

*Emotional Development
from One to Three*

SECTION 11-1

Parenting Q & A

Directions: Read the following e-mail messages sent to Help for Parents' online question site. Take the role of the site's expert and write a response to each message. Write your responses in the spaces provided.

1. Help! Our three-year-old daughter has always seemed happy, but recently she started sucking her thumb again. She even wet her pants a couple times in the past week, something that hasn't happened for more than a year. What could be wrong? What should we do?

2. My two-year-old cries every time I drop him off at the child care center. The caregivers tell me that he's fine during the day, but it just breaks my heart to hear him cry. What should I do?

3. We're expecting our second baby in four months. What should we say to our three-year-old daughter?

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4. My two-year old has a temper tantrum almost every time we go to the supermarket. It's gotten to the point where I dread having to go to the store. How can I break him of this habit?

5. Ever since Brenna turned two, she says "no" to absolutely everything. When we ask if she's hungry, or ready to go someplace, or ready for bed—it doesn't matter what the question is. She always says "no"! How can we stop her?

6. Nguyen and I used to take a walk every afternoon, but, ever since a neighbor got a big dog, he doesn't want to go. The dog barked at him the first day, and he's been afraid to get near it ever since. How can I get him to enjoy his walks again?

7. My twins are two and one-half. They seem to disrupt family activities all the time. When I praise Kara for her block construction, Jimmy starts singing loudly nearby. When I admire Jimmy's coloring, Kara pushes her toy train across the page. What can I do?
