


# BTT'S PARENT CORNER

## OBEDIENCE VS RESPONSIBILITY

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**What is obedience?** Obedience is when a child does what he is being told to do, at the time that it is asked. This child also follows directions and does not challenge authority.

**What is responsibility?** Responsibility is when a child takes ownership of a task or chore. They accomplish it because they understand that it must be done. It is an obligation.



Teaching your child about responsibility should start early in age. So what can your child do at this age that is an appropriate expectation? Use our suggestions below to introduce responsibility concepts to your toddler.

- Pick up toys
- Put dirty clothes in hamper
- Help "wipe down" table
- Put away groceries
- Carry groceries from car (e.g. bag of napkins)
- Sort toys
- Throw away trash
- Stack books
- Wipe minor spills
- Sort recycling
- Help "sweep"
- Help with laundry

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