

THE BOY AND THE T.V. SET

Theme:

Parents and those in charge of children's education should give them lots of time, full attention and show them concern and respect.

THE STORY.

Translation of a Spanish story of Martin Descalzo

Once an English Teacher asked her pupils to write an essay on:
“**Had I to be a house instrument, what instrument would I like to be and why?**”

A very smart kid wrote the following:

WHAT SORT OF INSTRUMENT I WOULD LIKE TO BE

Above all, I would like to be a T.V. SET, because were, I a T.V. set, my parents would look at me oftener, they would spend lots of time with me, take more care of me, and take me more seriously.

They would listen to me much more attentively. They wouldn't tell me to 'shut-up' when I am speaking.

They wouldn't tell me to go to bed in the middle of a game or when I do something I like. In fact, they never go to bed until their favorite T.V. program is over.

Thoughts for Reflection

- In all homes, children should take priority. over jobs, business, financial position, social life, whatever
- Luxuries and modern gadgets will never be a substitute for the time, care and affection our children need and demand from parents.
- For children, **a happy 'home' is more satisfying than a 'posh' house'**
- No amount of tutors, servants and aunties can fill the void of absentee parents.
- Parental love cannot be given by proxy
- It is better to spend time **with your** children than **for your** children.
- **Let your family be a true 'home', not a 'house' or a 'parking lot'**
- **Values are caught at home**, not taught in school
- The example of Parents and Grown-ups in the family speaks louder than words
- Always practice what you preach: better still, live in such a way that you may be able always to **preach what you practice**
- Lavish **more time than money** in the education of your kids.
- When a child wishes to talk to you, **listen to him immediately** .If you delay, you might lose him forever.
- ✓ **Once communication with your children is broken, you may never restore it again.**

- ✓ **For children there are no small problems.** All problems look big to them. Help them immediately to solve them.
- ✓ Small worries hurt children more than serious worries do to grownups
- ✓ **Don't discount Children's feelings.** They are very tender and brittle.
- ✓ **A small "put down" to a child may become a deadly punch!**
- ✓ **Children are fragile, handle them with care!**
- ✓ Respect your kids if you want to be respected by them
- ✓ We can 't teach children kindness with unkindness, meekness with temper,
- ✓ Don't ask for respect, **make yourself respectable..**
- ✓ Don't expect love from your children, **make yourself loveable.**