MORAL DEVELOPMENT (Kohlberg)

Preconventional Stage (1-10 years)

Toddler
- Bases judgments on avoiding punishment or obtaining a reward

Preschooler
- Conscience emerges
- Emphasis on external control
- Moral standards are based on those of others.
- Observes moral behaviors of others to either avoid punishment or reap a reward

Conventional Stage (10-13 years)
- Role conformity stage - increase desire to please others
- Want to be considered "good" to those people that matter to them (parents, teachers, friends, etc.)

Postconventional Stage (13 and up)
- Development of individual conscience and defined set of moral values
- Acknowledges conflict between two socially acceptable standards and decide between them
- Internal control of conduct - reasoning between right and wrong