

18 Handy Tips for Family Education

Tip 17: When kids are defiant? (Dialogue Script)

Docudrama 1: DON'Ts	
Mother:	Sweetie, you're back from school.
Siu-yee:	Yes.
Mother:	How is your day at school?
Siu-yee:	Not bad.
Mother:	How about your schoolmates?
Siu-yee:	Not bad.
Mother:	Do you have much homework today?
Siu-yee:	Not much.
Mother:	I don't know how to communicate with you ...
Expert Advice	
Prof. Wong Po-choi:	Have you ever found it difficult to communicate with kids when talking to them? Why is it? It's because parents are too anxious to ask questions or to lecture. It will certainly scare kids off. Nobody likes to be asked questions or being lectured all the time. Let's learn the communication skills of housewives. Housewives are the best communicators. Do you notice that they do not talk about themselves or the other party in a conversation? They talk about someone else. They talk about what they see or hear. There is no pressure on both sides and good communication follows. Gradually, kids learn to listen to others, thus enhancing their listening intelligence.
Docudrama 2: DOs	
Mother:	Mum miss you so much, sweetie. Are you tired today?
Siu-yee:	Not really.
Mother:	Perhaps, you could go to your room to change the clothes first. I have prepared some snacks for you. You can come to eat later.
	Siu-yee, Siu-yee, I read newspaper this morning and knew some primary students took drugs. Do you know why they took drugs?
Siu-yee:	I don't know.
Mother:	It's said that some bad guys asked the students to try drugs for free.

Students thought that it would be fun and didn't matter for having a try. As things turned out, they became addicted and had to buy drugs. Those bad guys even taught the students to sell drugs to other schoolmates and earn money from the schoolmates. They fell into a trap. A doctor explains that nothing seems to be wrong at the beginning of taking drugs but the person will become addicted and take more and more drugs. Taking a large amount will cause "holes in the brain" and incontinence.

Siu-yee: It's scary.

Mother: Siu-yee, if your schoolmates ask you to try drugs for free, will you have a try?

Siu-yee: Of course not, and I will tell teachers about it.

Mother: But if your schoolmates tell you that it would be fun and cause no problem, and ask you to have a try if you are in doubt, will you believe them?

Siu-yee: Why should I play with drugs when there are so many things to do? I will not believe them.

Mother: Good girl. Siu-yee, tell me the funny things at school today.