



At the end of the lesson, the student will be able to:

- *understand the joys & challenges of raising a child.
- *discuss basic formulas of raising children well.



Dialogue

Kris: I never thought that raising kids could be so hard!

Janice: Yes, it can. And you won't know how you've done until the process is nearly over. It might take 20 to 30 years to discover what you've done right and what you've done wrong, and it's too late, then!

Kris: Thanks. You're a big help.

Janice: Well, there are manuals that you can put to good use. A lot of them, in fact.

Kris: That's what I need a good blueprint!

Janice: None of the roadmaps are done to scale, unfortunately. They are general guides, not specific ones. There's still plenty of room for error.

Kris: What do you suggest? I think you've done a good job as a mom.

Janice: You want a recipe? OK, here it goes. You need a cup of consistent discipline, added to two cups of unconditional love. Add a spoonful of patience and a smidgeon of an allowance. Don't skimp on the ingredients. Mix well, and be sure to serve large helpings.

Kris: That sounds delicious! But what does it really taste like?

Janice: Every dish comes out different. That's the interesting thing about it, the lack of predictability. But one thing's for sure: good results are guaranteed.



Let's Talk!

1. Why is parenting so difficult?
2. What about your parents, do you think they did a good job raising you?
3. What do you think is the advantage of strict parenting?
4. In what ways are being a successful parent like being a good cook?
5. What is the basic formula of raising a children well?