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- **What topics are appropriate to talk about?**
- **Start early... make it natural from early on**
- **Initiate the conversations yourself – ask open-ended questions - Encourage critical thinking**
- **Address their innate curiosity**
- **Even about sex, relationships etc?**
- **Look for positive ideas**
- **Create an open environment – different stages of moral development**
- **Be (discerningly!) honest – create context for the discussion**
- **Not saying anything is a greater danger than taking a risk and raising an issue**



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- **Share your values – they WANT to know**
- **Listen**
- **Use everyday opportunities...don't wait for the perfect setting (Dinner time?)**
- **Keep talking about issues that concern you**
- **Each child...each day! Make yourself available...**
- **When they respond with anger, aggression etc – don't respond in kind!**
- **Don't ask "Why"? Re-frame the question**
- **Teens – "What would you do if...???"**
- **Discuss "safe words" and what to do in difficult situations**