



Ashley's Angel Gram

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Getting Kids to Cooperate

Often it's the way we say something that affects the way a person responds to us and this is never more true than when we are dealing with our children.

Try some of the hints below and see if your child responds in a more positive way.



Instead Of This: *Try This:*

Put your shoes on now! How fast can you put your shoes on?

Go to bed! Now you can rest and you'll feel so good when you wake up to play.

Pick up those blocks! You pick up a block and I'll pick up a block.

Don't hit the dog! Be gentle, pet the dog like this.

Eat your food! How many beans can you eat?

Do your homework! Let's go work on your homework.

That's not the way to do that! Let's see if we can figure out a better way to do that.

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Thoughts for Parents:

Children are like kites. You spend a lifetime trying to get them off the ground. You run with them until you're both breathless — they crash — you add a longer tail — they hit the rooftop, you pluck them out of the spout — you patch and comfort, adjust, and teach. You watch them lifted by the wind and assure them that someday they will fly!...Finally they are airborne, but they need more string and you keep letting it out and with each twist of the ball of twine there is sadness that goes with the joy because the kite becomes more distant and somehow you know that it won't be long before that beautiful creature will snap the lifeline that bound you together and soar as it was meant to soar, free and alone.

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