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## **SEDER TALKS:** Creating Space for Every Question

Being an askable parent means creating a safe space where your child feels comfortable asking any question, knowing they'll be met with honesty and understanding. The Four Sons in the Haggadah remind us that every child learns and communicates differently. Just as we tailor our responses at the Seder, we must also adapt how we talk to our children—especially about important topics like body safety, boundaries, and growing up.

- **1. THE WISE CHILD Embrace Curiosity.** Encourage deep questions and let your child know no topic is off-limits. Be prepared with honest, age-appropriate answers.
- **2. THE REBELLIOUS CHILD Stay Open, Even When It's Hard.** Even when your child pushes back, keep the conversation going. Openness builds trust, even in difficult moments.
- **3. THE SIMPLE CHILD Answer Clearly and Age-Appropriately.** Some children need direct, simple explanations. Keep discussions about safety and boundaries clear and to the point.
- **4. THE CHILD WHO DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO ASK Create a Safe Space.** Not every child knows what to ask. Gently start conversations, showing them they can always turn to you.

By being an askable parent, you empower your child to seek guidance, helping them feel safe, supported and heard.

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