

Answering your child's questions about disabilities or differences

- Preschool children are curious and may ask many questions
- Sometimes children's questions embarrass adults because they are unsure how to respond
- If adults ignore difficult questions or answer them abruptly they may be indirectly communicating that there is something wrong with the person or situation about which the child is asking
- Be open and honest
- Where appropriate emphasize similarities
- Be brief, straightforward and matter-of-fact
- Provide correct information
- Listen for feelings behind the child's questions and discuss these also

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