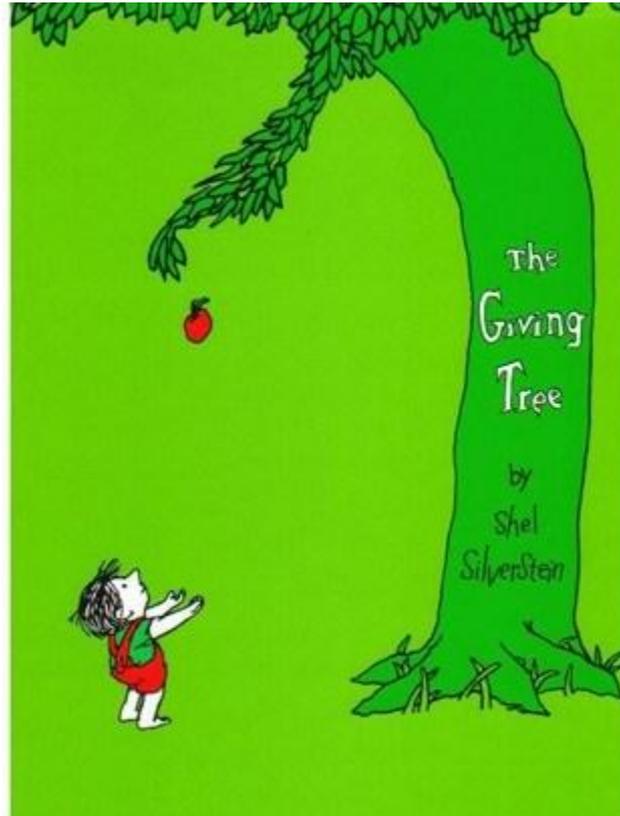


Parental Readiness

The Giving Tree



The Giving Tree Questions

- Who was like a parent in this book and why?
- Who was like a child in this book and why?

Assignment Sheet

Compare & Contrast growing a seed to raising a child

Mary Poppins

What does the Dad want in a nanny?

What do the children want in a nanny?

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fNTzp9grp2Q>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Obte0XqgNc>

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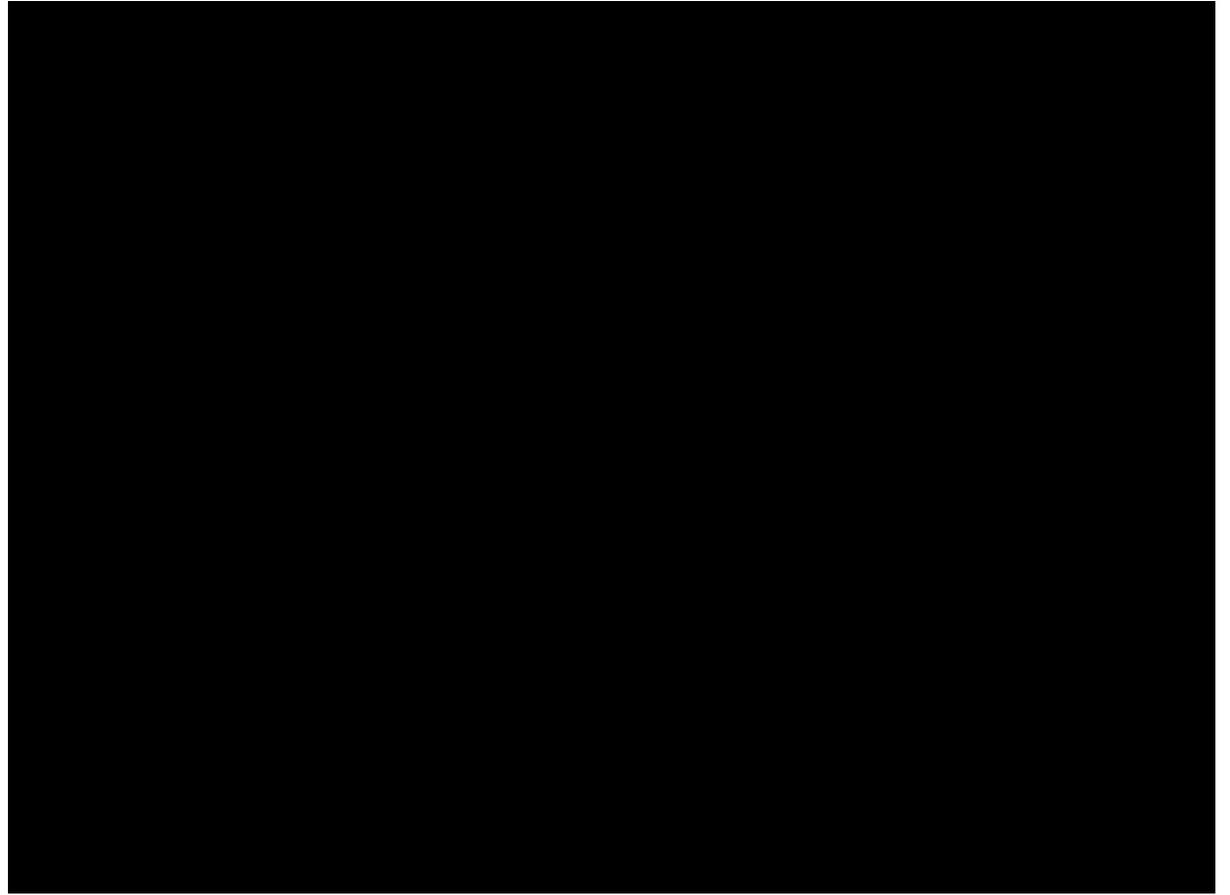
- You are hiring a nanny for your children.
 - List the duties the nanny will be in charge of (you need 10)
 - What training/qualifications do they need? (you need 10)

WANTED!

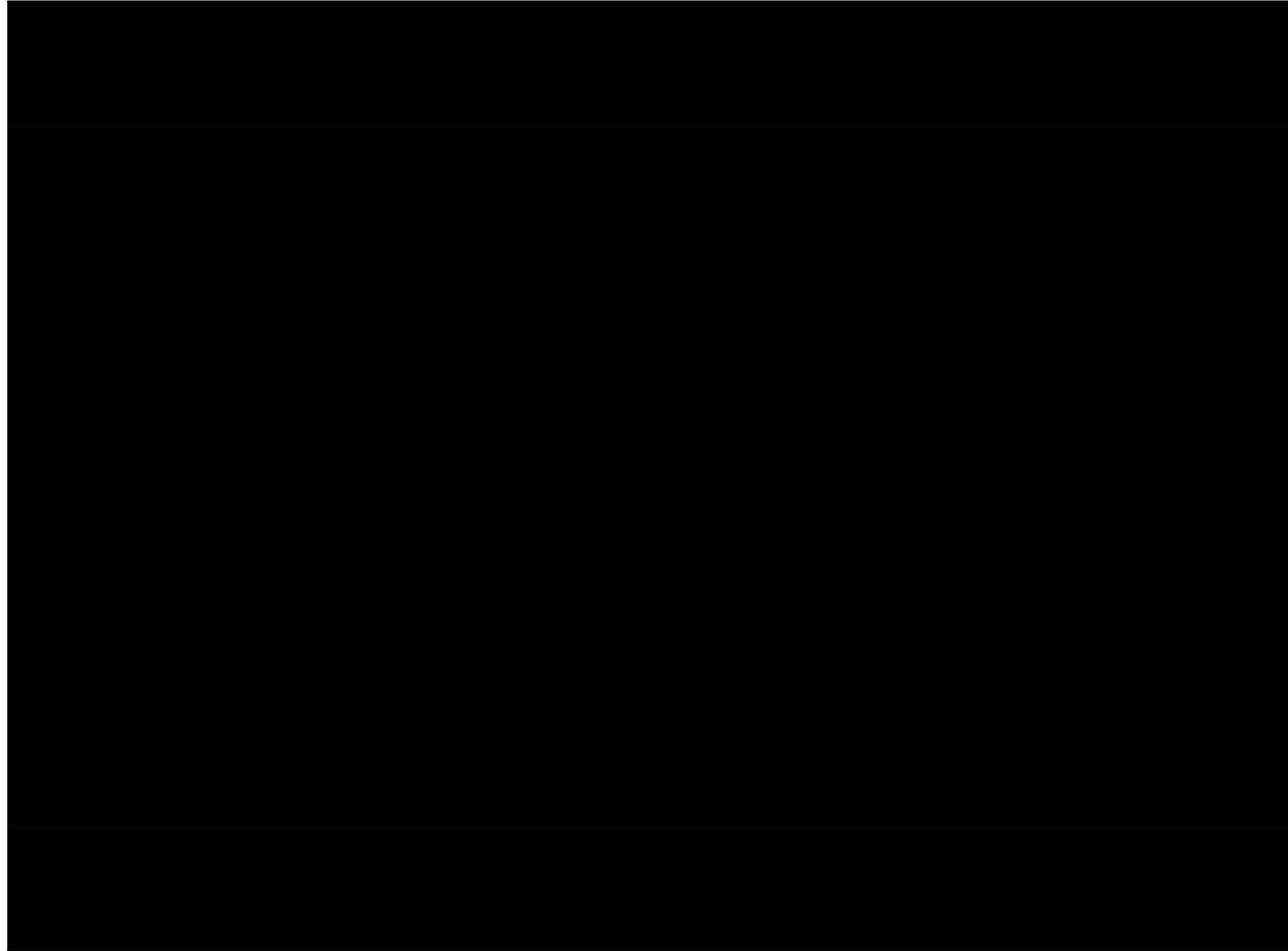
- Hardworking individual that does not need much sleep to be efficient, positive, and upbeat.
- **HOURS:** 24 hours a day 7 days a week for at least 18 years and continual concern for the rest of you life.
- **PAY:** Self-fulfillment, good feelings, maybe hugs, a kiss, a smile, a hard earned grade, something made for you, a clean room...
 - **BENEFITS:** Love, friendship, pride, happy feelings, growth, influencing the future.....These are not guaranteed.
 - **RETIREMENT:** Forbidden. Benefits may not last either.
- Any skills that you immediately possess and can learn will enhance and make this job easier.

Do You *REALLY* Want This Job *NOW*?

Running Errands with my mom



THE PARENT RAP – while you finish
painting.



I'm a Daddy and I know it

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j8xcBmj1sn8>

10 rights & responsibilities

- Parents
 - 10 rights
 - 10 responsibilities
- Children
 - 10 rights
 - 10 responsibilities

Parents have the right to....

- 4. Parents are legally responsible to provide for a child's needs not their wants.
- 5. In a parent – child relationship, the parent gives and the child receives.

Would I Make a Good Parent / Caregiver - someday?



WOULD I MAKE A GOOD PARENT?

The following lists of questions have been prepared to help you understand parenthood. Each question presents an issue which you may face as a parent. There are no right or wrong answers. Indicate your answer to each question by drawing a circle around the "YES" or "NO"

YES	NO	1.	Do you like yourself?
YES	NO	2.	Do you think you would make a good parent?
YES	NO	3.	My family is important to me and I want to have a family of my own.
YES	NO	4.	Is it easy for you to make changes in your life?
YES	NO	5.	Are you patient?
YES	NO	6.	Are you tolerant of people who have different ideas than you?
YES	NO	7.	Are you responsible and able to complete difficult tasks?
YES	NO	8.	Do you like to work or play with small children?
YES	NO	9.	Do you like to read or tell stories to children?
YES	NO	10.	Do you ordinarily feel concerned when you see a child crying?
YES	NO	11.	Do you answer a child's question in a teasing way?
YES	NO	12.	If you had children do you have a strong preference for a particular gender?
YES	NO	13.	If you had a child, do you know what vocation/job you would want him/her to have when he/she grew up?
YES	NO	14.	Can you identify any specific skills or abilities which would be helpful to someone who works with children?
YES	NO	15.	Do you ever feel the feeling that children would interfere with your plans or happiness in marriage?
YES	NO	16.	Do you believe the saying "Spare the rod and spoil the child"? This basically means that if you let your kid get away with a lot of stuff and don't punish them, then you are spoiling them

YES	NO	17.	Think about how your parents have treated you. Do you have some ideas of specific ways you will or will not treat your children?
YES	NO	18.	Do you think the mother has a greater responsibility than the father in the rearing of children?
YES	NO	19.	Would you feel humiliated and embarrassed if your seven year-old child has been found to have stolen some money?
YES	NO	20.	Do you have habits or past experiences that you would never want your child to know about?
YES	NO	21.	Would you be embarrassed to have your friends know that you sometimes babysit small children?
YES	NO	22.	Does a child's play and talking get on your nerves?
YES	NO	23.	When you tell a small child to do something, do you think he/she should obey immediately?
YES	NO	24.	Does it bother you to hear a child cry?
YES	NO	25.	Do you think parents should spend a great deal of time playing and talking with their children?

Write the answer to the following questions in the space below.

A. What are some qualities that you possess that would make you a good parent? How will they make you a good parent?

B. What are some traits you need to improve in order to be a good parent? If you do not improve these traits, How could they hinder you from becoming a good parent?



MOM SONG

MOM SONG

What does it take to be a good caregiver now and great parent / caregiver later?

- **Learn about yourself** (Good parent? Analysis)
 - What were your positive and negative traits?

Parenting is full of unselfish acts —
is your personal timeline ready to do these?

Parenting is full of unselfish acts

THE FAMILY CIRCUS®



What does it take to be a good caregiver now and great parent / caregiver later?

1. How are parenting skills learned and developed?

- **Take risks, trial and error, learn from mistakes, continually evaluate, study, etc.**

6. Based on what you know about Children's Rights, what are responsibilities that parents could do to protect and honor these rights?

What are some Skills, Knowledge, or Responsibilities to prepare you for or enhance the job of parenting?

- Animal caretaking \$17,500
- Bus driving \$32,000
- Childcare \$13,000
- Computers \$44,000
- Nutrition \$41,000
- Chef \$40,000
- Teacher \$30,000
- Referee \$18,000
- Financial Manager \$39,000
- Hospitality /hostess \$20,000
- Office Manager \$20,000
- Housekeeping \$9,000
- Property manager \$22,000
- Psychologist \$29,000
- Recreation \$16,000
- Nurse \$35,000
- Social Worker \$30,000

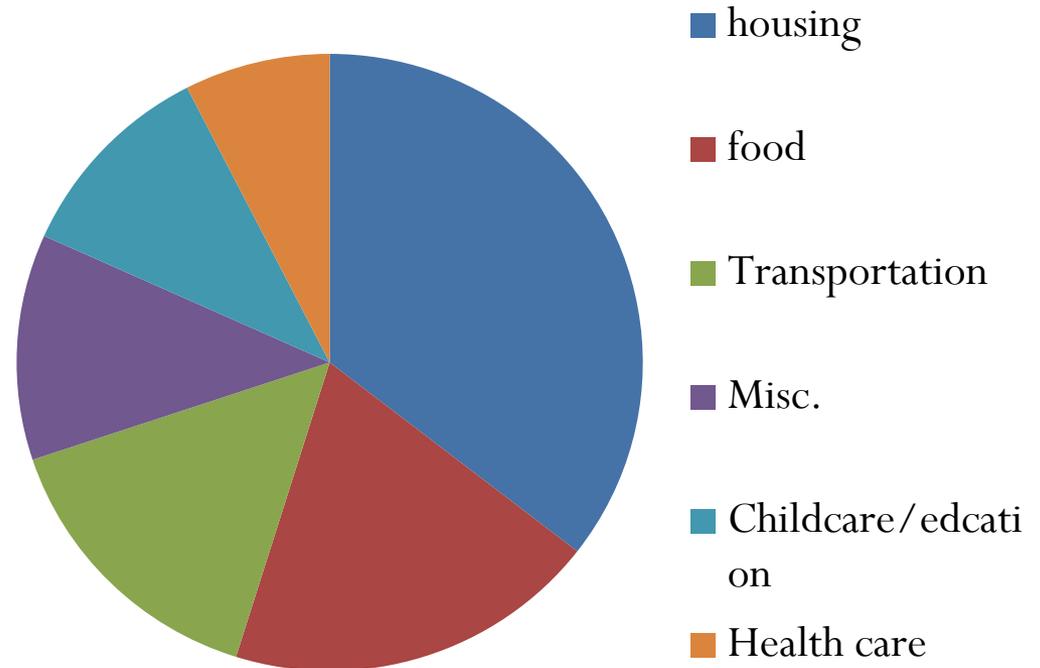
\$507,200

Parent's are legally responsible to provide for the child's needs.

Cost of Raising a Child for 18 years

- **\$178,590**
 - Without College

- The breakdown
 - \$8,896.00 a year
 - \$741.38 a month
 - \$171.08 a week
 - \$24.24 a day
 - \$1.01 an hour



**The parent does the giving and the child does the receiving.
All they want for this is...**

7. Rewards / Opportunities

- Great emotional satisfaction
- Fun and fascinating opportunity to watch a child grown and develop
- Opportunity to grow and develop right along with the child.
- Gives direction and meaning to your life.
- Opportunity for self-fulfillment
- Have a hand in influencing the future.
- Being unselfish is a fulfilling role.

8. Demands / Challenges

- **Not a cure for loneliness. Parenting consists of unselfish actions**
- 24 hour 7 day a week commitment with little time off.
- Lifetime commitment and concern
- Provide constant nurturing environment.
- Takes a lot of energy to be effective.
- Costs a great deal of money.
- Involves giving without expecting anything in return.
- May change the relationship with your spouse.
- Allows little opportunity for self-development until the child is older.

Tasks of Parenting

- Physical Care
 - Food & clothing
 - Exercise and rest
 - A safe home
 - Health care
- Nurturing
 - Love
 - Support
 - Attention
 - Encouragement
 - Teach them how to fail & succeed
- Guidance
 - Appropriate limits
 - Self-control
 - Positive values
 - Moral standards
 - Supervision

9. Parenting is....

Physical

- Nutritious meals
- Proper clothing
- Adequate rest
- Safe environment
- Exercise and fresh air
- Health care
- Proper hygiene

Cognitive (mental)

- Toys, books, learning tools
- Trips and outings
- Lessons (music, athletic..)
- Attend school
- Encourage talents / hobbies
- Conversation

Moral

- Teaching right from wrong
- Teaching values
- Teaching goal setting
- Safety rules
- Being a good citizen

Social

- Providing Opportunities and Teaching children how to get along with others

Emotional

- Love
- Sense of security
- Attention
- Unselfish acts
- Comfort
- support