

Kids do Well if They Can

A Shift in Thinking and Understanding

From seeing a child as:	To understanding a child as:
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Won't	Can't
Bad, Frustrated	Defeated, Challenged
Lazy	Tries Hard
Lies	Fills in
Doesn't try	Exhausted or can't start
Mean, defensive	Hurt, abused
Doesn't care	Cannot show feelings
Refuses to sit still	Over stimulated
Fussy, demanding	Over sensitive
Resisting	Doesn't get it
Trying to make me mad	Can't remember
Trying to get attention	Needing contact, support
Acting younger	Being younger
Thief	Doesn't understand ownership
Doesn't try	Tired of failing
Doesn't get the obvious	Needs many re-teachings