

# Talking to your child

- Listen with your eyes as well as your ears. Look at your child when they're talking
- Encourage them to keep talking by saying things like, "I see." "That's interesting." "I never thought of that!"
- Ask follow-up questions
- Always be positive and show interest in what your child says. That is encouraging!
- Show that you're paying attention. Smile, nod, and laugh.
- Show that you get what they're saying by repeating it in your own words.
- Sometimes you can follow your child's lead in a conversation. Let them talk and see where it goes. Other times you can lead the conversation and see if they follow.