TRAINING A TODDLER TO BE OBEDIENT

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Obedient is one of the major values that a child should possess for it can lead him to become responsible as he grows up. Nowadays, it’s hard for parents to inculcate and teach this value for child of young age. You cannot easily prompt him to obey a command especially when he is busy playing with his toys or even gadgets and the worst thing is he doesn’t even know how to keep his toys in proper place after playing without being told to do so or even you order him to fix off his toys he will just ignore you. So, for parents who have difficulty in imposing obedience to your child, try to consider the following:

First, use a “Game Technique” or a “play acting technique” if you want something to be done by your child, this is applicable for toddler because child at this age enjoys ‘make believe game’ and loves playing game. Example, you ask him to keep his toys after playing, you can do it in a play acting game by saying, let’s see if who can put those toys in their proper place the faster way between us, the first one to finish will be the winner. Make him believe that what you’re doing is just a game.

Second, know the interest of your child so that you can use it in obeying your commands. For instance, she is fond of listening to your stories, if you ask him to sleep at noon time but he refuses, tell him that you will read stories for him until he falls asleep.

Third, be the adult you’d like your children to be. You have to set an example for your child. You should serve as role model, if you want your child to be obedient, show him simply by not doing anything that should not be done. You have to follow the rules that you have set at home so that your child can get something from you. Don’t be a law breaker inside your home. A child is a great immitator that’s why you have to behave well if you want him to do the same.
These are only some of the techniques you can use in teaching obedience to your child. Inculcating and teaching obedience is easy if you know how to motivate and urge your child to the best of his interest.

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