

LESSON ONE: WHAT IS WISDOM?

Tell your child that wisdom means the ability to understand and choose what is good, and that the beginning of wisdom is to be honest. The wise person admits to himself what he knows and admits to himself what he doesn't know. Once one starts to do this, one starts to become wise.

Ask your child to talk about things that she or he knows is true. Then ask your child to talk about things that he or she is not sure is true. Maybe she or he knows that the wall is white and that he or she lives in the United States of America; and maybe she or he does not know if there is life outside of our solar system or if there is life after death.

Enjoy this conversation, because children say the darnedest things. They can also be surprisingly wise.

End by telling your child that you love him or her, because relatively good people love their children no matter what their children believe.