Mastering the Art of







why
is it important
to give
children the
power to
make choices?



Choices allow children to partake in the decision-making process.



Thus increasing engagement and decreasing problem behavior.

Choice Types:



This OR That?



How to do it?



How many?



Who will help?



What color?



The KEY is to offer a limited menu of choices, all of which you are ok with.



Offering a choice prevents negotiation and will help avoid a power struggle.



AVOID:



Giving choices that are not available.

Giving an empty threat like canceling a major holiday.

What does this sound like?



Would you like to wear your shoes or boots today?



Would you like to walk to the car fast or slow?



Would you like 2 or 3 cookies for dessert?



Would you like mom or dad to read you a book?



Would you like to wear your red or blue shirt today?