15 PARENTING TIPS TO HELP US GET THROUGH THE DAY!

1. When our children come home from school today, smile when he or she walks through the door. Do that several days in a row and our kid will actually look forward to coming home!

2. Next time our children tries to be funny ... laugh!

3. Make a list of all the things our children do that makes us mad. Now, go through the list and cross off all the stuff that doesn’t really matter. Save our anger only for those things which have lasting moral consequences.

4. Take our children out once a week. Promise ourselves that we won’t use that time to lecture or nag. Just listen and talk about good stuff.

5. Ask our children to play his/her favorite music. Together listen and discuss the music with him or her. Find out why he/she likes it so much. Try to avoid criticism but tell the truth in love.

6. Think of something positive we can say to our children today ... and say it.

7. Put a love note (from us) in our children’s backpack or in their bedroom.

8. Before we criticize our children’s behavior, try remembering the Lord’s teachings. Chances are it will help us communicate better.


10. Respect our children’s privacy.

11. Communicate our plans to our children frequently. Let him/her know where we are, when we’ll be home, what we’re doing. This sets a good example that will encourage them to do the same thing for us.

12. Be patient with our children. Growing up takes time ... but they will grow up.

13. Learn to trust our children more. The more trust we give them, the more opportunities they will have to prove themselves trustworthy.

14. Keep our sense of humor. Healthy families are laughing families!

15. Pray daily for our kids. Remember, God loves them even more than we do!