

SCENARIO REVIEW

How many of you are kind to younger children? For example, if your little sister uses your favorite cologne or perfume, do you sweetly smile and compliment her on how nice she smells, or do you yell at her and tell her to stay out of your belongings?

How about if your tiny baby nephew or baby brother is crying nonstop and you are trying to watch your favorite television show or listen to your new CD? Do you gently pick him up and try to comfort him with a loving lullaby, or do you yell at your mom to get that kid and shut him up!

It seems that even though we have experienced being a child, it is very difficult for an adult to see things through the eyes of a child. However, if you wish to help children reach their full potential, you must learn to feel empathy for them and the things that are important to them. Think back to when you were in elementary school. How did you feel about things then?

In one of his columns, Paul Harvey stated:

"Technologically and scientifically, man has risen to unbelievable heights. Man is surrounded by the trophies he has won, the frontiers he has conquered, the mountains of textbooks he has written and rewritten, and remains yet utterly confounded by what he sees in the mirror. We now know much about the mysterious forces around us, but little about the mysterious forces within us. Man has explored almost everything in the universe except the explorer. Therefore, the most pressing need we have today, to insure our survival, is for man to understand man."

Each year six million Americans take a step that will significantly change their own lives and profoundly affect the next generation: they have children. How these children are raised will have a greater impact on our society than the way we vote, what we contribute to technology, the labor force, and the creative arts. In other words, the most important aspect of an adult's life and living in our world today is how we teach, guide, provide for, and love our children. Unfortunately, we spend more time, money, and energy on how to raise animals and repair cars than we do on how to rear children.

This child development class will provide you with knowledge that will be very useful to you at various times throughout your life. You will learn about the nature of children and some practical skills in caring for children, and you will receive hundreds of ideas and activities to make teaching, parenting, and caring for children easier and more rewarding.