

Family Sharing and Apple ID for your child

To participate in Family Sharing, all family members must have their own Apple ID. Children under 13* can't create an Apple ID on their own. However, as a parent or legal guardian, the family organizer can provide verified parental consent for a child to have their own Apple ID, then create it on the child's behalf. If your child already has an Apple ID, you can update their email address, [date of birth](#), [security questions](#), and more.

When you create an Apple ID for a child, it is added to your family group automatically.

Check your payment method

Before you begin, make sure that you're using a credit card, debit card, Alipay, or UnionPay as your payment method. You can [check your payment method](#) from your [Apple ID account page](#) or in iTunes.

To comply with child online privacy protection laws, you use the CVV, verification code sent via SMS, or security code from your payment method as part of providing your parental consent. If you have a different payment method on file, you'll be asked to change it to a credit card, debit card, or Union Pay before you can continue.

After you create the child's Apple ID, you can [change back to a different payment method](#).

Create an Apple ID for your child

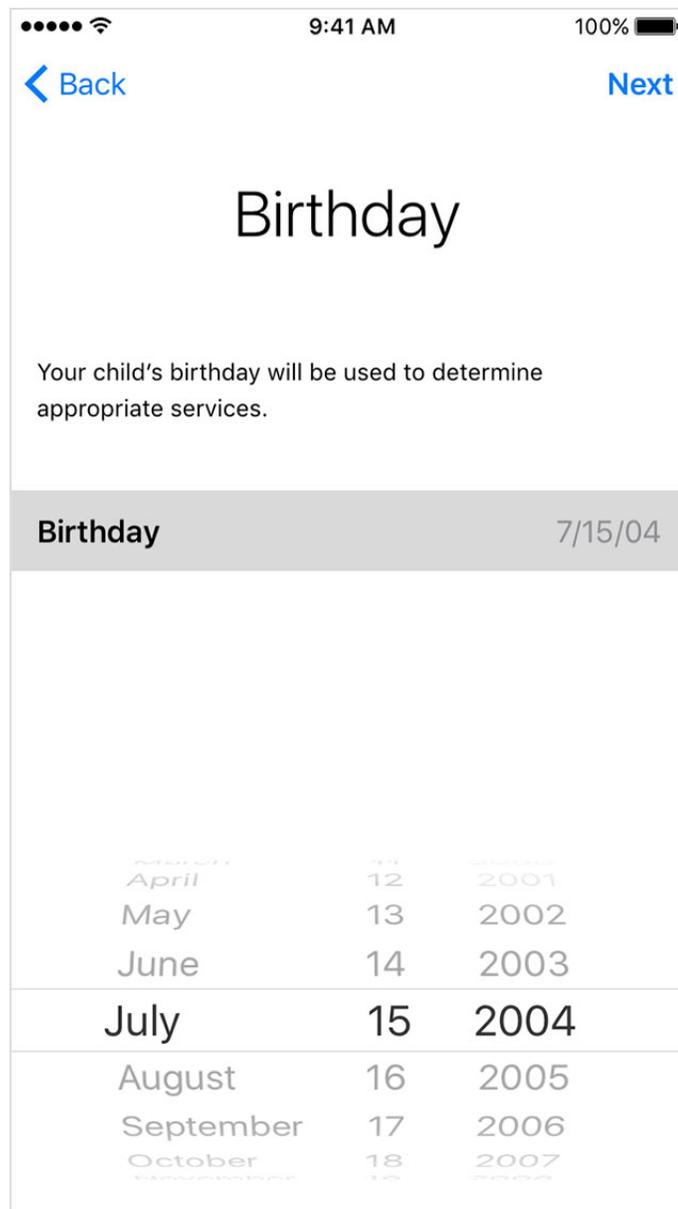
Use the steps below to create an Apple ID for your child, then add them to your family group. After you add your child to your family group, they will have their own Apple ID that they can use on any Apple device. Your email

address is the [rescue email address](#) for your child's account, and you can use it with the security questions you provided to [reset a forgotten password](#).

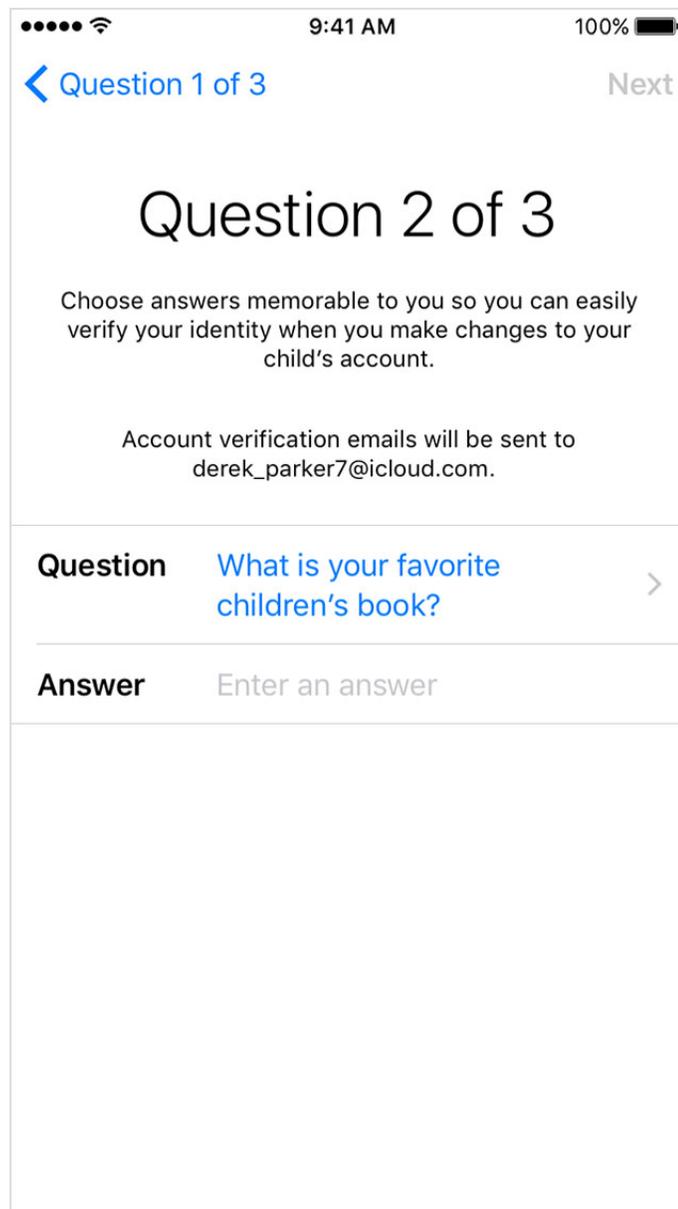
If the child already has a Game Center account, but not an Apple ID, you don't need to create a new account for them. Just search for their nickname instead.

iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch

1. Go to Settings > [your name] > Family Sharing > Add Family Member, and tap Create an Apple ID for a child. If you're using iOS 10.2 or earlier, go to Settings > iCloud > Family.
2. Enter your child's birthday and tap Next. Be sure to enter the correct date.



3. Review the Parent Privacy Disclosure and tap Agree.
4. Enter the requested information for your payment method and tap Next. If you don't have a payment method on file, [you need to add one](#).
5. Enter your child's name, tap Next, then create their Apple ID (username@icloud.com) and tap Next.
6. Follow the onscreen instructions to set a password, choose security questions, and set up your child's account. Choose passwords and security questions that you can both remember.



If your child has a Game Center account

If you want to add a child under 13* that already has a Game Center account, but not an Apple ID, follow these steps.

On your iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch with iOS 10.3 or later:

1. Go to Settings > [your name] > Family Sharing > Add Family Member.
2. Enter the child's Game Center nickname.
3. Follow the onscreen instructions.

On your Mac with macOS 10.12.4 or later:

1. Choose Apple menu > System Preferences, then click iCloud.
2. Click Manage Family.
3. Click +, then enter the child's Game Center nickname.
4. Follow the onscreen instructions.

The child gets a message to enter their Game Center password. After they enter their password, the child is part of your Family Sharing group.

Manage your child's account

Children enjoy the same Family Sharing features as other family members and, by default, can access the same music, movies, TV shows, books, and apps. You can limit what content your child can access on the devices they use by setting [Restrictions on an iOS device](#) or [Parental Controls on OS X and iTunes](#). [Ask to Buy](#) is enabled by default for children under 13.* If you don't want to use Ask to Buy, you can turn it off:

- On your iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch, go to Settings > [your name] > Family Sharing, and tap the child's name. If you're using iOS 10.2 or earlier, go to Settings > iCloud > Family, and tap the child's name.
- On your Mac, go to Apple menu > System Preferences > iCloud > Manage Family, then click the child's name.

If you turn off Ask to Buy, the child is able to initiate purchases that are billed to your payment method without prior notification.

Your child must remain part of your family group until they turn 13.* However, if necessary, you can [transfer a child to a different family group](#).

*Age varies by country or region.

FaceTime isn't available in all countries or regions.