



Parent/Child Conversation Tipsheet: Spark + Fire + ASAP = Leadership

Objective: Guide your conversation with your child to explore their strengths, interests, leadership potential, and how they can make a difference in their community.

1. Introduction:

- Explain to your child that you want to have a conversation to help them discover how they can make a positive contribution to their community and develop leadership skills.
- Emphasize the importance of understanding their interests and passions and how they can lead others to create change.

2. Start with Spark:

- Ask your child what they are excited about or passionate about. Encourage them to think about activities or issues that bring them joy or fulfillment.
- Explore how their interests align with leadership opportunities. For example, "How do your interests demonstrate the qualities of a leader?"

3. Identify the fire:

- Discuss with your child issues or challenges that are important to them in their community or the world. Encourage them to think about things they would like to change or improve.
- Prompt them with questions such as, "What leadership role could you imagine yourself taking to address this issue?"

4. ASAP Strategies:

- Brainstorm with your child about the action they can take to address the issues they've identified. Use the ASAP framework (Awareness, Service, Advocacy, Philanthropy).
- Guide them in thinking about how they can inspire others to join their cause and take action together.

5. Share examples and stories:

- Share examples of leaders, including children, who have made a difference in their communities. Highlight the leadership qualities they have demonstrated.
- Discuss stories of resilience and determination in leadership to inspire your child to step up and lead by example.



6. Encourage reflection:

- Encourage your child to think about how his or her interests and passions align with leadership opportunities. Ask them to consider the type of leader they want to be.
- Guide them to think about how they can use their leadership skills to motivate others and create positive change.

7. Follow-up and support:

- Offer support and encouragement as your child explores leadership opportunities and takes action. Help them overcome challenges and celebrate successes.
- Encourage them to seek out mentors and leadership development opportunities to further develop their skills.

8. Lead by example:

- Demonstrate the importance of leadership and community involvement by taking on leadership roles or supporting causes as a family.
- Share your own leadership experiences and the impact they have had, reinforcing the value of leading with empathy and integrity.

9. Celebrate each step:

- Celebrate your child's leadership efforts and accomplishments, no matter how small. Acknowledge her courage to step up and lead others.
- Emphasize the value of their leadership contributions and the difference they're making in the lives of others.

10. Keep the conversation going:

- Encourage ongoing conversations about leadership and making a difference and explore new opportunities for leadership development.
- Foster a supportive environment where your child feels empowered to lead and create positive change in their community.

Sample prompts:

"How do you think your interests and passions demonstrate leadership qualities?"

"What leadership role do you see yourself taking to address this issue in our community?"

"How can you inspire others to join your cause and take action together?"