**Weekly Email 7**

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1. How do relationships with others affect the identity, values, and beliefs of children and adolescents?

Children and adolescents’ relationships with others affect the values, beliefs, and even identity of the child. The children are influenced through many ways. One such way is exposure; through their relationship with someone else, they can be exposed to different or new beliefs. Another way is through the child’s respect. If a child respects and loves someone, that someone can influence them in choosing their beliefs and values. A third way that their relationships can influence their identities is through their peer relationships. When peers offer evaluations, those evaluations of the child can become a part of their identity.

1. What family members have had the greatest effect on your life and why?

The family members that have had the greatest effect on my life would be my parents. They are the ones that teach me morals, guide me in my relationship with god, and discipline me when I need it. They have direct authority over my life, and because of that, they are the biggest influence in my life. Other family members that have influenced me include my grandparents who influenced what my interests were. My grandmother led me to love computers, and my grandfather led me to love building stuff, either electronic or wood. I would say that these people have the most influence over my life because of the love and respect I feel for them.