

**What makes a Good Parent**

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Good parents are people who spend time with their kids. I think that's one of the most important things. You have to always be there for them no matter what. You have to give them private time with each kid. Take them out or just stay at home, but make sure no one else is there. Talk to them about their day, friends, school...if you do that, your kid will feel comfortable talking to you about anything. They will feel like you care.

Let your kids follow their dreams and make their own decisions. Encourage them to do whatever they want to do (unless it's really bad). Let them decide! But you should point them in the right direction, and if they don't agree let them make a mistake. Sometimes it's good for them to make mistakes they will learn from their mistakes. Give them space. Each child needs it.

School is very important. You should make a certain time of the day that they study. If their marks improve you should reward them, then they will really want to work hard. On Shabbat they should not work hard unless there's a test. Shabbat's their free time. Let them rest!

Lunch and dinner are a very important time for the family. It's a time where the whole family can all be together. You could all talk together, laugh together, eat together... it will bring your family very close together.

My parents: They are the best! I really can't complain! I do think that they need to let me make more decisions on my own. My family doesn't really have dinner together, and I really think we should start doing that more often!

Thanks for reading!  
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