

## For Parents

Mom, Dad, I have a question:

“Could the whole world be nothing but a dream?”

“If I get hurt and cry, did that mean I am not really brave?”



When was the last time your child stumped you with a philosophical question like the ones listed above? How did you respond? If you are like most of us, you tried to reassure your child, but didn't feel like you could really answer his or her question. You know what? You don't have to tell your child the answer in order to discuss the issue that was raised. How?!

Well, that's what **philosophy for children** is all about.

So even if you are unnerved by the idea of having a philosophical discussion with your 4, 8, or 12 year old, don't let that stop you.

Philosophy was born when people began to puzzle about the most basic features of their lives. Despite all the changes of the past two and a half millennia, we still haven't figured out the answers to all of those questions. Just relax and enjoy discussing these age-old problems with your young child or children. You may find that you have a lot to learn from them. And let us know how it goes!

