

The Eleven Year Old Child- source unknown

Physically your eleven year old is beginning to mature into a young adult. Girls generally mature more quickly than boys. Girls may show breast development and reach 90 percent of their mature stature. This is a time when the competitive spirit is strong and team sports are popular.

During this year his social skills will grow. He may show interest in scouting or other group activities. He still has a strong family attachment but he may disparage family in conversation. Friendships are still mostly of the same sex but the relationships are getting more emotional and complicated.

The eleven year old may begin to think of his life occupation and can be encouraged to relate his faith to this choice. He will respond to group activities in church and enjoy them. He is able to create tangible expressions of his faith and should have opportunity for the creative activities.

Most girls know about reproduction and intercourse, though it is on a factual basis, the facts are biological rather than a relational concept. Most boys know about masturbation and have had some experience with it. Some have erections from non-erotic stimuli. Sex education should be honest and should have reached completion factually because in this year or the next two, boys may experience emission of semen during sleep and most girls will be menstruating.