

## **The most important thing in teaching children is values**



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In recent years, news of parent-child tragedies has become increasingly common. The root cause lies in severe deviations in parent-child relationships, familial bonds, and individual roles in family responsibilities. This results in resentment, blame-shifting, and an inability to combat negative thoughts, sometimes leading to the desire to harm others as a form of self-relief.

### **Guiding Children on the Right Path Through Parental Values**

Although parents may feel heartbroken, they cannot turn back time to rebuild affectionate relationships with their children or restore the value of familial bonds. People do not have the choice to select their parents, so they must cherish the relationships they have. However, parents can seize the present moment to let their children know that they are the most selfless people in the world, allowing them to feel the warmth and tenderness of their parents. Since we never know when we might no longer be by our children's side, the only things that can help them make judgments, prevent them from going astray, and resist negative temptations are the values and parent-child relationships taught by their parents. Children must understand that regardless of whether family life is smooth or challenging, it is a gift and a form of training. Through this training, people become stronger, making it an invaluable element of growth.

When we witness the tragedies of other families and individuals, it serves as a warning to resolutely avoid following the same path. At the same time, parents should realize that when they pass away, the only things they leave behind for

their descendants are a lifetime of wisdom, culture, and the character they have instilled in their children. At this moment, what do parents expect from their children? I hope: "Just be a good person." Storytelling education is a way to impart important values to children, facilitate communication, and build parent-child relationships.



**The value of familial affection lies in accumulating intimacy from a young age.**

Parents must strive to build intimacy with their children from an early age. The following example demonstrates how a mother can meet her child's need for security, highlighting the importance of building intimacy and empathy:

One day, a 2-year-old baby suddenly raised their hands and stood on tiptoe, seemingly craving adult affection. We often refer to this behavior as "acting spoiled." However, the father said, "Hold the baby? Okay, stand properly for Daddy to see first." At this moment, the baby turned to the mother, raised their hands again, and stood on tiptoe, showing a strong desire for care. The mother immediately embraced the baby and said touching and selfless words to the father: "Ah, the love of Mommy and Daddy is not something the baby needs to beg for; love is always there, and we don't have many days to be this close. Let the baby feel our love." This story allows everyone to savor the value, role, and response of being a parent.

Additionally, I have several tips for promoting parent-child relationships and story education to share:

1. Let your children understand your values, viewpoints, and response methods through your actions.
2. Do not make your children fear your calls or feel annoyed, including only testing or completing tasks you assign.
3. Parental instruction methods should only be used in situations that endanger health or life; otherwise, just warn of the consequences and respond calmly

- to the child's anger and pain after they face the consequences.
4. When children proactively share things, encourage them to express their viewpoints, hypothesize by taking on another role, and analyze emotions and thoughts to increase empathy.
  5. Create more opportunities for shared learning and topics, allowing you and your children to have similar feelings and experiences.
  6. If a child's response in a story shows a deviation in values, such as tendencies toward violence or revenge, express that this makes you sad and guide the child to think of reasonable solutions or the benefits of letting go of the issue.

In summary, everyone has emotional and psychological needs for satisfaction. To help children grow in a balanced way emotionally and cognitively, parents must cultivate themselves to manage their families. Parents need to have the ability to judge and understand the entire value of their child's life: happiness and contribution. Only then can children inherit and spread the mission of love through your example and teachings.