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Do you... Let your brother have the seat.	Do you... Refuse to get in until you get the middle seat.	Do you... Take turns - have one journey each.

The choice of music in the car is annoying me, but my sister loves it.

Do you... Ignore. Be happy that your sister is happy.	Do you... Demand that all music is turned off.	Do you... Take turns - choose one song each.

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Great mitzvah! But do you feel upset?	Does this help the situation?	Great solution! How can you avoid the argument next time?

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Do you... Ignore. Be happy that your sister is happy.	Do you... Demand that all music is turned off.	Do you... Take turns - choose one song each.
Well-done for being happy for others.	Has anyone gained from this decision?	Great solution!

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♥ Box of Jewish wisdom ♥

Jewish wisdom teaches that a genuine giving person takes into account others' needs and feelings. But this doesn't mean that your needs and feelings are irrelevant.

The Jewish way of growth is to make other people's needs part of your needs: as a giving person what I want is to try and make others happy. Therefore we look at what we can give, not just what we can take.

How to make this real for us?

- The next person you meet, focus for 15 seconds about what they want or need in life
- Put yourself in someone else's shoes for 30 seconds: imagine what this person is feeling, doing and needing in life
- Imagine someone who is very thirsty – can you describe (and then even act out) how they feel when you give them a bottle of water?



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Do you...  
Give up

Do you...  
Persist until you get your way

Do you...  
Stay upset but don't tell your parents the reason

What purpose do clothes fulfil in our lives?  
Scratch off the box next to the ones you think are true for you

My clothes...  
Keep me warm

My clothes...  
Show who I am

My clothes...  
Hide me

My clothes...  
Make me fit socially

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Good, mature decision. We can't afford everything in life. And we aren't defined by what we wear or own.

How do your parents feel about this?  
Long-term how do you feel?

Who gains from this option?

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♥ Box of Jewish wisdom ♥

Jewish wisdom has a lot to say about our image. Here are three main points:

- We are all good – God created us as souls and bodies. Our souls are the true reflection of who we are. Our souls are pure, so we are pure. This means that deep down we are all good people – we want to do good things. That is our real image (The way the Torah says this is that mankind was created 'in the image of God'). But sometimes we don't always do good - sometimes things get in the way!
- Appearances can be deceiving – Jewish teaching is that our current world is described as 'a world of falsehood.' This means that in this world things can look different from what they really are. A snapshot photo may appear to show people enjoying themselves, but it could be a fake pose. Similarly, often we don't know how people are really feeling or what is really going on in others' lives. Don't get caught up in creating fake appearances or images – go for expressing the real you!
- Do what's right, not what gets you likes – Jewish wisdom underlines that we are in this world to do the right thing. Don't base your image of what others think of you and whether you will get more likes or friends. Do good things!

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Can you put them in order and work out why?

Giving charity to the poor without knowing to whom he gave and without the poor person knowing from whom (s)he received.	Giving less than what is appropriate, but with warmth.	Setting someone up in business/ giving them a job so they can support themselves.	Giving the poor person after they ask.
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The giver knows to whom they are giving, but the poor person does not know from whom (s)he received.	Giving with sadness or grumpiness	The poor person knows from whom they took, but the donor does not know to whom they gave.	Giving the poor person before they ask.
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**True or false questions**

Scratch off a box next to the question to see if the answer is true or false.

There is a strong Jewish practise to give a tenth of one's earnings to charity	Women do not need to give charity
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If someone has one thousand coins to give to charity the Rambam writes that it's better to give one coin to a thousand different people instead of one thousand coins to one person?

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True!	False!

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True!  
Because each act of giving makes you a more giving person

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Jewish wisdom speaks a lot about giving. Hashem is the ultimate giver – since He is infinite, you can't give Him anything: He created the world(s) to give to us! So when we give to others we are copying and reflecting Hashem.

Giving charity achieves two things. First it means that we feel for others and help others. Second, it means that we acknowledge that our money comes from Hashem. We work hard to earn a living, but ultimately Hashem decides if we will be successful or not. When we give charity we are saying 'Hashem, you gave me this money – and therefore I am using it to help others.'

Making it real for ourselves:

- How can we improve our giving of tzedaka?
- When we give tzedaka can we focus on the themes of tzedaka: that our money comes from Hashem and that we have a responsibility to give to others

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Imagine being sent on a mission far away into space, and you are told to take a special box with you and to protect that box. You would make sure it is kept safe and doesn't get tampered with by too many others, because it may become ruined or less special.

Hashem gives us very special Jewish wisdom in His Torah – ideas that have changed the world. We must make sure to keep it shiny and protect it, so it can still be our guiding light. Of course we can respect everyone and learn things from everyone, but wisdom from Hashem is on a different level of truth and relevance.

Give all your money to charity even if you become poor:

Hashem is involved in all the details of our lives:

We are all made up of body and soul:

God has a body and body parts:

When we are born we have sin on our record

Everything God does is for the best

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Not Jewish Wisdom.

Jewish Wisdom.

Jewish Wisdom.

God has a body and body parts:

Not Jewish Wisdom.  
God is Infinite, so can't have a physical body or he would be limited

When we are born we have sin on our record

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Not Jewish Wisdom.  
We are all born pure.

Jewish Wisdom.

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How would you  
answer  
your child?

Below are some tough questions that children ask – how would you answer them?

♥ Take a look at the questions, discuss it with your child and then take a look at some answers. ♥

What happens after people die?

Answer: Hashem rewards us for everything we have done in this world.

This is called The Next World (Olam Haba) or The World of Souls.

Though it's hard to imagine a world without bodies, it is much more pleasurable than this world.

Who Made Hashem?

Answer: Nobody made Hashem. He was here before anything. He is Infinite and existed before time (He created time!).

Can we get children to connect to this idea?

Why can't I see Hashem?

Answer: There are plenty of things we can't see (can you see oxygen?!).

Hashem is Infinite and doesn't have a body, so you can't see Him. But if you look carefully you can see all the things He does in our lives.

If there are so many people in the world does Hashem really care about me and what I do?

Answer: Hashem absolutely cares about all of us and what each and every one of us does. That's His greatness - He can help everyone as individuals! There are plenty of events in the Torah that are about individual people. Hashem wanted a world with you in it - so you can bring your unique contribution and talent to this world. And so you can make an impact and leave a spiritual mark on the world. That's why in Jewish thought your progress and success isn't measured in comparison to others - it's measured by your own potential.



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Note: these are only the beginnings of the answers



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