

Daddy Matters: Let's Talk About It

Episode 4—For Our Kids



ZERO TO THREE
Early connections last a lifetime

Daddy Matters is a 4-part video series hosted by YouTube™ star La Guardia Cross that explores why dads matter and what matters to dads. La Guardia is the creator of **New Father Chronicles**, which captures life with his adorable young daughters. His candid and always comedic take on life as a dad has drawn millions of engaged viewers and sparks lively conversations on his social media channels. Each **Daddy Matters** episode can serve as a powerful tool for showing dads they are not alone and for opening up important discussions on a range of issues around fatherhood.



Episode 4 features dads talking about how keenly aware they are of the impact they have on their children's development; that they want their kids to trust them—to feel safe talking to them about everything. It also addresses dads wanting the chance to talk to other dads and to receive the kind of attention and support they see moms getting: www.zerotothree.org/daddymatters4

Conversation-Starters:

- What are your hopes and dreams for your child?
- Do you think that the way you are interacting with and responding to your child now will affect him as he grows? If so, how?
- What are ways you let your child know she can trust you?
- Dads in the video talk about letting kids make mistakes. What is your view on that? How do you think making mistakes can support children's development?
- Dads in the video talk about not finding the support they need—that it's all geared toward moms. Is this your experience? Do you seek advice, and if so, have you found good sources of support?
- What is the best advice you have gotten? Why, and who was it from?
- What advice would you give to a new dad?

Related Resources:

- **How Do You Model Appropriate Behaviors for Your Child? (video):** www.zerotothree.org/resources/1675-how-do-you-model-appropriate-behaviors-for-your-child
- **5 Ways Dads Make a Big Difference:** www.zerotothree.org/resources/1440-the-daddy-factor-5-ways-dads-make-a-big-difference
- **The Robust Role of Dads:** www.zerotothree.org/resources/1910-the-robust-role-of-dads
- **Celebrating All the Dads Out There:** www.zerotothree.org/resources/1912-celebrating-all-the-dads-out-there