session 6: handout CHILD DESCRIPTION

MEREDITH - Six months old

Meredith loves playing hide-and-seek. She likes to watch herself in the mirror. She has learned to pass things from one hand to the other, clap her hands together and reach for her toys. She has started to eat some cereal and fruit, but she still mostly drinks from a bottle. She still wakes up in the middle of the night.

GARRETT - Four years old

Garrett loves to watch "Blues Clues" and play with his new puppy, but sometimes the puppy scares him when they are playing. He likes to look at books and pretend he can read. He really likes to have his mother read stories to him at bedtime. Garrett is attending "Head Start" and can't wait to go to kindergarten. Sometimes he gets in trouble at pre-school for fighting with other kids because he doesn't want to share his toys.

ELISA - One year old

Elisa has started walking, but she still prefers crawling because it is faster. She can say a few words like "Mama" and "Dada." She likes playing with toys and has definite favorites. She will only go to sleep at night if her daddy rubs her tummy. She can pretty much eat on her own, but she still uses her fingers and makes a big mess. She has some new teeth growing in, which can make her cranky.

BARBARA - Five years old

Barbara likes to be called "Barbie," just like her favorite toy, and she won't answer to anything else. Barbie is becoming more independent. She can do things like dress herself and make her bed in the morning. She started kindergarten this fall but is having some trouble with learning her numbers and ABCs. As a result, getting her to go to school each day can be difficult. Barbie has a new baby brother, and she likes to help take care of him.

ADAM - Two years old

Adam is almost potty trained, but he still has accidents every once in a while. He still wears a diaper at night just in case. He sits at the table in a booster seat and eats with his parents, but he is still pretty messy. Adam has entered the "terrible twos" and likes to say "NO" a lot just because he can. He is very curious and gets into everything.

DYLAN - Six years old

Dylan loves school, playing baseball and collecting bugs. Sometimes he puts bugs in his little sister's bed to scare her. Dylan is a big help at home. He can set and clear the table at meals. He wants to tag along after his older brother, but isn't always allowed to. He complains that his mother still treats him like a baby.

DAVID - Three Years Old

David goes to pre-school each morning. He can count to 10 and say his ABCs. He knows most of his colors and shapes. He is very creative and likes to paint and color. He likes to watch "Sesame Street" and can sing along with the songs. While David isn't in the "terrible twos" anymore, he is still stubborn and occasionally has temper tantrums when he doesn't get his way.

JACKIE - Seven years old

Jackie doesn't like school and hates to read. Getting her to do homework each night is difficult. She would rather watch TV or play with her dolls. Jackie is very good artist and likes to draw and paint. She has lots of friends and likes to go on sleep-overs. She wants to wear makeup and dress like Britney Spears and gets mad when her mother won't let her.