

30 Parenting Tips, Easy Ways To Show Your Children You Love Them

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Love One Another

It probably goes without saying, but the best way you can show love to your children is to **love each other. So, Mom and Dad, make sure they know you do!**



- When was the last time you looked deeply into your child's eyes for at least 5 seconds? There is no better way to see-- or be seen by--a child. Take time to look into those eyes.



- Really listen to your child. Don't interrupt them when they are talking, or finish their sentences for them.

- Introduce your child to people. Don't act as if they aren't there.



- Spend time with each of your children separately. It will be an experience they will never forget.
- Hold hands with your child.



- If you're wrong, promptly admit it, and be willing to say you're

"sorry". Yes, Mommies and Daddies sometime make mistakes too.



- Always tell your children the truth. Trust, over the years will bring it's own rewards.
- Always give your children hello and good-bye kisses.



- Display your child's artwork (as well as their schoolwork) in prominent places. That is what a refrigerator door is for. If your child makes it, cherish it.



- Remember, if your child thinks it's important, it's important. Show them you value their opinions and ideas.
- Respect your child's privacy.



- Be genuinely interested in your child's day. Ask about how their day went, and let them share their triumphs and disappointments with you. Make sure you listen carefully.
- Work a giant jigsaw puzzle with your child. Just imagine the quality time to talk while you are putting it together. Make sure the TV is off.

- Make your home a comfortable and safe place for your children to bring their friends, even when they are teen-agers.



- Start a journal for each child when they are born. Write about special moments in their life until they can write in it themselves.
- Do more bragging than nagging.



- Include an unexpected love note in your child's lunch box. Or perk up a brown lunch bag by drawing a picture on it. Put lots of "smilies" on it.
- When you're away, call to tell your children you miss them. Make sure they are well cared for while you are gone.



- Share with your children the things that are important to you, hobbies, music, scriptures, education, family traditions, etc.
- If you want your children to confide in you, show them that it is safe to do so first. Don't break their confidences and share their secrets with your friends.
- Never be embarrassed to give hugs or to say, "I love you" to

your children, no matter what age they are.



- If your child loves a specific brand item (scented soap, bath bubbles, etc.) see that they never run out of it. Take notice of what they like.



- Eat meals together as a family, without the distractions of the TV or cell phones. Take this time to just talk to your children.
- Take advantage of "chauffeuring" time for a good chat or even small talk. As they get older make sure you know what music they are listening to.
- Carry up-to-date photos of your children in your wallet or

on you cell phone. They love you to show them off.



- **PLAY** with your children. Go down a slide together, ride a rollercoaster together, play a sport you both enjoy. Teach them to have fun by having fun with them.
- **Pray** with your children. Nothing will bring you closer than the power of the simple expression of prayer.



- Make a big deal on your child's birthday. Make them a special dinner. A special day of one's own is one of the best gifts you can give to your child.
- Let your child eat from a "special plate" at mealtime when they have had an extra "good" day or accomplished something great, or maybe just because.



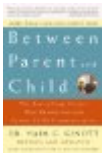
- Try to attend every event, game, and performance that your child is involved in. Sometimes if you have conflicting schedules with other siblings, mommy and daddy may have to split up and go to separate events.
- Bonus: Talk softer and smile more.



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