

Tips to Help You Teach Your Child

- **Think about what your child understands at this age.**
Usually, young children don't do things to make their parents mad. They do them because they still have so much to learn.
- **See the situation from your child's point of view.**
Put yourself in your child's place for a moment. This may help you understand why your child is behaving a certain way. Acknowledge your child's feelings.
- **Redirect your child's attention.**
Instead of telling them what they can't do, tell them what they can do.
- **Help your child understand why their behavior is not acceptable.**
Explain why the behavior is dangerous or how it affects others.
- **Give your child choices.**
Just make sure that you will accept whatever they choose. "Come now or I'll leave you at the mall" is not a real choice.
- **Help your child learn how to problem-solve.**
This is one of the most important things you can teach your children. They learn how to do it gradually by watching you.
- **Help your child see how to fix mistakes.**
Children need to learn that they can make things better (for example, "Oh – the juice spilled! Let's clean it up together.").
- **Show your unconditional love.**
In your actions and words, make sure that your child knows you love them no matter what.

Resources:

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