

Four Children

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The Four So



The Wise Child



The Wicked



The Simple Child



**The Child Who Does Not Know
How To Ask A Question**

"The Four Children" provides an opportunity to talk about modern-day labels and how we think of people with varying strengths and weaknesses. Can any child really be summarized with one terse label? Can any individual be described so succinctly – wise, wicked, simple, and not knowing how to ask? Advocates for children with learning differences (or anyone with "special needs") often talk about "people-first language." For example, we talk about a "child with autism" but not an "autistic child;" we refer to "children with learning disabilities" but not "learning disabled children." The differences may seem slight. But we use people-first language to recognize the whole person and not identify him/her by any one ability or disability. So, too, we can think about – and discuss - the four children of the Passover seder as parts of a whole.