

How to

TEACH YOUR KID A LESSON

The culture dismisses kids and calls them expensive brats.
God calls them blessings.

Agree with God and start delighting in your children. This is the first step in homeschooling.

GET PERSONAL

Break the ice by asking open-ended questions and listening intently.

- What did you dream about last night?
- What did you like/dislike about breakfast/lunch/dinner?
- What is your favorite toy and why?

Use Laughter

- Silly joke
- Mad Lib
- Tickling



Tell Positive Stories

The more personal, the better.

GIVE A QUICK OVERVIEW

1. Discuss where you have been.
2. Cast a vision of where you are going.
3. Give a reason for today's lesson.

MAINTAIN A PATIENT, POSITIVE ATTITUDE

1. Allow mistakes.
2. Don't help, let him work it out.
3. Step in only to prevent frustration.



REMEMBER THE TUTORING SANDWICH:

1. **Positive**--start with a positive remark.
2. **Negative**--relate some constructive criticism.
3. **Positive**--end on a hopeful note.



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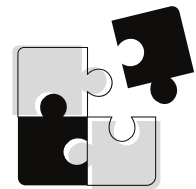
END BEFORE FRUSTRATION SETS IN!

1. Is it a bad time of day?
2. Is he tired or hungry?
3. Does he need to play first?
4. Is he being narcissistic?
5. Is his brain full?

It's better to stop while you are ahead and leave the sweet taste of accomplishment in his mouth for next time.

SPLIT THINGS UP

No one will die if you take a huge, tedious task and split it into smaller bites.



DON'T MAKE GRADES YOUR AIM

Once you discover just how fun learning is, you won't need grades. Your child will be doing his best because, well, that's just what learning is all about!



LEARNING THIS WAY IS F-U-N!

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