



Unlock Your Child's Potential!

Little Simon, an active four-year old in my Sunday School Class, needed to go to the bathroom. So, off we trotted.

Thinking he needed my help, I leaned over to offer assistance. Insulted by such a proposition, he proudly insisted, "I can do it myself!" Of course, what was I thinking? While he was doing his business, I started to move the footstool over to the sink so he could wash his hands. Well, he wasn't going to stand for that, so he moved it back to its place and then back to the sink. "I can do it myself," he roared once again. Right then and there, a window into Simon's potential opened. Simon is born a leader. A self-starter. An independent soul.

Knowing this about Simon, how does his mom tap his potential?

THINK ABOUT IT:

POTENTIAL DEFINED:

"dormant ability, reserved power, untapped strength, unused success, hidden talents, capped capability"

Q & A

How do I know if I am pushing too hard?
Is your little one exhibiting:
Tantrums?
Excessive whining?
Resistance?
And, you want it more than they do!

ALWAYS REMEMBER:

Childhood is a short season. Their gifts and talents will reveal themselves. Be on the lookout.

5 Key Elements To Unlocking Your Preschooler's Potential

1. Foster an environment where their natural curiosity can flourish. Think field trips, dinner table conversation, interactive learning games, visits to the library, etc.
2. Restrain from "external" busyness in order to save time, energy, and patience for their boundless enthusiasm for life which leads them to asking so many questions.
3. Provide order through consistency: regular schedule, healthy communication patterns, quiet time (see "Developing Devotionals using the QUIET Method").
4. Be present. Raising children is a RIGHT NOW job. The seeds planted TODAY will sprout TOMORROW.
5. Watch for "clues." What gifts, talents, propensities, activities, etc. do you see them enjoy? excel? dislike? Hone on these and surround them with MORE!

