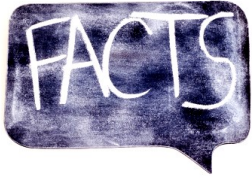




AIM: RESPECTING OTHERS

OUR TARGET: We need to let our kids know that watching the way we talk, work and share is how other people decide how they are going to treat us. Let's teach our kids to treat others with respect so that our kids can be respected by others, too.



Confidence is directly related to how much self-respect a person has.

Lack of respect is the root cause of many crimes that lead to jail time.

Having a hard time sharing is a normal part of the development process of kids, our brains understand selfishness before growing to understand sharing.

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TEAM UP! Try these simple ideas to help your child want to talk.

JUST ASK your child to tell you what they think respect means in their own words. Give them time to think about it and give it a try. Then, let them know that you can respect people's things, you can respect people's wants by sharing, and you can respect the way people listen to you by using kind and gentle words.

TALKING TIPS to help you sit down and start the conversation...

Respect YOUR things and YOUR workspace.

By not being a slob, you are showing people around you that you care about the things you have, and you take pride in yourself. Teach your kids to respect your hard work that earns the money to pay for their home and possessions, such as toys and clothes. Tell your kids to take care of these things you work so hard for out of respect for you and the home that they share with you.

TALKING: When you're talking, you're SHARING what's on your mind and what's on your heart. Just like you would share a workspace respectfully, share your ideas with kind, thoughtful words, whether you're talking to your coworkers or your kids. If we, as adults and parents, use ugly words to try and share our ideas, even the best idea won't be respected, because we did not share it by being considerate.

Talk to your kids about how they like other kids to play with their toys. Ask your child if your child chooses to play with their friends' toys in those ways. If your child says "No" be honest with them. Our kids need to recognize and deal with being wrong or acting the wrong way, and they need to be corrected for acting rudely.

Our job is not to make our kids feel bad for how they have acted before; our job as parents is to guide our children to make considerate choices going forward.

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DECISION TIME: CHOOSE to respect yourselves and everyone around you together. Let your child know that when they behave well, it is a form of respect towards you as their parent, and you appreciate that respect very much. Decide to choose respectful words when talking to others, and choose to be considerate when you have a chance to share your things.

GIVE IT A TRY! A chance to practice the target skills together at home:



CLEAN & GIVE AWAY!

Use an afternoon, evening, or entire weekend to go into a room of your house that needs to be organized or cleaned. As an action of respect for your own house and things, turn on some music and clean with your child.

When you come across items that haven't been seen or used in over TWO MONTHS, put that item in a pile to give to a charity organization like The Salvation Army or Goodwill. Tell your child that this is an easy way to share with people in need.

Go through your clothes and closets. Instead of throwing away items you or your child don't wear, add them to the pile set for charity donation.

Have your child go through his or her toys and find toys that they have not played with recently. Have them be selfless and add at least one item to the donation pile.

Deliver the items to the charity of your choice together, and talk about how you have now respected both your home and the needs of others.

If your child complains during this activity, remind them that you are practicing SPEAKING respectfully, too. Gripping and arguing is NOT a way to be respectful to your request for their help.

Be sure to tell your child that you are PROUD of them for sharing and being respectful to you, themselves and others.

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Stay On Target

Tips to help keep your child's new skills in action at home and school.

- Do your best to keep your child responsible for cleaning their room. Having them work for a nice space will help them gain pride in taking care of their things. Any friends that come to your house will see that you respect your home, and they will respect your child's things.
- Read all the notes that come home from your child's teacher. Talk about any behavior at school that has to do with your child not being respectful. Remind your child of your decision together to work hard at being considerate & respectful.

