

# The Mother Was Right

A lady named Betty Stephans told of visiting a friend whose 3-year-old daughter frequently interrupted her housework by insisting that her mother “come outside and see.”

She would then excitedly show her mother a flower, a butterfly, a broken bird’s egg or a crawling ant.

After the umpteenth interruption, Betty commented, “You’re awfully patient with her, but all these little trips must nearly wreck your daily routine. Don’t you ever just want to scream?”

“Well,” the mother replied cheerfully, “I brought her into the world. The least I can do is let her show it to me.”



What a beautiful approach to take! How right and how wise the mother was.

She gave her child a precious gift – her time. The housework will always be there, as any mother will tell you, but the little girl will grow and before you know it, she’s out of school, married and a mother herself.

Studies indicate that virtually all small children have vivid imaginations, but by the time they’re 10 years old, most of their imaginations have been stifled.

One of the reasons for that is that parents either do not have, or do not take, the time to share the wonders that children see every day. Parents often fail to see that the stick-horse really is “Trigger in full color,” or that the lines on the ground are a spaceship ready to take off.

Too bad, because it’s of such as this that the little ones grow, develop their imaginations and become the problem solvers of the future.

Think about it. Spend that time with your child. Let the chores in the house or in the yard sit a while. Otherwise, the child might not.

While I do not have children, I remember with fondness and thanksgiving the special times my mother and my father spent with me in those growing-up years.

– Beecher Hunter