

**How to Talk with  
Your Grandchild About...  
Almost Anything**

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CARTOON  
FIRST  
APPEARED  
IN 1992.

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“The reason they can play that good is their parents aren’t yelling at them from the sidelines.”

# Some Variables

- **What's the nature of your relationship?**
- **Who's asking you to speak?**
- **What's the age of the child?**
- **What's the child's personality & skill set?**
- **Psychiatric disorder?**
- **What's your personality & skill set?**
- **What's the issue to be discussed?**
- **What's your goal?**

**Accept that  
You Can't Control  
Their World**

# **Build A Trusting & Safe Relationship**

**Choose the Right Setting  
& Follow Their Lead**

# **This is Sacred Time.**

# **LISTEN.**

Pay attention.

Don't talk too much.

Don't interrupt.

Put down the newspaper.

Shut the TV.

Shut the video game.

Shut your cell phone.

Shut their cell phone.

**Sounding Judgmental  
Never Works**



**Affirm Their Emotions**

**Monitor  
Your Own Emotions**

**Know Your Child**

**Tell Your Stories**

**Their World IS Different**

**If You Contradict their  
Parents...  
Do So Carefully**

**Stay Alert for  
Anxiety & Depressive  
Disorders**

**Do Something to  
Solve the Problem**



**Appreciate THEIR  
Abilities & Insights**

# **Grandparenting: Your Life Changing Opportunity**

**Thanks for Listening!**