

# Study Guide

**Directions:** Answer each question with the information you learned in Chapter 12. Write your answers in complete sentences on the lines provided.

1. What are important things for couples to know about having children?

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2. List two kinds of change children bring to daily life for adults.

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3. Parenthood affects what two aspects of a parent’s adult world?

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4. What do teen parents lack in regard to raising a child?

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5. List two hardships for teen parents.

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6. Define parenting.

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7. List the requirements of parenting.

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**8.** Where can a parent seek assistance to learn about parenting skills and child development?

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**9.** How do vaccines protect children against common childhood diseases?

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**10.** Explain what is meant by nurturing. What need is fulfilled for children through nurturing?

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**11.** What is effective discipline?

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**12.** Give two examples of positive parenting.

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**13.** What three characteristics make for the best discipline to meet the goal of helping children learn suitable behavior?

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**14.** Discipline should never be an outlet for what adult behavior?

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**15.** List two ways a parent can seek help in caring for children.

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# Dealing with Misbehavior

**Directions:** Wise parents and caregivers are prepared to respond in appropriate ways to misbehavior. Read the scenarios below. Determine whether the child’s behavior is an accident or misbehavior and circle your answer. Describe the actions and words you would use to handle the situation.

**Scenario 1:** While you are taking care of your neighbor’s three-year-old, she grabs your glass of soda off of the table and drops it on the kitchen floor. The glass shatters, spraying liquid and glass everywhere. Immediately the child begins to cry. What do you do?

**Is this behavior: (Circle one)** **an accident** **misbehavior**

**Your actions:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Your words:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Scenario 2:** You are caring for your younger brothers, ages five and two. The two-year-old takes a toy from the five-year-old. The five-year-old shrieks, “NO!” and then he punches the two-year-old in the arm. What do you do?

**For the two-year-old, is this behavior: (Circle one)** **an accident** **misbehavior**

**For the five-year-old, is this behavior: (Circle one)** **an accident** **misbehavior**

**Your actions with the two-year-old:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Your actions with the five-year-old:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Your words with the two-year-old:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Your words with the five-year-old:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Scenario 3:** While working part-time at a child care facility, you are a helper in the two-year-olds' room. One child wants a toy that another child is playing with. To get the toy, the first child bites the second child. The first child begins to cry. What do you do?

**For the first child, is this behavior: (Circle one)                      an accident                      misbehavior**

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**Your actions with the first child:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Your actions with the second child:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Your words to the first child:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Your words to the second child:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Scenario 4:** Your four-year-old cousin is staying at your house for the weekend while her parents are on vacation. While you are playing together, she gets angry with you and almost throws her doll. You tell her gently that she should not throw toys because it is dangerous and might hurt the doll's head. She gives you a mean look and throws the doll anyway. What do you do?

**Is this behavior: (Circle one)    an accident    misbehavior**

**Your actions:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Your words:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# Parenting Responsibilities

**Directions:** Being a parent requires a commitment to responsibilities and hard work. In the middle column of the chart below, state why each responsibility is important to the parenting process. In the right column, list ways a parent can meet each responsibility.

Parenting Responsibility	Why is it important?	What can a parent do to meet the responsibility?
Parenting Education		
Meeting Children’s Needs		
Positive Parenting		
Dealing with Misbehavior		

# Modeling Positive Behavior

**Directions:** Teens may not know it, but they may be role models to a younger person. You can influence a child’s growth and development. Read the incidents below. What would be your response to the incident that may be a positive model to someone else?

Remember these guidelines as you consider your response:

- Be consistent.
- Give reasons for your actions.
- Admit your mistakes.
- Point to other role models.
- Respect others’ limitations.



**Incident 1:** You hit your thumb with the hammer while fixing a child’s toy.

How would you respond positively? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Incident 2:** When you eat dinner, you use good table manners.

Give examples of good table manners. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Incident 3:** You are playing a game with your sister, and she wins for the fifth time!

How would you respond positively to her fifth win? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Incident 4:** Your three-year old nephew asks you to give him a slice from the pizza you just ordered for yourself.

How would you respond positively? \_\_\_\_\_

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