



THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE FATHER'S ROLE IN DEVELOPING HONESTY CHARACTERISTICS IN YOUNG CHILDREN AT AN-NAJAH ISLAMIC KINDERGARTEN JATIMULYO, SOUTH LAMPUNG

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Abstrak

Keterlibatan ayah dalam membentuk karakter pada anak merupakan sebuah keharusan, termasuk dalam membentuk karakter jujur. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui dan mendeskripsikan keterlibatan ayah dalam membentuk karakter jujur pada anak usia dini di TK Islam An Najah Jatimulyo, Lampung Selatan. Penelitian ini menggunakan jenis penelitian kualitatif deskriptif. Teknik yang digunakan dalam pengumpulan data adalah observasi, wawancara dan dokumentasi. Pemilihan informan diambil berdasarkan hasil observasi nilai - nilai kejujuran siswa dengan kategori kurang, sedang, dan baik. Ayah dari beberapa siswa dengan kategori tersebut dijadikan informan dalam wawancara. Keterlibatan ayah dalam membentuk karakter jujur pada anak sangat penting. Ayah harus terlibat dalam mengenalkan dan memberikan arahan serta pemahaman kepada anak tentang nilai nilai kejujuran. Keterlibatan ayah yang aktif dalam pembentukan karakter pada anak akan memberikan stimulus tersendiri bagi anak, sehingga anak lebih maksimal dalam menerapkan nilai - nilai kejujuran dalam aktivitas sehari - hari. Hasil penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa keterlibatan ayah dalam membentuk karakter jujur pada anak di TK Islam An Najah Jatimulyo sudah cukup baik.

Kata kunci : keterlibatan ayah; anak; karakter jujur.

Abstract

Father's involvement in shaping character in children is a must, including in forming honest character. This study aims to determine and describe fathers' involvement in forming honest characters in early childhood at An Najah Jatimulyo Islamic Kindergarten, South Lampung. This study used a type of descriptive qualitative research. The techniques used in data collection are observation, interviews, and documentation. The informants were selected based on the results of observations of student honesty scores in the categories of less, medium, and good. The fathers of some students in this category were used as informants in interviews. The involvement of fathers in forming honest character in children is significant. Fathers must be involved in introducing and providing direction and understanding to children about the value of honesty. The involvement of fathers who are active in character building in children will provide their stimulus so that children are more optimal in applying the values of honesty in daily activities. This study's results show that fathers' involvement in forming honest characters in children in An Najah Jatimulyo Islamic Kindergarten is quite good.

Keywords: father involvement; children; honest character.

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I. Introduction

A children is etymologically described as a young person (Jannah, 2020). Building moral principles and a developmentally aware character in youngsters will be beneficial in their developmental growth. Children should be raised to be religious, disciplined, honest, responsible, independent, tolerant, communicative, and so on. Children's character values are developed through their behavior. This can be carried out by both parents or teachers. One of the characteristics and habits that must be developed early on is honesty. According to Galus cited in (Kurnia, 2014), A trait of humanity involving man communicates and acts honestly. The General Directorate of Non-formal and Informal Early Childhood Education 2012 (Yasbiati, 2019) provided an honest character indicator regarding, 1. The child understands the differences between their property and public property, 2.) The child cares regarding public property. 3.) The child is taught to behave honestly. 4.) The son is used to returning things that are not his own. 5.) Respecting public own property. 6.) Apologizing and forgiving somebody who has made a mistake. 7.) Appreciating the strength of someone else; 8.) Willing to reflect on mistakes. 9). Do not stack toys and food for themselves. These nine characteristics of honesty serve as benchmarks for a child's honest nature. Robert T. Kiyosaki cited in (Chairilisyah, 2016) utilized the parable to explain that honesty is an asset that will be very important in everyone's future because it not only makes them valued but also respects others.

An honest character in childhood will develop alongside the role of a father and mother; both fathers and mothers have equal responsibility for molding an honest character in a child. However, father involvement in fostering and character development in children is still low in Indonesia due to the strength of culture in Indonesian society that defines that fathers are only needed to provide financial requirements for their families and often ignore the child's psychological needs such as the need for affection, attention, warmth, and togetherness. According to data from the global index study, Indonesia might be ranked third in the category of fatherless countries by July 2023. (Hidayah et al., 2023). The data increasingly confirms that awareness of the importance of fathers' involvement in foster care and character formation in Indonesia is still low.

According to Hawkins and Palkovitz (Fajriati & Kumalasari 2021), father involvement is a multifaceted entity with emotive, cognitive, behavioral, and ethical components. According to Lamb (Siti Aisyah et al. 2019), fathers' involvement in foster care and character development is classified into three dimensions: engagement, accessibility, and responsibility. The engagement dimension refers to the father's direct involvement with the child and the carrying out of activities together. The accessibility dimension refers to the father's presence and availability for his child, even though he does not interact with him consistently. You must actively participate in these three-dimensional domains to instill an honest character in your child.

It becomes a collaborative duty to raise awareness about the importance of the father's role in forming the child's honest character. Fathers' contribution to fostering

is a responsibility that should be carried out continually to foster and build the child's character. (Benu et al, 2017).

II. Methodology

This study used a qualitative research method. According to Eko (Murdiyanto, 2020), qualitative research is a study that focuses on comprehending societal problems through real-world instances. This study uses a qualitative descriptive technique to describe a phenomenon in simple phrases. The study was carried out from January to February 2024 at the An-Najah Islamic Kindergarten in Jatimulyo, South Lampung, and data was collected through observations, interviews, and documentation. According to Sugiyono (Sugiyono, 2021), data analysis is the process of carefully collecting data gathered from observations, interviews, and documentation and selecting important data to draw simple conclusions for the researcher and the readers. The data analysis procedures that will be employed in this study include data collecting, data reduction, data presentation, conclusion drawing, and the use using triangulating data validity.

III. Findings and Discussion

A. Findings

The observations were conducted on 24 students at An Najah Islamic Kindergarten in Jatimulyo, Lampung South, by monitoring students' honest attitudes while interacting with their teachers and students at school. The observation results were processed into the following categories:

Table.1 The result of observation

No	Category	Indivator's achieved	A Number of Students
1.	Low	1-3	8
2.	Medium	4-6	5
3.	Enough	6-9	11

According to the data presented above, 8 of the 24 students at An Najah Islamic Kindergarten in Jatimulyo have a low level of honesty, 5 students have a moderate level of honesty, and 11 students have an excellent degree of sincerity. Students with a lower level of honesty fulfill 1-3 of the nine factors used to assess student honesty. The honesty markers that are fulfilled also differ because each kid has a different honesty score. The level of honesty of the student who reaches 4-6 honest indicators of the 9 indications used to observe student honesty, whereas the student with a good honestness indicator reaches 7-9 honesty indicators.

Picture.1 Documentation of Observation



Muhammad Mustari (Hariandi et al. 2020) stated that honesty is a humanity that involves an effort to become a trustworthy individual in words, acts, and actions for himself and others. A child's honesty is frequently observable when he or she plays, learns, and interacts with teachers and peers. Each child uniquely applies the concept of honesty.

An interview with six fathers from An Najah Islamic Kindergarten in Jatimulyo, Lampung South, demonstrated that every father always tries to interact with the child on frequently, do many activities with the children, and participate in caring, loving, and fulfilling the child's needs. However, the father's participation in developing an honest character in the child is limited by working, thus the time spent with the child will be limited.

B. Discussion

Honesty is a characteristic that represents honesty in both words and actions, supported by self-consciousness. Family, environment, and religion each have an impact on honest behavior. (Komariah, 2019). These three aspects, especially the family factor, influence one's ability to develop an honest character. The family is the child's first environment and will have an essential role in developing the value of honesty in the child. Father and mother are crucial for developing an honest character in their children, and both have similar and balanced roles in developing and molding a sincere character in the children. A child with a high level of honesty maintains a deep, warm relationship with his father and spends a significant amount of time with him. Involvement is a father's continuing effort and duty in the raising and character-building of his child to equalize and assist children's moral, physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development.

According to Allen and Daly (Septiningsih, 2019), the strategy for measuring fathers' involvement in parenthood includes four factors: 1). Time spent together, 2). Quality of father-child relationship, 3) Father's efforts to fulfill his duty, 4. Multidimensional conception. Here are some aspects of fatherly involvement that can have an impact on establishing an honest character in a child:

1. Time spent among father and his children

A father who spends a lot of time with his kid will find it easier to foster an honest character in his son, but a father with a limited amount of time will find it more difficult

to develop an honest personality in his child. It is because the father and son's relationship grows in closeness, comfort, and warmth that he may lead and advise his child to be honest.

2. The activities between father and his children

Father always has time to spend with his children, whether it's traveling, doing hobbies, or playing together. This combined activity is essential for developing a deep contact between father and child and better understanding the child's personality. With combined activities between the father and the child, you may provide attention and affection, which will aid in guiding the child to be honest. According to Palkovitz (Asy & Ariyanto, 2019), one aspect of father participation is shared activities, which entails conducting things together with the children.

3. Father's Role in foster care and developing Honesty on children characteristic

A father's involvement with foster care has a significant impact on the child's honesty. Fathers who are actively involved in parenting and character development in their children will build a close bond with them. Furthermore, the father's determination to engage in parenting and character development in his children will foster a deep bond between them. (Instiqomah, 2023). This emotional relationship will serve as a motivation for the child to be honest in his or her daily actions. Fathers involved in foster care will have an easier time monitoring their children, especially their honesty.

4. Availability and presence of Father's role for the children

The father has to make himself available for his child, even though he cannot meet him physically. This communication will make it easier for the father to provide direction, motivation, and counsel to the child, allowing the father to play a role in developing the child's honest personality.

5. Father's support in every children's activities

Father being supporting the child's activities entails the father teaching, directing, advising, criticizing, and praising the child's acts and conduct, especially his child's honesty.

6. Father as a good role model for his child

Father should provide his child with an example of an equivalent in the sense of the value of honesty. The father's involvement serves as a model for teaching the child the concepts of authority and morality and permits the father to monitor the child's honesty (Taufik, 2023). When the father becomes a figure who can serve as an example for the child by demonstrating the ideals of honesty, the child will imitate everything his father does. For that, the integrity of a father's honest attitude plays an essential role in developing an honest character in his child.

7. Father's involvement in preparing children's future

The father must be involved in developing his son's future. Preparing a child's future involves molding him or her to be an outstanding person, which includes building in the child an honest character. A child with a qualified and honest personality will be well-accepted in society. Furthermore, according to Allen and Daly (Wijayanti & Fauziah 2020), a father's involvement in preparing his child's future by establishing

positive character and personality in the child will assist the child to avoid negative experiences in adulthood.

IV. Conclusion

Father's involvement will have an impact on foster care if he spends a lot of time, establishing a close relationship with the child, understanding the child, and fulfilling the child's physical and mental needs, and it can establish a warm and comfortable environment for the child. Fathers who are actively involved in child care will find it easier to guide, advise, supervise, and model honesty principles for their children, assisting them to more clearly understand and implement these values in their daily lives.

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