

Being a Role Model for Your Child

Pre-reading

Questions:

- Do you have a role model?
- Do parents make good role models?

Definitions:

- Imitate – to copy someone’s actions or words
- Role Model – a person you look up to, a person that you want to be like
- Curious – eager or excited to learn



Reading

13 Children eagerly look for someone to imitate. That "someone" is usually one or
27 both of their parents. Parents are a child's first teacher. But more important, parents
45 are a child’s first role model. A role model is someone who the child looks up to and
61 wants to be like. Most parents continue to be a role model throughout the child's life.

75 Usually children are more affected by what their parents do, than by what they
89 say. Children learn how to behave by seeing how their mothers and fathers behave
93 and following that example.

109 That's why the best way to help your children do their best at school is to
123 **demonstrate** good study habits in your own life. If your children see you reading,
137 they are more likely to read. If your children hear you thinking through problems,
149 considering different solutions, they are more likely to think through their problems.
166 If you meet deadlines and put in extra effort, so will your children. If you listen to
181 others, so will your children. If you are curious, your children will be curious and
195 enjoy learning. If you include the family in discussion, your children will learn how
to express themselves.

198 Parents aren't perfect. We lose our tempers and we have bad habits. Sometimes
211 we do not set the perfect example. We are human and so are our children. What is
228 important is that we admit to our mistakes, try to do better, and try to make up for
246 our failures. Being a good role model is one of the most important and rewarding
261 things you can do for your children.

Understanding

1. If children see their parents reading, why will they be more likely to read? _____

2. Why is it important for parents to be good role models? _____

3. What does the word imitate mean? _____

4. What does the word **demonstrate** mean in the story? _____

5. What is a role model? _____

6. If a parent makes a mistake, what should they do? _____

7. What does curious mean? _____

Writing

Option A: Do you think you are a good role model for a child? Tell why you are a good role model.

Option B: Who was your role model when you were a child? Tell why you looked up to this person.
