



## The Values Book

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Old-fashioned values. More than ever, this country is seeing how important they are to teach our children. *The Values Book* is a blueprint for teaching 16 basic, but very important values to children (commitment, compassion, responsibility, to name just a few). Each chapter leads off with thought-provoking questions for the adults themselves. After defining a value, the authors suggest how to talk to children about the value, things to do in the classroom that involve small and large motor skills, games, group activities, and activities for older children. Rounding out each chapter are: “Working with Families”, “Ideas for Home”, and “Books to Share with Children”.

The suggested questions and activities are insightful, timely, and very creative, such as using a spray bottle of Monster Spray (water) to keep the monsters under the bed at bay. It is obvious from the fresh ideas and approaches that the two authors—Pam Schiller, a McGraw-Hill vice president of professional development in the early childhood division, and Tamera Bryant, a freelance writer and a former McGraw-Hill book editor—have done their homework. For anyone feeling overwhelmed by reports of vandalism and violence at the hands of children, *The Values Book* will most assuredly help. It outlines how to consciously bring values back into our lives—values that each of us want for our children and the next generation.

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