Teaching Fairness: Compromise

Teaching Fairness: Compromise

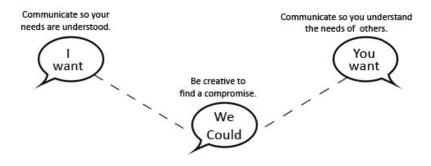
"Learn the wisdom of compromise. For it is better to bend a little than to break."

- Jane Wells

Kids can often complain that things "aren't fair" when things don't work out as they want. One way to help teach fairness is to promote compromise.

Compromise is creating a "win-win" situation and finding a balance between the different needs of individuals. Compromise is essentially an "I want, you want, we could" process.

Depending on their age and/or maturity, some children will find compromise difficult. You may need to help them work through the issue. Keep in mind that you aren't just helping them get through the current disagreement, but teaching them a strategy for fairness that they will be able to use throughout their lives.



Discussion starter

Ask your child what they think: can you think of a time when you thought something wasn't fair? Could a compromise have helped the situation?

Check out more tips on teaching character at TheRayCenter.org

@TheRayCenter

Adapted from the Institute for Excellence and Ethics.