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# Engaging Bible Teaching for Today's Children

Reaching Generation Alpha

## Mark 10:13-15

One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could touch and bless them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him.

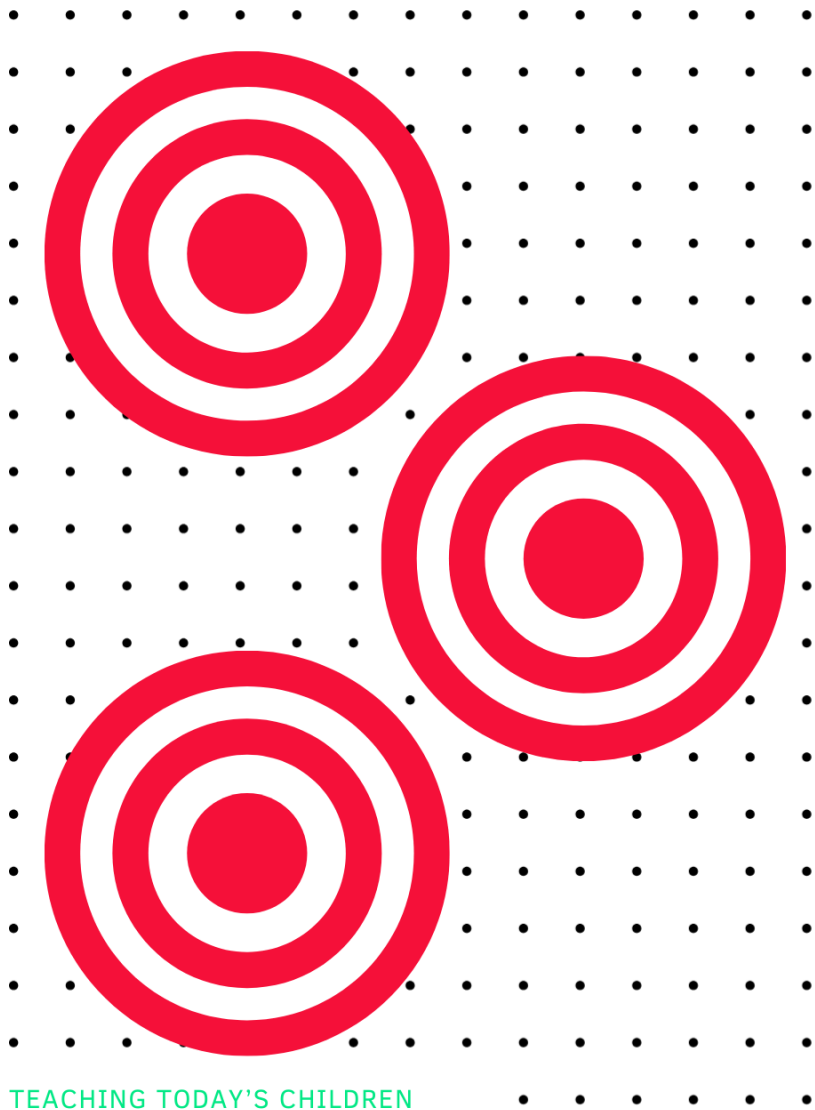
When Jesus saw what was happening, he was angry with his disciples. He said to them, “Let the children come to me. Don’t stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children.

I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn’t receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it.” Then he took the children in his arms and placed his hands on their heads and blessed them.



# Teaching is like Archery

**We aim to teach in a way that hits the  
target of a child's heart.**

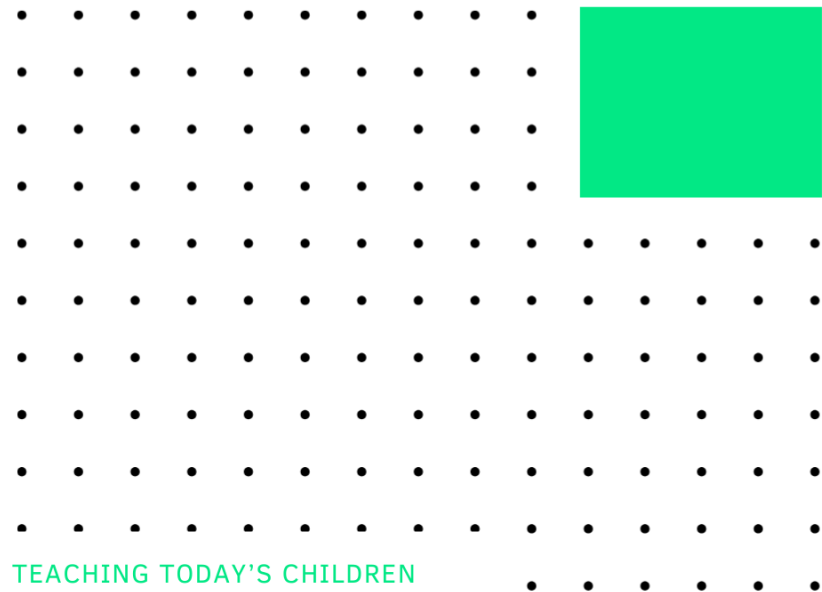


# The Target Keeps Moving

**Kids are different today, so the same practices won't have the same impact.**

# Generations

We are all marked by the time period we grew up in.



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Baby Boomers  
1946-1964



Gen Xers  
1965-1979



Millennials  
1980-1994

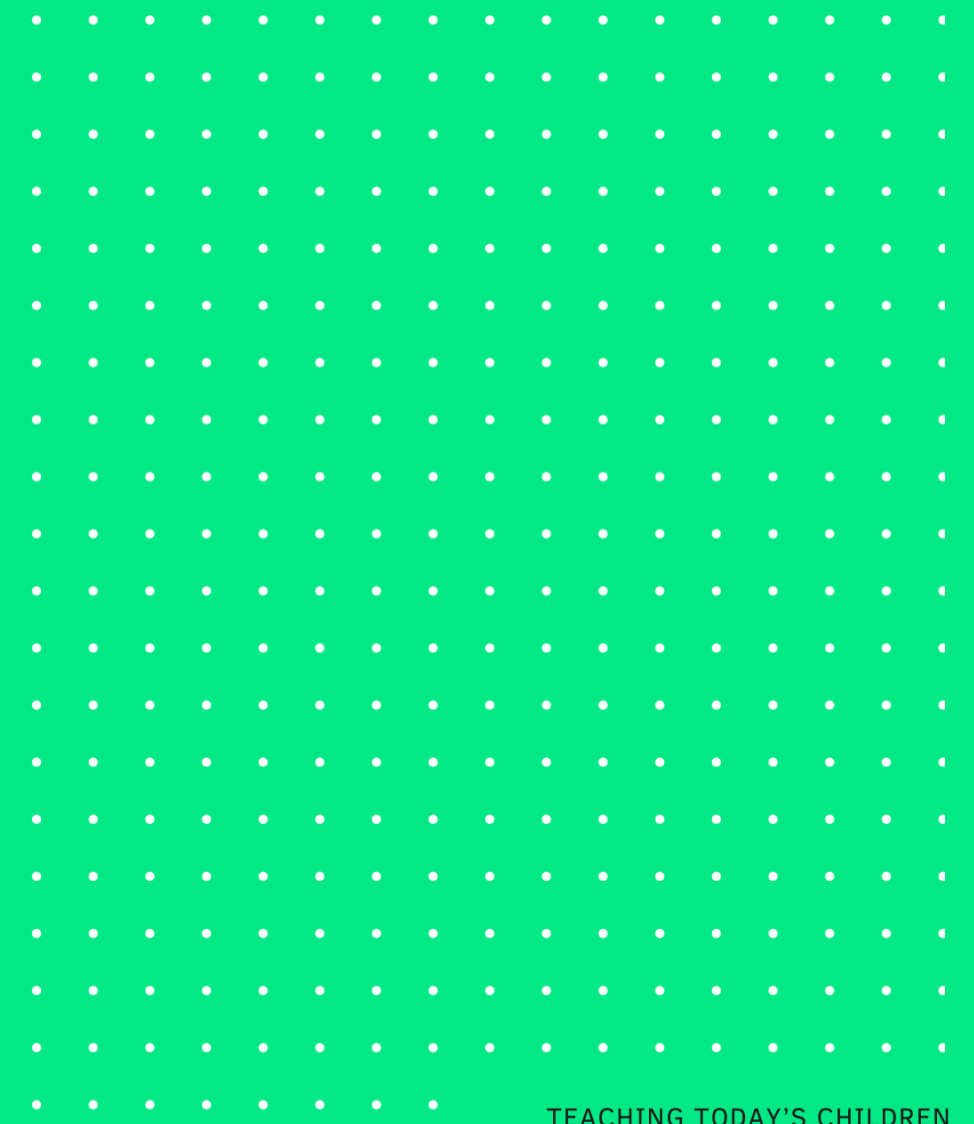


Generation X  
1995-2009



Generation Alpha  
2010-2024

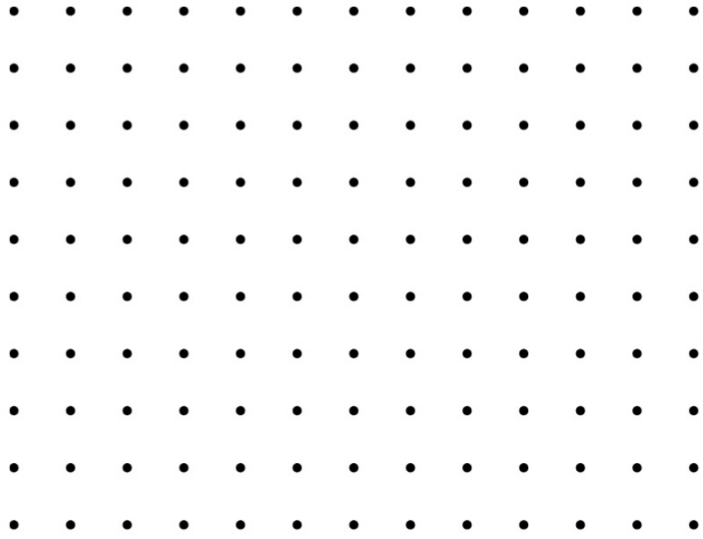
Generation	Iconic toys	Music devices	Leadership style	Screen content
<b>Builders</b> Born: 1925-1945 	 Roller skates	 Record player LP, 1948	 Controlling	 Cinema
<b>Baby Boomers</b> Born: 1946-1964 	 Frisbee	 Audio cassette 1962	 Directing	 TV
<b>Generation X</b> Born: 1965-1979 	 Rubix cube	 Walkman 1979	 Coordinating	 VCR
<b>Generation Y</b> Born: 1980-1994 	 BMX bike	 iPod 2001	 Guiding	 Internet
<b>Generation Z</b> Born: 1995-2009 	 Folding scooter	 Spotify 2008	 Empowering	 Device
<b>Gen Alpha</b> Born: 2010-2024 	 Fidget spinner	 Smart speakers Now	 Inspiring	 Streaming



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# Pair Share

**When you think about your own generation, how do you think it has impacted your teaching style?**



# Generation Alpha

**“Not a return to the old, but the start of something new”**

- 21st Century Children
- 2.2 Billion Globally
- Raised by Digital Natives (Millennials)
- Growing up with AI
- 2/3 Gen Alpha will work in jobs that don't currently exist.





## Labels

The Alphas

Generation glass

Upagers

Multi-modals

Global Gen

# Gen Alpha

Born 2010-2024



## Weekly births

# 2,586,000

Generation Alphas born globally each week

## Top countries of birth



## Future size & economic footprint

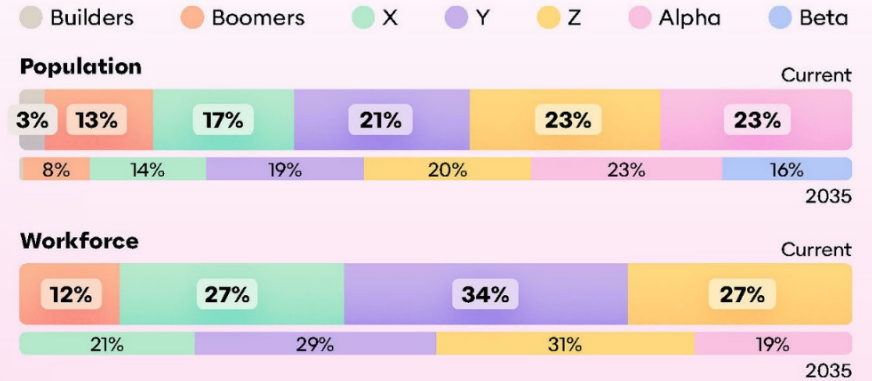
Once they've all been born they will number more than 2 billion, the largest generation in the history of the world.

# 2,000,000,000

By 2029, Generation Alpha's economic footprint will reach more than US\$5.46 trillion.

# \$5,460,000,000

## Global population and workforce %



## Incoming technology



## Timeline

2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

## Outgoing technology



## Milestones

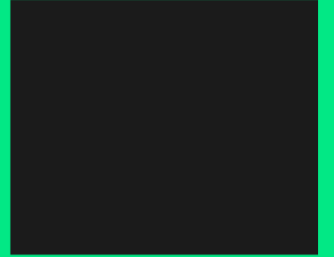


## New jobs



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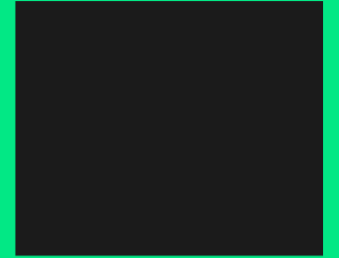
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Socrates, the classical Greek philosopher  
(470–399 BC)



## **1 Chronicles 12:32**

“From the tribe of Issachar, there were 200 leaders of the tribe with their relatives. All these men understood the signs of the times and knew the best course for Israel to take.”



# 03 Skills Gen Alpha Needs to Thrive



# 01

# Emotional Intelligence

**Self-awareness**  
**Self-regulation**  
**Empathy**  
**Social skills**

Model It  
Talk about your own emotions  
Emotional Identification  
Response with Reflection

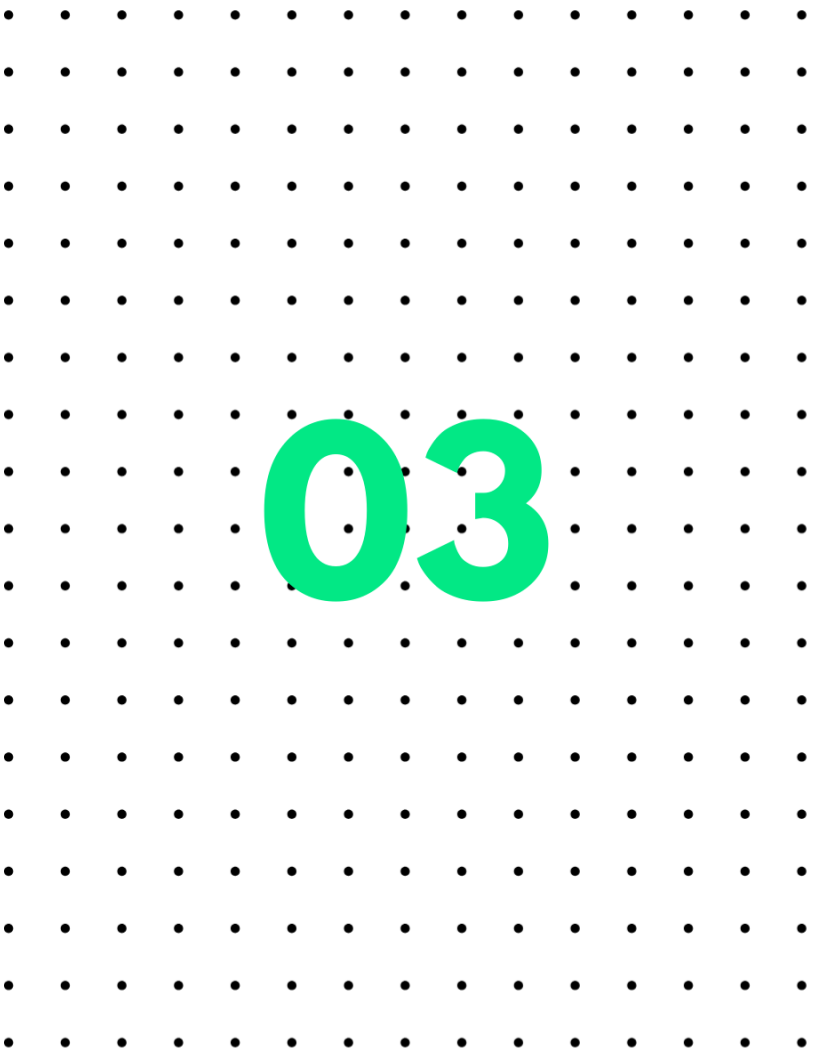


# 02

# Self-Control

**Impulse Control**  
**Resilience**  
**Delayed Gratification**  
**Discipline**

Clear Expectation  
Consistent Routine  
Reward Systems  
Practice  
Turn Taking Games  
Strategy Games



# 03

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# Critical Thinking

**Analysis**  
**Problem solving**  
**Evaluation**  
**Interpretation**  
**Explanation**  
**Application.**

Encourage Questions  
Discussion Based Learning  
Real World Problems  
Problem Solving Activities  
Address Cultural Beliefs





# **10** Traits of Gen Alpha to Shape Our Teaching

# 01

## Generation Alpha are DIGITAL.

Utilize Digital Learning Tools

Engage Digital Technology

Talk about digital citizenship

Use Technology to Illustrate Teaching

# 02

## Generation Alpha are **SOCIAL**.

Learn in Small Groups

Break for Pair Shares

Schedule Group Projects

Allow peer learning

# 03

## Generation Alpha are GLOBAL.

Discuss Current Events

Celebrate Diversity

Teach kids about missions

Highlight different cultures

# 04

## Generation Alpha are VISUAL.

Use Pictures and Videos

Draw on a white board / Paper

Use hand signals to help them memorize

Use Objects (Hold Items)

# 05

## Generation Alpha are **MOBILE**.

Each lesson should stand alone

Equip parents with scope and sequence

Give parents access to curriculum

Set missions for them when they are away

# 06

## Generation Alpha are **RESTLESS.**

Single teaching point for each service

Break teaching into short segments

Utilize different teaching methods and media

Spread out the teaching through the service

# 07

## Generation Alpha are **ACTIVISTS**.

Incorporate local missions projects

Address what the Bible says about race, environment, and justice.

Be mindful of sensitive topics

Encourage kids to have empathy for different people.



# 08

## Generation Alpha are **UNIQUE.**

Take personal interest in each child

Customize your teaching for your children

Ask appropriate and personal questions

Keep records of each child's progress

# 09

## Generation Alpha are **PUBLISHERS.**

Give space for children to contribute  
& participate

Encourage kids to publish their faith

Group projects that allow creativity

Make services fully interactive

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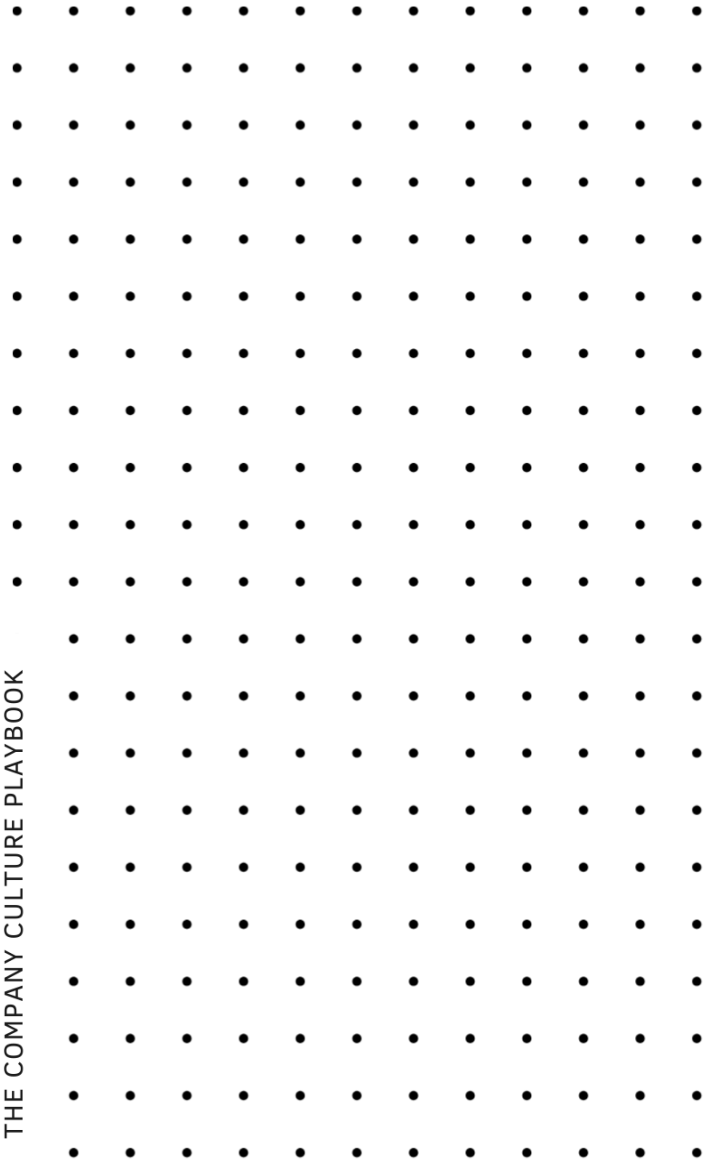
## Generation Alpha are **INDEPENDENT.**

Give room for children make decisions

Don't patronize children

Give children responsibility to lead

Allow children to pose questions to direct teaching



# Thank you!

Feel free to ask questions if you have any.