

Your child is starting to understand right and wrong. They don't always make the best choices, though. You try to understand and support them in caring and sensitive ways. Your approval and praise matter to them.

Things to Try

Old shirts, hats and other clothes are great for dramatic play. Together with one or two friends they can act out stories, songs or scenes from daily routines.

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months**



Tell your child a favorite nursery rhyme or read a story that involve ideas of “right” and “wrong”. Talk about the kinds of choices the characters made in the story.

Play games with your child such as Go Fish, Checkers or Candy Land. Board games or card games that have three or more rules are great to practice.

What to Expect

Your child may need some help when they disagree with friends or family. Remind them to express feelings with words and that they can come to you for help and support.

Your child is exploring ideas about good and bad behavior, what is fair and what is not. They might lie or take things that don't belong to them. Trying out these behaviors is normal. Keep calm. Talk to your child and let them know that everyone makes mistakes, you will always love them.

Your child loves spending time with close friends but needs special time with just you. They want your attention above everyone else. Your child wants to tell you about their day and share ideas and questions about the world. Spend some special time every day playing and talking to your child. They are growing fast!