

Too Small to Fail Topic Calendar (December 2018)

I. December Observances & Events:

- 12/25 Christmas
- 12/31 New Year's Eve

TOPICS	SAMPLE RESOURCES
<p>12/03 – 12/09 Quality Family Time During the Holidays</p> <p>Family time and routines have long lasting benefits for young children. The quality of time parents and family members spend with their children build family bonds and bolster social-emotional development. Parents can incorporate quality family time into everyday activities by talking, reading, and singing to children.</p>	<p>Talk, Read and Sing Together Every Day! Tips for Families TSTF</p> <p>Making Time for Kids? Study Says Quality Trumps Quantity Washington Post</p> <p>Redefining Quality Family Time in an Overscheduled Society Huffington Post</p> <p>Good Family Relationships: How to Build Them Raising Children</p> <p>The Importance of Everyday Interactions for Early Brain Development Huffington Post</p> <p>Kids With Family Routines Are Emotionally And Socially More Advanced (STUDY) Huffington Post</p> <p>The Most Important Thing You Can Do with Your Kids? Eat Dinner with Them Washington Post</p> <p>Building Children's Relationships With Relatives Bright Horizons</p>

12/10 – 12/16 Quality Time with Grandparents During the Holidays

The holidays are a special time for families when some children get to spend time with their grandparents. When they share rich conversations and stories, grandparents develop close connections with little ones and can support their early brain and language development.

[Tips for Grandparents](#) TSTF

[Celebrate Grandparents!](#) TSTF/AARP

[Grandparenting: On Your Lap, In Your Heart](#) ZERO TO THREE

[That Was Then: Sharing Family Traditions With Your Grandchildren](#) ZERO TO THREE

[More Than Just Cookies: Why Grandparents Are Important To Your Kids](#) Parenting

[Tips for Grandparents of a Newborn](#) Healthy Children

[Grandparents and Family Relationships](#) Raising Children

[What Kids Learn From Hearing Family Stories](#) The Atlantic

12/17 – 12/23 Meaningful Holiday Traditions

The holiday season offers great opportunities for families to spend quality time together and build rich memories that will last a lifetime. This week, we will share simple ways families can use the holiday festivities to create fun and meaningful traditions with young children.

[Nine Ways to Make Christmas Meaningful for Kids](#) Huffington Post

[7 Family Time and Learning Tips for the Holidays](#) PBS Parents

[5 Ways to Keep the Magic of Christmas \(and Lose the Consumerism\)](#) Huffington Post

[5 Meaningful Holiday Traditions for Kids](#) PBS Parents

[Three Seasonal Activities to Help Foster Your Toddler's Creative Skills](#) TSTF

[The Gifts You Don't Have to Wrap](#) PBS Parents

[Gift Giving for Kids](#) PBS Parents

[Thoughts on Giving](#) NAEYC for Families

12/24 – 12/30 Talking Is Teaching Gifts

This holiday season, we're encouraging parents, grandparents, and caregivers, to make holiday gift giving a truly meaningful experience by giving gifts of quality time spent talking, reading, and singing together!

We will share fun talk, read, sing ideas that will help boost your child's brain and language development and foster special moments for bonding - all without costing a penny!

Gifts that Give Graphics TSTF (4 graphics)

Math

[Highlights Digital Guide TSTF](#)

[Early Math Resources TSTF](#)

[Baby and Toddler Math Milestones](#) PBS Parents

[Counting Games for Babies and Toddlers](#) PBS Parents

Singing

[Sing With Your Baby TSTF](#)

[Sing To Your Baby: Create Your Own Lullaby TSTF](#)

[10 Ways Babies Learn When We Sing to Them!](#) NAEYC

Reading

[Early Literacy Resources TSTF](#)

[Literacy is Rooted in Love TSTF](#)

[Building Your Child's Vocabulary](#) Reading Rockets

[The Gift of Reading](#) New York Times

Storytelling

[Storytelling Builds Imagination \(Dragons Not Included\) TSTF](#)

[Reading and Storytelling with Babies and Children](#) Raising Children

Twitter Only

[New Year's Eve, Family Style](#) PBS Parents

[Making New Year's Resolutions with Your Child](#) PBS Parents