

How to Lock the iPad to a Single App for Kid Mode

The iPad is a popular tablet to hand to children for reading books, exploring virtual worlds or just watching a show on Netflix, but it's easy for kids to get into apps they shouldn't or to start removing apps from the iPad without controls in place.

Guided Access mode, locks the iPad to a single app, and allows blocking certain areas of the screen or other features while the iPad is locked. This may as well be called Kid Mode for the iPad.

Once Guided Access is set up, users only need to triple tap the home button to turn on Kid Mode for a specific app. The process works with any app, and even allows parents to block off specific areas of the screen from accepting touch input.

Open **Settings** on the iPad.

Tap on **General** and scroll down to find **Accessibility**.



Tap on **Guided Access**.

On the Guided Access screen toggle the switch to **On**.

Set a Passcode that a child isn't likely to guess, so no "1111" passcodes here.



Now **Guided Access**, or Kid Mode is ready to use.

Open the app that you want to lock the iPad to. Once the app is open **triple tap the home button**. This needs to be fairly fast.

From here, choose if the kid can use touch or motion controls.

This isn't a perfect kids mode. **Restarting the iPad while holding the home button and power buttons will quit Guided Access**, giving the user full access to the iPad without a passcode. This is also a good way to exit Guided Access if it doesn't recognise the triple tap.