

# Positive Outlook

When parents show a positive outlook, children learn how, too. Seeing strengths and positives helps us handle life's challenges and gives us hope.

### SHARE a "positive outlook" with your child...

- Point out your child's positive behavior and strengths
  - "You and your sister are sharing so well. You're really having fun together!"
  - "You waited very patiently. It's hard to wait, and you did it!"
- Find positives in daily events
  - "Getting up early in the morning is hard, but it gives us time to talk."
  - "I'm looking forward to the fun we'll have at the park together."
- Talk about things that you enjoy
  - "The brown puppy is my favorite. Which is your favorite?"
  - "I like working on puzzles with you."
- Express your positive feelings
  - "I feel happy about spending time together."
  - "I felt good when I... fixed the cabinet door, finished the laundry, etc."

## ASK your child to find the positives...

- "What did you like about... going to the park, going to the market, etc.?"
- "Tell me three good things that happened today."

## PAUSE and THINK of positive things at different times during the day...

- mealtime
- bedtime
- first thing in the morning

- outside in nature
- reading or playing with your child

#### AND babies and toddlers, too!

- Smile at your baby throughout the day.
- Find things that make your baby smile.



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