

## CAN YOU REASON WITH YOUR CHILD?

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### 5 Stages of a Child's Emotional Development (All ages are approximate)

1. INFANCY – 0-3
  - a. No mitzva of chinuch BUT
    1. Can't give non-kosher food
    2. Is aware of his surroundings & absorbs what he hears & sees therefore:
      - Expose him to torah & mitzvos and
      - Refrain him from hearing or seeing anything that can spiritually harm him
2. TODDLER
  - Start training for negative commandments
3. THE AGE OF CHINUCH from 6-7 to bar/bas mitzvah
  - Children function from their emotions
    - a. Stage one – train by
      1. Hergel – habit
      2. Use rewards & incentives
    - b. Stage two – explaining
  - Idud – encouragement & positive reinforcement
4. ADOLESCENCE
  - a. The generation gap
  - b. Children don't mature overnight
  - c. Giving attention & affection
5. Tefilla – DAVENING FOR SUCCESS
  - a. Chasam Sofer – "My child cost me a hatful of tears"
  - b. Chafetz Chaim – Tehillim with tears