

Ethical Theory for your Inner Child

**When you were a child, what
did the adults say to you about
*why you should be good?***

**Which *ethical framework*
were they using in each case?**



Adult: Don't throw your garbage on the ground.

Kid: Why not??

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Kid: Why not??

Adult: Because **if everyone did that**, this place would look like a pigsty.



Adult: Finish your dinner.

Kid: Why??

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Kid: Why??

Adult: Because **lots of poor children** don't have any dinner at all.



Adult: Stop crossing your eyes.

Kid: Why??

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Kid: Why??

Adult: Because if you don't, they'll get stuck **for the rest of your life.**

Adult: Don't be mean to the other kids.

Kid: Why not??

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Adult: **How would you like it** if the other kids were mean to you?



Adult: *Behave yourself, we're in public.*

Kid: Why??

Adult:



Adult: *Behave yourself, we're in public.*

Kid: Why??

Adult: Because **you're embarrassing me**
in front of all these people.



Adult: Hurry up in the bathroom.

Kid: Why??

Adult:



Adult: Hurry up in the bathroom.

Kid: Why??

Adult: Because **other people** have to use it, too.

