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Task 2:

 Personality of people forms when they are young and impressionable. Teaching children about social and cultural values is of most importance. I believe that being helpful to others is the most crucial value that a child must learn. I chose this value because of two reasons, which I will explain in the upcoming paragraphs.

 First of all, by being helpful children learn how to communicate and work with other kids, which will be useful to them when they grow up. Kids slowly learn to converse with others and find out their problem. After discovering the problem they learn how to solve it alongside others. After some time they will understand the balance of teamwork. This characteristic will help them with every aspect of their social life and career. An old research study supports this reasoning. A group of young kids inside a kindergarten were given a puzzle. Those kids who helped each other out and worked together solved the puzzle before the deadline. However, those who tried to solve the puzzle on their own failed to do so. Other researchers found the kids after 30 years. Those who were educated about the value of being helpful to others were more successful than those who were not educated.

 Another reason worth mentioning is that children become more empathic toward their fellow men. When children help other people with their problems, kids learn about others’ suffering and struggles. Besides, they learn about the consequence of their actions on other people’s lives. As a result they will grow a righteous conscience which will guide them for their whole lives. For instance, a strong boy will learn to respect others who are weaker than him by helping them with their problems. He will understand others limitations and feel empathic towards them.

In conclusion, I believe that being helpful is the most important value among the mentioned ones. Being helpful makes children to learn how to work with others and act empathically towards them.