The Three Year Old Asks

Three Year Old Children:
• are friendly and like to play with other children.
• like to share and belong to a group. They are starting to play “pretend” games.
• will pick up their toys if you help.
• ask questions but are not always interested in the answer.
• often use sentences at least 3 or 4 words long.
• sometimes ask simple questions like “What’s that?”, “Why?”.
• seem to understand most of what you say to them.
• can have a simple conversation with you.
• like to sing songs.
• may talk about imaginary (not real) friends or situations.
• know their names and whether they are a boy or girl.
• can say more than 500 words.
• enjoy looking at and talking about picture books with adults.

Three Year Old Children May Still:
• make speech sound mistakes, but you can understand most of what they say.
• have a loud voice.
• make grammar mistakes in sentences, for example: “That me toy Mom”

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