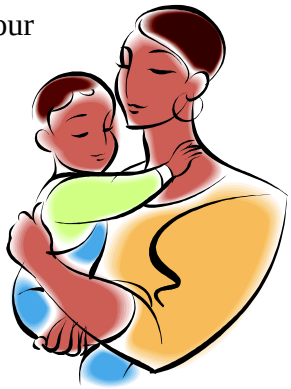
QUESTIONS THAT TEACH

HOW DOES THIS MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR MY CHILD?



Notice how the kinds of questions adults ask your child make a difference to your child's answers. Try to watch two different adults talking to your child sometime this week. Maybe you could watch your child's teacher or child care worker; a neighbor; a grandparent; an aunt or uncle, with your child.

Listen for questions and decide whether the questions are "open" or "closed". Ask yourself the following questions:

- ***Did the question encourage talking from your child or only a one-word answer?***
- ***How did your child answer the question?***

After you watch your child with two adults, practice asking questions yourself. Good times to ask questions are in the car; at mealtimes; at bath time; at bedtime. Answer the same questions you asked before. Fill out the chart below.

Who Asked the Question?	Open or Closed Question	My Child's Answer