

TV Shows for Kids Age 2-8

Looking for great TV picks for your young child but not sure where to start? Then you've come to the right place! These 12 TV shows support important early childhood skills including reading, creativity, kindness, empathy, and more. Plus, the well-rounded and diverse characters, positive messages, and fun storylines are sure to please both kids and their adults. Take a look and find a new favorite!



Sesame Street

✓ age 2+

★★★★★

Classic show changes with time, but learning content remains.

PBS, HBO Max



Octonauts

✓ age 4+

★★★★★

Friendly adventurers teach kids about marine life, teamwork.

Netflix



Ask the Storybots

✓ age 3+

★★★★★

Kids' big questions get answered by friendly, funny bots.

Netflix



Waffles and Mochi

✓ age 4+

★★★★★

Funny puppets explore food with Michelle Obama and celebs.

Netflix



Blues Clues and You

✓ age 3+

★★★★★

Engaging reboot teaches preschoolers prereading skills.

Nickelodeon



Elena of Avalor

✓ age 5+

★★★★★

Spunky Latina-inspired princess is an excellent role model.

Disney +



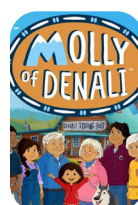
Bookmarks: Celebrating Black Voices

✓ age 3+

★★★★★

Virtual book club for preschoolers spotlights Black authors.

Netflix



Molly of Denali

✓ age 5+

★★★★★

Alaska Native character's adventures celebrate heritage.

PBS



Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood

✓ age 3+

★★★★★

Excellent lessons from Mister Rogers' next generation.

PBS



Wild Kratts

✓ age 6+

★★★★★

Zoologist brothers get animated in fun, kid-friendly series.

PBS



Doc McStuffins

✓ age 4+

★★★★★

Excellent preschool series has positive messages for kids.

Disney +



Carmen Sandiego

✓ age 7+

★★★★★

Globe-trotting thief's action-packed origin story.

Netflix

Learning Apps for Kids Age 2-8

The following low-cost or free apps are great tools to support learning at home. They can encourage open exploration, let kids get creative, and offer experiences kids can't have offscreen. The age ratings are based on child development research but can also represent a range — a couple of years up and down — since you know your kid best.



MamaLingua Lite

iOS/Android

✓ age 2+

★★★★★

Unique system to learn language and teach it to kids.

Languages: Bilingual English/Spanish



Farfaria

iOS/Android

✓ age 4+

★★★★★

Endless, searchable ebook library lets kids read along to read to themselves.

Languages: Multilingual, including English/Spanish



Khan Academy Kids

iOS/Android

✓ age 3+

★★★★★

Creative early-learning activities engage and inspire.

Languages: English



My WonderBooks

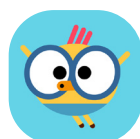
iOS/Android

✓ age 4+

★★★★★

Multilingual library, lovely visuals for classic kids' lit.

Languages: Multilingual, including English/Spanish



Lingokids - playlearnings

iOS/Android

✓ age 3+

★★★★★

Fun, full language immersion with live teachers.

Languages: Bilingual English/Spanish



Zigazoo

iOS/Android

✓ age 5+

★★★★★

Creative challenges for kids to do, parents to post.

Languages: English



Peep Ciencias: Colores

iOS/Android

✓ age 3+

★★★★★

Excellent tool for learning colors, co-use on and offscreen.

Languages: English and Spanish



CyberChase Shape Quest

iOS/Android

✓ age 6+

★★★★★

Hours of shape and puzzle fun with a PBS Kids favorite.

Languages: English



Play and Learn Science

iOS/Android

✓ age 3+

★★★★★

Preschoolers and parents explore science on and offscreen.

Languages: Multilingual, including English/Spanish



Toontastic 3D

iOS/Android

✓ age 6+

★★★★★

Easily create stop-motion animation stories with cool characters, props, and more!

Languages: English



Breathe, Think, Do with Sesame

iOS/Android

✓ age 4+

★★★★★

Adorable monster de-stresses kids with Sesame Street style.

Languages: English



NASA

iOS

✓ age 7+

★★★★★

Information-packed tool delivers videos, photos, and more.

Languages: English