

How To Not Raise A Tyrant!



Nobody likes to hear a child demanding what they want from adults, but the truth is all children go through a stage where they do this. According to Parenting magazine, this usually happens somewhere between the age of 2 and 3, hence the term the “Terrible Twos.” It often happens innocently enough—your child tells you what he or she wants and you are delighted at the development of his or her language skills. But sooner or later, the child learns to say something along the lines of “Give me a cookie now!” When that happens, many parents are at a loss in finding a way to sculpt the behavior that will turn their demanding child into a mannerly tot. Here are some tips offered by parenting expert Dr. Jane Nelson:

Find a calm moment to make a polite request of your toddler, and then let her practice doing the same with you.

After you’ve taught him how to ask for something, and he violates the rule, say “How do you ask?” Then ignore him until he comes up with the right method.

Brag to your friends about how your toddler has learned to ask for things politely and make sure your child is within earshot.