Encouraging Moral Development in Children

Video Worksheet

Directions: Answer the following questions while watching the video “Encouraging Moral Development in Children.”

1. What is a moral dilemma?

2. What makes agreeing on moral behavior difficult?

3. One definition of morality is “principles of ______ or good ______ based on ______ and rights or ______ for ______.”

4. By 8 to 18 months children understand that their ______ can hurt others. Between ages 2 and 3 they can feel ______ towards others. By age 4 they know that ______ behavior is wrong. At 5, children understand sharing, ______, and comforting and can ______ those who are not like them. Children’s morals are well-developed by ______.

5. There are five principles of morality that have not changed over time. Name five general moral values.
   a. ____________________________
   b. ____________________________
   c. ____________________________
   d. ____________________________
   e. ____________________________
6. Name two moral development issues that have been created by scientific advancement.
   a. __________________________
   b. __________________________

7. Social scientists agree on four elements of moral developments. They are:
   a. Knowing the difference between _______ and _______.
   b. Being concerned for the _______ of _________.
   c. Feeling _______ for acting on concerns.
   d. Having concerns for _______ _________.

8. Having an inner sense of right and wrong is having a _____________. This means that _________ is the base reward for doing the right thing.


10. The best formula for creating moral judgment is to be _______ about rules and demands while ______________ reasons for rules.

11. To encourage moral development in children parents/caregivers need to provide certain lessons:
   a. _______ good behavior.
   b. Bad behavior is _________________.
   c. Provide _______ to live by with _______ for rules.
   d. Set an _______ of _________, kindness, _________, _________, _________ and responsibility.

12. What are some ways good moral decisions can affect school or community?
Video Worksheet
Answer Key

Directions: Answer the following questions while watching the video “Encouraging Moral Development in Children.”

1. What is a moral dilemma?
   
   _answers will vary_

2. What makes agreeing on moral behavior difficult?
   
   _differing points of view_

3. One definition of morality is “principles of _right_ or good _conduct_ based on _honesty_ and rights or _concerns_ for _others_.”

4. By 8 to 18 months children understand that their _actions_ can hurt others.

   Between ages 2 and 3 they can feel _empathy_ towards others.

   By age 4 they know that _selfish_ behavior is wrong.

   At 5, children understand sharing, _protecting_, and comforting and can _tolerate_ those who are not like them.

   Children’s morals are well-developed by _1st grade_.

5. There are five principles of morality that have not changed over time. Name five general moral values.
   
   a. _honesty_                      
   b. _kindness_                    
   c. _fairness_                    
   d. _responsibility_              
   e. _respect_                    

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6. Name two moral development issues that have been created by scientific advancement.
   a. **medical research**
   b. **end of life decisions**
      (both have created more moral dilemmas)

7. Social scientists agree on four elements of moral developments. They are:
   a. Knowing the difference between **right** and **wrong**.
   b. Being concerned for the **welfare** of **others**.
   c. Feeling **responsible** for acting on concerns.
   d. Having concerns for **others’** **rights**.

8. Having an inner sense of right and wrong is having a **conscience**. This means that **self-satisfaction** is the base reward for doing the right thing.

9. Moral growth in children comes from their **interactions with others** rather than from lessons and lectures.

10. The best formula for creating moral judgment is to be **firm** about rules and demands while **communicating** reasons for rules.

11. To encourage moral development in children parents/caregivers need to provide certain lessons:
   a. **Encourage** good behavior.
   b. Bad behavior is **discouraged**.
   c. Provide **rules** to live by with **reason** for rules.
   d. Set an **example** of **honesty**, kindness, **fairness**, **respect** and responsibility.

12. What are some ways good moral decisions can affect school or community?

   *all get along better, less crime, etc.*