**Encourage your child to be curious about the world.**

**Help your child understand cause and effect relationships.** *(stepping on the bike pedal pushes the gear and moves the wheel forward)*

**When a child asks a question, respond with “I wonder...” statements instead of immediately giving the answer. Then, set up an experiment to test it if possible.**

**Conduct experiments and answer questions.**

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**Promote Critical Thinking**

Critical thinking is a life skill important for every aspect of life. We need this skill to decide if the information someone is giving us is valid and reliable (Is it true? Will it be true later?), and for solving problems.

**Reflection and problem solving skills require critical thinking.**

When there is a disagreement, sit down with the child(ren) and allow the child(ren) to think of solutions to the problem that will work for all involved. Then, try it out, revisit, and change the solution if the first option didn’t work.

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**We are having a family meeting because of the fighting that’s happening over sitting in the front seat. Kimora and Jay, I want you each to think of a solution that works for everyone and we will choose one as a family.**

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**I’m older, so I should get to sit in the front seat everyday.**

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**Do you think that works for Jay?**

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**No.**

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**So let’s try again.**

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**What if Kimora gets to sit in the front seat on the way home from school and I get to do it on the way there?**

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**I suppose I can agree to that.**

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**What do you think Kimora?**

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**I wonder too, when I stop the car, we should research it!**

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**I wonder how fish breath under water?**

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**CRITICAL THINKING**

**KEY TAKEAWAY**

**Shared Solutions**