll learn the technology in a lot of places as I grow but you and my relationship with you sets the foundation for all of my future relationships.



- **I can make it in this world without knowing how some of the technology works.** I can ask somebody. I can't just ask somebody about how to have a relationship because relationships grow out of feelings. Help me feel. Hold me, talk to me. Teach me the joy of learning, the joys of being a friend and having friends and about being kind and accepting of others. Help me know that you will always be there for me when I fall so I can learn to be there for others when they fall. And... please think about how much you use your cell phone when you are with me, I am only little for a short time and I have so much to learn. Computers and phones can be really good at giving us information and helping us solve problems, but computers and cell phones will never be able to feel. I need you for that!