

Too Small to Fail Topic Calendar (November 2018)

I. November Observances & Events:

- 11/08 National Parents as Teachers Day (#ParentsAsTeachersDay)
- 11/13 World Kindness Day
- 11/20 Universal Children’s Day
- 11/22 Thanksgiving (#Thanksgiving)

TOPICS	SAMPLE RESOURCES
<p>11/05 - 11/11 Bonding With Your Child</p> <p>Bonding with your newborn baby is a very important aspect of parenting and starts with simple, everyday interactions. Loving relationships with parents and caregivers help children feel safe and lay the foundation for their healthy social-emotional development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 11/08 National Parents as Teachers Day (#ParentsAsTeachersDay) 	<p>Small Children Have Big Feelings TSTF</p> <p>How Bonding Builds Babies Brains TSTF</p> <p>All We Need Is A Little Love (Mostly) TSTF</p> <p>The Incredible Benefits Of Simply Holding Your Baby Close Huffington Post</p> <p>Bonding With Your Baby: Ideas Raising Children</p> <p>The New Science of Mother-Baby Bonding Parenting</p> <p>Bonding With Your Newborn BabyCenter</p> <p>Your Baby’s Brain, Part 2: Environmental Influence Huffington Post</p> <p>A Parent’s Touch Actually Transforms A Baby’s Brain Huffington Post</p>

11/12 - 11/18 Raising Empathetic and Kind Children

Empathy is the ability to sense other people's emotions and understand what someone else is thinking or feeling. Young children are born with a natural capacity for empathy; as early as 6 months of age, infants sense and mirror their caregivers' emotions and behavior. By modeling and encouraging empathetic behavior, parents can nurture empathy in their children during the early years. We will provide tips and resources on how parents and caregivers can build and reinforce their child's empathy.

- 11/13 World Kindness Day

[Six Ways Parents Can Raise Empathetic Children](#) TSTF

[Empathy and Kindness Go Hand in Hand](#) TSTF

[Raise Your Young Child to Care About Others](#) Parents

[How to Help Your Child Develop Empathy](#) ZERO TO THREE

[10 Tips for Raising a Compassionate Infant-Toddler](#) NAEYC

[How to Raise a Sympathetic Child, According to Psychology](#) Quartz

[The Three R's? Teach Your Child the Three E's!](#) Washington Post

[Teaching Children Empathy](#) NYT

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[Raising Caring Children](#) Harvard GSE

[About the Kindness Survey](#) Sesame Street

[E is For Empathy: Sesame Workshop Takes a Crack at Kindness](#) NPR Ed

[Parents Say This Quality Is Essential for Future Success \(Even More Than Good Grades\)](#) Inc.

11/19 - 11/25 Instilling Gratitude in Young Children

To celebrate this season of giving thanks, we're sharing tips and resources to help parents raise thankful children all year long. Instilling a sense of gratitude in children is an important part of healthy social-emotional development. Studies have shown that gratitude benefits children by

[Gratitude for Every Day of the Year](#) TSTF

[Teaching Children to Be Grateful](#) Parents

[10 Ways to Raise a Grateful Kid](#) PBS Parents

[Get Grateful! 20 Ways to Teach Kids Gratitude, From Tots to Teens](#) Today

bettering relationships with their peers and family, improving school performance and decreasing envy and materialism. What's more, grateful children are not only happier, but more satisfied with their lives.

Thanksgiving (#Thanksgiving)

- 11/20 Universal Children's Day

[I Stopped Forcing My Kids to Say Thank You, and They Learned True Gratitude](#) Washington Post

[Finally, a Cool Formula for Teaching Kids How to Be More Grateful, From a Gratitude Researcher \(and Dad\)](#) Huffington Post

[How to Raise an Appreciative Child](#) Today's Parents

[Raising a Thankful Child](#) NAEYC

[12 Tips for Teaching Children Gratitude](#) Healthy Children

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[Teaching Kids the Importance of Gratitude](#) Everyday Health

[Raising Children with an Attitude of Gratitude](#) The Wall Street Journal

11/26 - 12/02 Exploring the World Through Science and Sensory Play

Young children are naturally curious about the natural world. While adults grasp and explain their world through words, children learn by touching, smelling, tasting, seeing, and hearing. This week, we will share tips and resources to help families explore outside.

[Let's Talk, Read, and Sing About STEM!](#) TSTF

[STEM Moments: Everyday Fun With Science](#) TSTF

[STEM Moments: Everyday Fun with Engineering and Technology](#) TSTF

[Science in the Backyard or Park](#) PBS Parents

[Science Activities for Babies & Toddlers](#) PBS Parents

[10 Tips to Support Children's Science Learning](#) NAEYC

[Sensory Play Encourages Thinking - and Fun!](#) TSTF

VIDEO

[Everyday Fun with Science](#) TSTF

[Everyday Fun with Engineering and Technology](#) TSTF