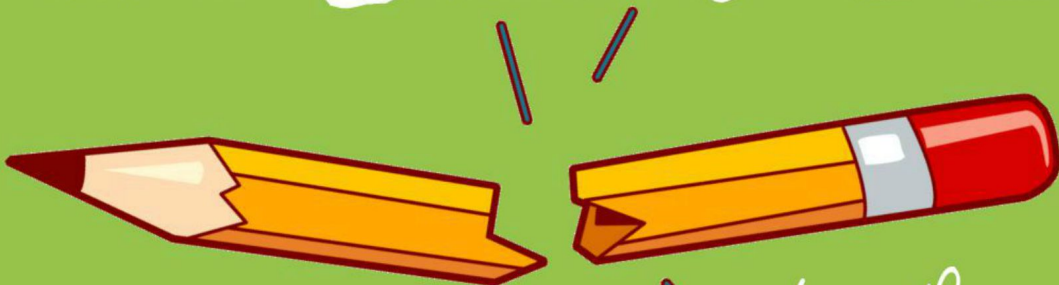


4 D's

of

Behavior



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4 D's of Behavior

Heart-motivated behaviors that should not be grouped with childish behaviors but should be tended to in a consistent and heart-affecting manner.

1 disrespect

words, actions, tone, and/or expressions that do not show respect or submission to parents.

DISOBEDIENCE

2

Actions that are not fully obedient. Obedience means "Doing what you are told, when you are told, in the way you are told—with a good attitude."



Deceit

lying, stealing, "fibbing," speaking half truths, and covering for words and actions with "I was joking" or other concealment words.



4. destruction

purposely breaking things or harming others.

4 D's of Behavior:

D-1: Disrespect

1.

Words such as *no*, *I don't have to*, *I'm not going to*, *you can't make me*, and other phrasing that shows disrespect to parents

Includes behaviors and words that child says to others such as friends, siblings, etc., about parents too

2.

3.

Tone of voice or voice inflection—saying *yes* or *yes ma'am* with a hateful or sarcastic voice; saying *Okay* or *I will* or *Just a minute!* while somewhat shouting

Making sounds and grunts that indicate disagreement with parents

4.

(as opposed to just talking with them about things), such as grunting, huffing, or grumbling under his breath

5.

Gestures such as rolling the eyes, making faces, slamming doors, etc.



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D-2: Disobedience

actions that are not fully obedient, including those listed in "Obedience Math"

Obedience + Own Method = Disobedience

Obedience + Delay = Disobedience

Obedience + Incompleteness = Disobedience

Obedience + Bad Attitude = Disobedience

Obedience math sums up the saying,

“Do what you are told, when you are told, how you are told, with a good attitude.”

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D-3: Deceit

1. Lying, including “half truths”
and “fibbing”

Stealing, including taking things that do not belong to you without permission, borrowing something with intentionally not returning it, keeping leftover change when on an errand, etc.

2.

3.

Saying things then covering with “I was joking” when the words were unacceptable

Embellishing a story (especially when telling child's own part in a conflict) to the point of untruths

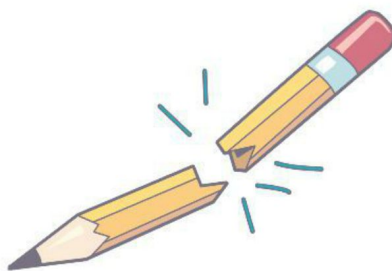
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D-4: Destruction

Purposely breaking things

Purposely harming someone
(striking, throwing things, etc.)



{Obedience Math}

$$3 + 7 = \cancel{10}$$

Obedience + Own Method = Disobedience

Obedience + Delay = Disobedience

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$$1 + 2 = \square$$



Obedience

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