Four Sons

Only three of the Four Sons' questions are mentioned in the *Torah* (which all related to the *Passover* sacrifice), since the fourth (smallest) child cannot ask questions. Regarding this child, the *hagada* says, "Aht p'tach lo" (in the feminine).

REASON The mother is supposed to be a child's primary teacher while the child is young.

There is a difference in attitude between the wise son and the evil son: The wise son says "Eloheinu" (OUR God); he is asking a question and seeking and answer. The evil son makes a statement (sort of a rhetorical question), instead of asking a question for which he seeks an answer.

Why is there a “wise” (*chacham*) son and not a “righteous” (*tzadik*) son, which would be the logical counterpart to the “evil” (*rasha*) son?

We don't know who is a *tzadik*. We cannot be sure by external appearance or even by seeing certain behaviors. We can tell who is a *chacham* by hearing him speak or by discussing *Torah* with him.

Yet, regardless of the sons' level of observance, it is a commandment to teach them about going out of Egypt.

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