

ONE-LINERS

Kids seem to have a repertoire of “hooks” they use to get their parents to argue with them. Here are some *Love and Logic One-Liners* that will get parents off the hook and cause children to do more of the thinking.

Remember: The “one-liners” are only effective when said with genuine compassion and understanding. These are never intended to be flippant remarks that discount the feelings of the child. If an adult uses these responses to try to get the better of a child, the problem will only become worse. The adult’s own attitude at these times is crucial to success.

“Probably so.”

“I know.”

“Nice try.”

“I bet it feels that way.”

“What do you think you’re going to do.”

“I don’t know. What do you think?”

“Bummer. How sad.”

“Thanks for sharing that.”

“Don’t worry about it now.”

“That’s an option.”

“I bet that’s true.”

“Maybe you’ll like what we have for the next meal better.”

“What do you think I think about that?”

“I’m not sure how to react to that. I’ll have to get back to you on it.”

“I’ll let you know what will work for me.”

“I’ll love you wherever you live.”