

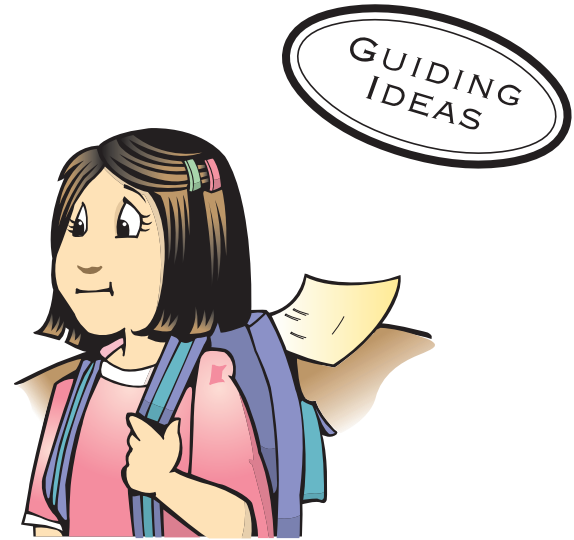
# To Teach Your Child Responsibility, Give It!

Parents dream of the day their child will finally be responsible enough to do things for herself, like getting up and ready for school or doing chores at home. Here's how you can teach your child responsibility in three basic steps:

*(Warning: This can be tough for parents.)*

1. Give your child some responsibility that is safe and appropriate for her age.
2. Let your child figure out how to do the job herself.
3. Require your child to live with the consequences of her actions, for better or worse.

The hard part? Don't bail her out if she doesn't do the job—or does it poorly. If she forgets materials



she should have taken to school, let her do without them. Really.

Simple mistakes have taught us all very important lessons—and we must allow our child to learn from them, too.