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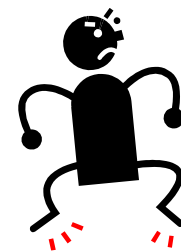
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Tips on dealing with tantrums.



1. Prevent the tantrum. Include them



Eg, let them help make a shopping list. Give them the list and pencil to tick off the items or fetch the items for you,

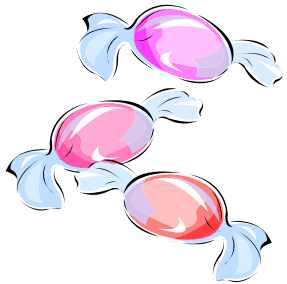
Ok—I need to go shopping. I must make sure the kids do not get tired, hungry or bored. I'll go early and take some snacks, drinks, toys and comics.
may grow to believe it and act like one.

2. Make routines and remind the child what's going to happen.

"Maxine, it's nearly bedtime. You have 5 minutes to play, then bath/shower, brush teeth, pyjamas, book/story and bed."



3. Stall them until you think it through.



"Okay, you would like some sweets love. Right—but let me just finish this phone call and then we'll decide."

4. Find other ways of saying "NO" and quickly distract with another idea.



"Crisps—what a great idea for later, but we need to eat lunch first. Did you know that carrots help you see in the dark? Eat them up and then we'll go under your duvet and see if it works!"

5. Always remind the child that tantrums get nothing and stick to this even in public.

It may be embarrassing but if you give in, they will act up again.



6. If a big tantrum does occur, stay calm and quiet. Leave the room if it's safe to do so.



Ask your child to tell you when the tantrum is over. When it is give them a big hug.