

## Behavior Vs Misbehavior

"Misbehavior in children is an attempt to communicate, when all else has failed. Children have a drive to love other people and before labeling, complaining, fretting over the child, parent should try to recognize what a magnificent child he is blessed with. **We must establish a new way of seeing children.**"

The deepest mystery of parenting is that we often miss the truth about children's behavior, and yet it is so simple. Children are human beings just as we are, and behave in accordance to how they are treated, just as we do. We seldom stop to consider that this is simply an inexperienced human being with real feelings, who is doing the best he can do, given all the circumstances of his life up to that moment. For how could he do any more? And why would he do any less?

Everything a child does makes sense if we look at things from his point of view; there is a valid reason for everything a child does. *Children deserve our best efforts to give them love and understanding at all times*, even when - especially when - they are not behaving as we would wish. If we could listen to our child a little more, believe in his intentions and ability a little more, give him scope to experiment and discover things and be there to help when he needs, lot of enjoyable solutions would dawn on us. If we can show them compassion and understanding at those times, we can teach them by example some of the most essential ingredients of a happy life: the capacity to love others unconditionally, the willingness to offer help and express empathy at all times, and not just at those times when others are making life easy for us. If we can teach this to our children, we have given our child a priceless gift, one that will continue through the generations.

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