WEARING SHOES OF KIDS FROM BROKEN HOMES

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Parents are the ones who guide their children. They are their first teachers which literally starts when they began to wonder. But what happens when parents decided to part ways? How does it affect their children? Well, no one wants to have a broken family. But what choice does a kid have if his parents decided to do so?

On July 2017, an article was published by Mr. Jeofrey B. Abalos. It says there that here in the Philippines, there was a significant increase in filing cases of annulment and nullity of marriage at the Office of the Solicitor General; from 4,520 on 2011 to 11,135 in 2014.

Separation of parents really affects children because usually if a single parent is raising him, the former will be the one to work for a living. This may result to the child with no one to look after him. He will then spend more time with his friends who may or may not be a good influence to him. Also, no one will guide him if what he’s doing is wrong because his mom or dad who’s raising him is busy from earning a living.

On 2004, there was a thesis that focused on the difference when a child grows and develops on a broken family and on an intact family. This was made by Ms. Kimberly Martin, an arts masteral student from Rowan University in New Jersey. Her thesis was entitled, “Children of Divorce Versus Children of Intact Families and Their Adjustment to College.” She made questionnaires and visited homes twice and gave the family some tasks to check their family interaction. This was videotaped so she can later analyze their behavior and she can come up with a data. She then concluded that divorce or separation of parents really affects children. They result to the likelihood of
having problems at school, to having sex earlier, to using drugs and committing crimes, and to struggling with psychological well-being.

We really must understand a kid’s background. If you’re a teacher, and is noticing a problem with a child, a one-on-one talk may be done so that you can gain his trust and later open up to you. Through this, we may know reasons behind his behavior and we can address what needs to be resolved.

We should not judge a child the way he acts on things. One may react differently or not the way we want to so we must always wear their shoes and in that way, we can understand where they’re coming from.

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