Questions children ask about sex

Children are taught negative conno-tations about sex as much by what adults don't do as by what they do. That's the view of Eve Kommel, a

years.
She spoke to a group of mothers of students at the Beth Hayeled Nursery of Congregation Shaarey Zedek recently on the questions children ask about

sex.
Introduced by Gall Goodstein of Farmington Hills, chairwoman of the day, Mrs. Kommel said:
"The head of OB-GYN in Hawaii once asked when we will stop teaching our children that sex is dirty so they should do it only with someone they're married to.

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"Each of us teaches our children in various ways, what's good, bad or acceptable. No one has to bluntly say that sex is dirty, but we all learned it."



Children are taught what is good, such as: Eat everything, stay clean, keep out of the street; and bad thing like: Don't get dirty, she said.

"Then, there were things never alked of at all like not to uched yourself, and avoid sex play with other kids." By a mother's reaction to words, a child learns when to close communication."

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The most common question parents ask her is. "When should I teach my children the facts of life?"

Her answer: "You are teaching children from the day of their birth about human sexuality."

MANY PARENTS ask what to do if a child walks in on the parents while they are having sexual intercourse.
"Even a child walking in on the sex act itself is only seeing a loving scene of closeness," Mrs. Kommel said. "If the child asks what you are doing, answer houestly and say you are making love."

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Mrs. Kommel has been married 32 years to Richard Kommel. Parents of four grown children, they live in Huntington Woods. She has taught sexuality courses since 1958 to ADC women and

Beginning in 1972, she taught sexual communication in the Wayne State University Graduate school and has been a member of a United Foundation Committee for the study of illegitima-

Presently she is the business manager for a medical clinic, a scuba diver, a skier and treasurer of the Great Lakes Yacht Club.

She cautioned her audience that everything she says must have a qualifier, that what she says today may be changed by later circumstances.

PARENTS MUST initiate sex educa-ion; they should not wait for their child

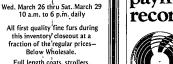
Student wins team award

John Parks, of Farmington Hills, is part of a team of Michigan State Uni-versity landscape architecture student whose design took top honors in compe-tition sponsored by the MSU School of Urban Planning and Landscape Archi-

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"Naturally he had to know what adultery meant."

She said a child too young to learn complet facts will be bored and shut out what he hears. "But he may come back and ask a question later.

"If the child does ask, don't be inconsistent or lle. Honesty and a good sense of humor go a long way in fostering a good parent-hall relationship."

Questioned about modesty, Mrs.

Parents of preschoolers who wish to isit Mayfair Co-op Nursery School are wited to call the school, 626-2759, for a appointment. The school is located Orchard United Methodist Church, Farmington Road, south of 14 Mile Road.
The school has openings for 3-year-

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On touching, she said parents have to draw the line, but must make the point that the body is a private thing, and that there are certain things one doesn't do in public.

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Kommel said two things are operative: Your own degree of comfort and the effect on children.
"Some privacy is necessary and child-should be taught to knock before entering a closed door," she said. "But the parent must afford the same right to privacy to the child."
She said by time a child is 4 or 5, parents should get somewhat discreet.

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A June wedding is planned in Charleston.

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water color painting, knitting, nature crafts, gardening, weaving and

water color painting, Kintting, nature crafts, gardening, weaving and beeswax modeling. Kinder House is a non-profit nursery and kindergarten which emphasizes the artistic and creative ability of children.

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