



Affirmations and Jobs of the Child

Stage Three—Thinking *From about 18 to about 3 years*

The tasks of this stage focus on learning and activities that help the person establish an individual identity, learn skills, and figure out role and power relationships with others things.

Directions: Read the affirmations. For each affirmation, draw a line to the job that the affirmation supports.

Jobs of the child - developmental tasks

1. To assert an identity separate from others.
2. To acquire information about the world, himself, his body, his sex role.
3. To learn that behaviors have consequences, both positive and negative.
4. To discover her effect on others and her place in groups.
5. To learn to exert power to affect relationships.
6. To practice socially appropriate behavior.
7. To separate fantasy from reality.
8. To learn what he has power over and what he does not have power over.
9. To do simple chores.
10. To continue learning earlier developmental tasks.

THINKING

I'm glad
you are
starting to
think for
yourself.

THINKING

You can
think and
feel at the
same time.

THINKING

It's OK for
you to be
angry and I
won't let you
hurt yourself
or others.

THINKING

You can know
what you
need
and ask for
help.

THINKING

You can say
no and push
and test limits
as much as
you need to.

THINKING

You can
learn to think
for yourself
and I will think
for myself.

THINKING

You can
become
separate from
me and I will
continue to
love you.