

Smartphone Alternatives From Wait until 8th

GIZMO WATCH

The **Gizmo Watch** provides two-way voice calling and messaging with up to 10 trusted contacts of your choice. Parents can check the location of the Gizmo Watch from their own smartphone, set GPS boundaries, and receive automated alerts when a child exceeds the boundaries. Additionally, waterproof watch includes a fitness tracker and a to-do list to manage chores and homework. Prices vary. Check out Verizon Wireless and Best Buy to purchase.

TICKTALK WATCH

The **TickTalk Watch** features voice and video calling, text messaging, location traction, free streaming music, parental controls and a camera. With no internet, games, or social media, TickTalk 4 allows your family to stay connected without sacrificing peace of mind. The watch includes tools like an Activity Tracker, 3D Reminders, Do Not Disturb Class Mode & more. Use promo code waituntil8th for a \$20 discount.

GABB WATCH

The Gabb Watch triples as a cell phone, GPS device, and interactive watch. It is a stand-alone device. It does not pair with the Gabb phone. Features include voice-messaging, pre-set texting, GPS and tracking functionality, custom contact list (10 parent approved and managed contacts) — no outside calls or texts, SOS/emergency contact, customize and receive notification when your child leaves and enters “Safe Zones”, void distraction during school hours with “Lock Mode”. Child and guardian can still contact each other in this mode. Watch is sweat and water resistant. Use promo code WU8 to get 10% off the Gabb watch.

GABB PHONE

Gabb Wireless is on a mission to protect children, connect families, and encourage life outside the screen. They’ve designed the **Gabb phone** without the internet or an app store. Kids can call, text and access a basic suite of essentials limited to a calculator, calendar, and alarm. The phone does not have games or social media. The phone does have a camera with optional picture messaging. The phone is \$99.99 and the monthly service plan is 19.99 for the Gabb basic or \$24.99 for the Gabb plus with MMS (group + picture messaging) being the only difference between the prices. Use promo code WU8 to get 10% off the Gabb phone.

BARK PHONE STARTER PLAN

The **Bark Phone** starter plan is the perfect option for parents looking for a locked-down kid’s phone that also comes with Bark’s advanced content monitoring. There are no dangerous apps, no games, no internet browser, no social media, and no app store access. Parents manage all contacts and can track their child’s location 24/7. Bark will scan text messages and saved photos & videos for potential issues like sexting, bullying, suicidal ideation, violence, and more. Parents get alerts so they can check in and make sure everything’s okay. When your child’s ready, you can upgrade to more features while keeping the same phone.

PINWHEEL

Pinwheel created a unique operating system that lets kids be kids. Pinwheel supports outdoor play, book reading, and spending time with friends. The Pinwheel phone excludes everything that leads to poor quality screen time, including web browsers and social media platforms. In addition, there is not an App Store on the phone accessible to children. A selection of beneficial apps that have been approved by a board of therapists are available for parents to add to the phone in the parent portal. With **Pinwheel**, children can establish healthy tech behaviors for life. Use promo code WAITUNTIL8TH to get 10% off the Pinwheel phone.

LIGHT PHONE 2

The [Light Phone 2](#) is exactly what parents have been looking for in a phone for their kids. With its chic design, it has a "cool factor" beyond any basic phone without all the garbage that comes with a sleek smartphone. [The Light Phone 2](#) does not have feeds, social media, advertisements, news or email. The phone simply includes calling, texting, music, an alarm clock, and a calendar.

WISEPHONE

[Wisephone™](#) is a phone that is safe for kids and perfect for parents who want to be more intentional with their time. It has no internet browser, no streaming, no social media, no apps, and no ads. The tools on the phone include calls, text messages, calculator, clock, notes and music. A camera and mapping feature are both in beta testing. A unique parental backend, called the Family Portal, includes full access to the child's location, texts, call history, and, soon, photos. Parents have full control over which tools their child has on the phone and can turn any off, including Messages and Camera. Use code WAITUNTIL8TH for a discount.

THE F1 FLIP PHONE FROM SUNBEAM WIRELESS

The F1 flip phone from Sunbeam Wireless gives you and your family the tools you need, but without the distractions and potential dangers of most modern devices. Built with daily use in mind, this durable flip phone is easy to use and can handle the bumps that life brings, while helping you focus on what is truly important. The F1 is available in several models. Each model offers a specific set of features, making it easy to find something that fits your needs. The phone is \$195.

SMARTPHONES FOR KIDS - NEVER START WITH A FULLY LOADED SMARTPHONE

Remember to never give a child a fully loaded smartphone with all the bells and whistles to start. Go slowly! Allow time for the child to demonstrate responsibility and maturity before you allow the internet browser, access to the App Store and social media. If your child is starting with an iPhone, check out this [guide](#) to remove the internet browser, disable the App Store, and establish time limits and a curfew.

Instead of purchasing an iPhone, consider one these smartphone options created for kids:

THE BARK PHONE

[The Bark Phone](#) is a Samsung phone with robust parental controls. Children can't delete text messages without permission, download workaround VPNs, or change the parental controls set. Bark's award-winning monitoring tool is built into the phone and scans your child's texts, emails, social media, and apps for digital dangers and sends you alerts. For new smartphone users, parents can choose the *starter plan* for \$29 per month where there is no internet browser or social media. As your child grows, you may update the plan without needing a new device to add additions such as the internet browser or social media.

TROOMI

With [Troomi](#), your kids can graduate seamlessly from one level of responsibility to the next based on their needs and maturity. Start with a device that's completely locked down with talk and texting only, then easily add device functionality from the Troomi Parent Portal—without having to replace hardware. Troomi has a basic parent portal with the ability to monitor and manage your child's calls, texts, screen time and contacts. Troomi phones do not have social media platforms, games, or the app store. There is an option for a web browser on this phone.

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