"Justice, justice shall you pursue."

(Deuteronomy 16:20)

*Tzedakah* is the Jewish word used for charity. But the word actually means justice. Teaching this concept to your kids may be easier than you think.

**Children this age learn everything they need to know by watching and imitating.** To teach kids about *tzedakah*, make sure your young child sees you doing it yourself.

**Just as you may find yourself narrating a trip to the grocery store to your baby, make sure to talk about your charitable acts as you do in them.**

**Preschoolers learn best by repetition.** Tie your giving to a weekly ritual like Shabbat so that your children see it regularized and start to form positive habits.

**The idea of sharing is also central to justice.** Children this age are very concerned with what’s “fair.” By reminding your children of the importance of sharing, you’re helping them engage in *tzedakah.*

**If you’ve started to give your children allowance, it’s the perfect opportunity to instill in them the importance of dedicating a certain portion of their money to charity.**

Talk together about how much to give and which organizations you want to support. Each family member can take a turn deciding where the money you have raised goes each month.