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n. pl. **wun·der·kin·der** (v n də-r-kīn'dər) also **wun·der·kinds** (wŭn də-r-kīndz')

1. A child prodigy.
2. A person of remarkable talent or ability who achieves great success or acclaim at an early age.

[German : *Wunder*, wonder, prodigy (from Middle High German, from Old High German *wuntar*) + *Kind*, child; see [KINDERGARTEN](#).]

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