

Seventh Grade, Session 17

Helping Adults

Scenario 1

You have found out that your child is leaving the house dressed one way but changing into other clothes you don't approve of when they get to school. You only found out because one of their friends, Alex, posted a picture on Instagram and Alex's dad texted you about it because he knew you wouldn't be happy. You want to talk to your child about it, but usually these conversations end up in someone (you or your child) blowing up or shutting down.

- How do you communicate to your child that you know they are changing the way they dress when they leave the house?

- How should you respond if your child says you're treating them like a little kid?

- What is the most important thing you want your child to know when you talk to them?

Tips

Scenario 2

Your child is begging you to buy really expensive headphones that all of their friends have. You really can't afford them, and the only way you could pay for them is on credit, which means you would end up paying more for them by the time you could pay your monthly payments.

- Do you buy the headphones? If you don't, how do you explain that to them?

- If you do decide to buy the headphones, should you tell your child the financial sacrifice you are making by buying the headphones?
 - If you answered "yes" to the previous question, what would you say?

- What do you want your child to know about your values as a result of this situation?

Tips

