

HOW TO TALK WITH TODDLERS

DO MUCH MORE

Repeat what they say, and sometimes add to what they say.

“Daddy home!” “Daddy came home!”

Talk with them about what you’re doing.

“I’m making the bed. I put the sheet on first and tuck it in!”

Give words to their feelings.

“I know it’s sad. You really wanted that truck.”

Say what s/he is doing.

“You are going down the slide! DOWN DOWN DOWN!!”

Enjoy your toddler’s interest in EVERYTHING!

Take a walk with your toddler AT THEIR PACE commenting on every leaf and bug you see!

There is no need to correct a toddler who says a word wrong.

You can just say the word correctly in the next sentence.

“I eat nana” “Yes! you’re eating a banana!”

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Correcting: “No, no honey, don’t do that.”

Commands: “Put that away.”

Questions: “What do you want?”