

## **Become a Better Teacher by Knowing Your Students**

### **Children – Birth to 2 years**

- Changing rapidly with increasing age
- Learning about themselves and close family
- Learning language (hearing and then speaking)
- Learning to move around and walk
- Learning to follow simple commands
- Learning to trust
- In the Classroom:
  - Create a positive atmosphere (Lots of love!)
  - Sing songs to the children
  - Clap hands together
  - Repeat words and then short phrases
  - May want to have soft music in classroom.
- Children this age enjoy individual play with adult watching or participating
- Spiritual messages they need to hear:
  - You are loved.
  - God loves you.
  - God loves your Mommy and Daddy.