

CONNECT WITH YOUR KIDS

before turning out the lights

Tips for Meaningful Conversations with Kids

Let everything else go...

Take a few minutes to relax and enjoy the conversation at their pace. Remind yourself that they are your focus and give them your undivided attention.

• Listen more than you speak.

We spend a lot of time talking to our kids, take a step back and let them do the talking. This is a great time to let them feel heard.

Talk about THEIR interests.

The conversation might take an unexpected turn or two. Just go with it and talk about what interests them. Get to know your child on a different level!

Ask and answer questions.

Ask questions and follow up questions to really understand their point of view and to inspire deeper thinking. Let them lead the conversation. If children ask questions, be thoughtful in your response.

Keep it positive!

You want the kids to be able to go to bed on a happy note, so make sure that any conversations you have stay positive. Make a note of constructive things you may want to discuss at a later time.

Imagine solutions together.

Don't dismiss their concerns. If your child does bring up a concern or a problem, tackle the problem together.







