

Discussion Questions
Why Can't I Get My Kids To Behave?

Chapter 8

'Don't Use This Toolbox!'

1. Do you make threats you don't follow through with? If so, what are the ones you use most often?
2. What are idle threats? What do they teach children?
3. Why do parents give threats to their kids they would never follow up on?
4. What is the tool of 'blah, blah, blah'? Do your children change their behavior when you talk to them this way?
5. Why do you use these tools if they don't work?
6. What tool is recommended in the chapter that parents don't use? Why don't parents use this tool?
7. When do parents most often prompt their kids?

8. When is prompting a good tool to use?

9. Reminding your kids can be both good and bad. When is using reminders a good thing and when is it a bad thing?

10. When can you begin eliminating reminders from your toolbox?

11. We have so many bad tools at our disposal. Why do parents use bad parenting tools so often when they know they don't work? What tool can you use that will work?

12. Name one thing for each of your children you will praise them for this week.

13. How can healthy encouragement motivate your kids to a high standard of obedience?

14. Name one thing that was the most helpful in Chapter 8 that you can begin implementing with your children. How will you begin working on it?