

## Top Ten Tips to Being a Good Parent

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1. Don't give your children all that he wants, but give him what he needs.  
Although many parents feel that the world is harsh for their children, they want their child to feel good, so they buy them many gifts, treats, toys and candy. You are spoiling your child. Spoiled people often demand things from the people around them. Would you like your children to start demanding thing from you?  
Out in the real world, life isn't always as easy as you want it to be, and you don't want your kid to always be dependent on other people.
  2. Never yell at your children.  
People are more likely to listen to you when you speak to them in a nice way. All kids always look up to their parents, and admire them. When the parent yells at the child, it makes the child feel very bad.
  3. Never force your children to talk to you.  
If your child doesn't want to tell you something don't force it out of him. One day, when he is ready for it, he will tell you. In the meantime, you should be patient.
  4. Let your children talk and talk about what ever they want to talk about. Always pay attention even if you think it's very boring. Make the kid feel that if it's important to him, it's important to you. This will help your child love you, and that's everyone's goal!
  5. Give your kid chores.  
Although many kids don't like doing jobs and cleaning up, giving them jobs will help teach your child responsibility. Out in the real world, we all know how much people expect from us. Whether it's at home, making dinner every night or folding, or at work, answering phones and handing in reports, it takes responsibility to get it done. Having your child get used to it at a younger age, will help him practice for later on in life. Even if you just give them small jobs to do, for instance, cleaning their room, washing the dishes or starting a load of laundry, it will help them later on in life.
  6. If your child wants spending money, let him earn his own.  
One day, your child will need to earn his own money. Let him practice now. If your child wants money, you can give him extra chores to do to earn the money.
  7. When a child does something wrong, punish him.  
Even though it's sometimes difficult to hear your child scream and cry in a punishment, it's important to give them. Punishing will teach your children not to do the wrong thing.
  8. Don't give your child candy as a reward.  
Kids don't like having things that last for a short time. Even if they enjoyed eating it, the candy will end. Also, giving your kid a lot of sugar, will make him hyper and hard to control.
  9. Don't let your child watch TV.  
The brain is a muscle. Not exercising it, will make it lose its power. Watching TV will have it lose its strength and you child will not think with his full power and usage.
  10. If your children are arguing, don't take anyone's side.  
Taking a child's side, will make him feel like you hate him, and want to be mean for no reason. Also, even if you think you've got the picture of what's going on, you might choose to go on the wrong child's side.
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