

Provide the Power of Choice and Avoid Tension

1. Do you consider resolving conflict with your child more like a dance or a gun fight? Explain
2. The key to being a successful parent is to be _____, _____ and **limit choices** during correction.

Explain what the scripture means to you.
Proverbs 22:6 **Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.**

Video the Video: **Does your face Light Up** By Toney Morrison

3. Circle which statement displays what your child sees, a smile or a look of judgement.
4. According to the scripture how did Jesus receive children? Matthew 19:13-15 One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could lay his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him. But Jesus said, "**Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children.**" And he placed his hands on their heads and blessed them before he left.
5. What action must parents give in order for a child to feel they are in control?

Here is a good way to handle conflict without tension:

- a) The key is to remain calm and provide _____ that allow the negative behavior to be reduced by

choices that lead to the desired outcome.

- b) _____ the two choices before the lead to your desired outcome. (Let it be a win, win for you).
6. After reading the examples of conflict and the power of choice practice below the scenario and what choices you would make

Conflict	Choice 1	Choice 2
Tommy lately has been back talking when you correct him.		

What the research Says....

7. Provide several skills children learn when they are provided with choices.
 - a)
 - b)
 - c)
8. How does providing open ended questions help a child reflect with a problem?
9. Practice a scenario: **Sarah steals candy from a store**
 - a. Why did you make that choice?
 - b. What were the consequences?
 - c. How did it make others feel? or individual
 - d. What could you do differently?
 - e. Was that the best choice?
 - f. What can you do in the future to make a better choice?