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*You are the bows from which your children,
as living arrows, are sent forth.*

Kahlil Gibran

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*The best inheritance a parent can give to
his children is a few minute of their time each day.*

M. Grundler

*Children are more influenced by sermons you act
than by sermons you preach.*

David McKay

*The biggest lesson we have to give
our children is truth.*

Goldie Hawn

*It is almost impossible for children and youth to find
their way through the seas of life without the
guiding light of a good example.*

M. Russell Ballard

*Live so that when your children think
of fairness and integrity,
they think of you.*

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

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*What we desire our children to become,
we must endeavor to be before them.*

Andrew Combe

*The child must know that he is a miracle,
that since the beginning of the world
there hasn't been, and until the end
of the world there will not be,
another child like him.*

Pablo Casals

It is wisdom to believe the heart.

George Santayana

*Loving a child doesn't mean giving in to
all his whims; to love him is to bring out the best
in him, to teach him to love what is difficult.*

Nadia Boulanger

*The happiest moments of my life have been
the few which I have passed at home
in the bosom of my family.*

Thomas Jefferson

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*The child is a foreigner who doesn't know the language,
isn't familiar with the street plan,
is ignorant of the laws and customs of the land.
At times he likes to go exploring on his own;
when things get rough, he asks for directions and help.
What he needs is a guide
who will politely answer his questions.*

Janusz Korczak

The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom
Henry Ward Beecher

*Kind words can be short and easy to speak
but their echoes are truly endless.*

Mother Theresa

*Life affords no greater responsibility,
no greater privilege, than the raising
of the next generation.*

C. Everett Koop

*In every conceivable manner, the family is
to our past and the bridge to our future.*

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Alex Haley



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*Making the decision to have a child is momentous.
It is to decide forever to have your heart
go walking around outside your body.*

Elizabeth Stone

*We must teach our children to dream
with their eyes open.*

Harry Edwards

*Perhaps the greatest social service
that can be rendered by anybody to the country
and to mankind is to bring up a family.*

George Bernard Shaw

*Listen to the desires of your children.
Encourage them and then give them the
autonomy to make their own decision.*

Denis Waitley

*There is no friendship, no love,
like that of the parent for the child.*

Henry Ward Beecher

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*Once you bring life into the world,
you must protect it. We must protect it
by changing the world.*

Ekie Eisel

Mother's are the most instinctive philosophers.

Harriet Beecher Stowe

*Our children are not going to be just "our children" -
they are going to be other people's husbands and wives
and the parents of our grandchildren.*

Dr. Mary S. Calderone

*When motherhood becomes the fruit of a deep
yearning, not the result of ignorance or accident,
its children will become the foundation of a new race.*

Margaret Sanger

*Before you were conceived I wanted you
Before you were born I loved you
Before you were here an hour I would die for you
This is the miracle of life.*

Maureen Hawkins

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*Blessed indeed is the man who hears many
gentle voices call him father!*

Lydia Maria Child

*Children are not casual guests in our home.
They have been loaned to us temporarily
for the purpose of loving them and instilling
a foundation of values on which their
future lives will be built.*

Dr. James C. Dobson

*Nobody really finds out what he believes
until he begins to instruct his children.*

Anon

It is a wise father that knows his own child.

William Shakespeare

*Your children will become what you are;
so be what you want them to be.*

David Bly

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The best things in life aren't things

Art Buchwald

Cherishing children is the mark of a civilized

Joan Ganz Cooney

*Never fear spoiling children by making them
too happy. Happiness is the atmosphere
in which all good affections grow.*

Thomas Bray

*To those born into the gaze of loving eyes,
life is beautiful.*

*To those welcomed by tender voices,
life is peaceful.*

*To those embraced with gentle hands,
life is secure.*

*To those born into a world of compassion,
life is good beyond all measure.*

Author unknown

*Always kiss your children goodnight -
even if they're already asleep.*

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Dr. Jackson Brown, Jr.



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*Worlds can be found by a child and an adult
bending down and looking together under the grass
or at the skittering crabs in a tidal pool.*

Anon

*It is easier to build strong children
than to repair broken men.*

Frederick Douglas

*To bring up a child in the way he should go,
travel that way yourself.*

Josh Billings

*Parents can only give good advice or put them on the
right paths, but the final forming of a person's
character lies in their own hands.*

Anne Frank

*Parents are often so busy with the physical
rearing of children that they miss
the glory of parenthood,
just as the grandeur of the trees
is lost when raking leaves.*

Marcelene Cox

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*It is my view that our society
can be no more stable than the foundation
of individual family units upon which it rests*

*Our government, our institutions,
our schools, our way of life are dependent
on healthy marriages and loyalty to the
vulnerable little children around our feet.*

James Dobson.

*The test of the morality of a society
is what it does for its children.*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

*I have found the best way to give advice
to your children is to find out what they want
and then advise them to do it.*

Harry S. Truman

*Train up a child in the way that
he should go, and when he is old,
he will not depart from it.*

King Solomon

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A mother understands what a child does not say.

Anon

*Let us put our minds together and see what life
we can make for our children.*

Sitting Bull

*Children need love,
especially when they do not deserve it.*

Harold Hulbert

*When we are polite to children,
we show in the most simple and direct
way possible that we value them as people
and care about their feelings.*

Dr. David Elkind

*Your children will see what you're all about by
what you live rather than what you say.*

Wayne Dyer

*To make your children capable of honesty
is the beginning of education.*

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*Nothing you do for children is ever wasted.
They seem not to notice us, hovering, averting our
eyes, and they seldom offer thanks, but what we do
for them is never wasted.*

Garrison Keillor

*A man who gives his children habits of industry
provides for them better than
by giving them a fortune.*

Richard Whately

*Too often we give children answers to remember
rather than problems to solve.*

Roger Lewin

A mother's heart is always with her children.

Proverb

*Children are not our property, and they are not ours
to control any more than we were our parents'
property or theirs to control.*

Richard Bach

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*Children are apt to live up to
what you believe of them.*

Lady Bird Johnson

*Hugs can do a great amount of good -
especially for children.*

Diana, Princess of Wales

*Life, love, and laughter - what priceless gifts
to give our children.*

Phyllis Dryden

*Kindness in thought leads to wisdom.
Kindness in speech leads to eloquence.
Kindness in action leads to love.*

Lao-Tsu

*Setting an example is not the main means of
influencing another, it is the only means.*

Albert Einstein

*To understand your parents' love,
you must raise children yourself.*

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*All kids need is a little help, a little hope
and somebody who believes in them.*

Earvin "Magic" Johnson

*If you want children to keep their feet on the ground,
put some responsibility on their shoulders.*

Abigail Van Buren

*Children should be taught to use their hands
to create something and they would be less
likely to destroy and be mischievous.*

Oscar Wilde

Children reinvent your world for you.

Susan Sarandon

*Don't worry that children never listen to you;
worry that they are always watching you.*

Robert Fulghum

*An aware parent loves all children he or she
meets and interacts with—for you are a
caretaker for those moments in time.*

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*The finest inheritance you can give to a child
is to allow it to make its own way,
completely on its own feet.*

Isadora Duncan

*It is my pleasure that my children
are free and happy, and unrestrained
by parental tyranny. Love is the chain
whereby to bind a child to its parents.*

Abraham Lincoln

*Don't limit a child to your own learning,
for he was born in another time.*

Rabbinical saying

*If you raise your children to feel that they can
accomplish any goal or task they decide upon,
you will have succeeded as a parent
and you will have given your children
the greatest of all blessings.*

Brian Tracy

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*While we try to teach our children all about life,
our children teach us what life is.*

Angela Schwindt

*We never know the love of a parent
till we become parents ourselves.*

Henry Ward Beecher

Children learn to smile from their parents.

Shinichi Suzuki

*Of all nature's gifts to the human race,
what is more pleasant to a man than his children?*

Cicero

*The best way to make children good
is to make them happy.*

Oscar Wilde

In family life, be completely present.

Lao Tzu

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Children are poor men's riches.

John Ray

*The character and history of each child
may be a new and poetic experience to
the parent, if he will let it.*

Margaret Fuller

*There is no single effort more radical in its
potential for saving the world than a transformation
of the way we raise our children.*

Marianne Williamson

*Bitter are the tears of a child:
Sweeten them.
Deep are the thoughts of a child:
Quiet them.
Sharp is the grief of a child:
Take it from him.
Soft is the heart of a child:
Do not harden it.*

Pamela Glenconner

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*Perhaps we have been misguided
into taking too much responsibility
from our children, leaving them
too little room for discovery.*

Helen Hayes

*You know children are growing up when they
start asking questions that have answers.*

John Plompp

*Coercion or compulsion never brings about growth.
It is freedom that accelerates evolution.*

Paramahansa Yogananda

*Sometimes the poorest man leaves his children
the richest inheritance.*

Ruth E Renkle

*Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain
to miss the future.*

John F. Kennedy

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*One of the most obvious things about growing
to a child is that they have forgotten
what it is like to be a child.*

Brian Tracy

*Remember, your basic assignment as a parent
is to work yourself out of a job.*

Paul Lewis

*Kids go where there is excitement.
They stay where there is love.*

Zig Ziglar

Children have more need of models than of critics.

Carolyn Coates

*Praise your children openly,
reprehend them secretly.*

W. Cecil

Love is patient, love is kind.

Corinthians

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*The more people have studied different methods
of bringing up children the more they have
come to the conclusion that what good mothers
and fathers instinctively feel like doing
for their babies is the best after all.*

Dr. Benjamin Spock

*She discovered with great delight that
one does not love one's children just because
they are one's children but because of
the friendship formed while raising them.*

Gabriel Garcia Marquez

*The work will wait while you show the child
the rainbow, but the rainbow won't wait
while you do the work.*

Patricia Clafford

*Respect the child. Be not too much his parent
Trespass not on his solitude.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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*We inevitably doom our children to failure
and frustration when we try to set
their goals for them.*

Dr. Jess Lair

*Whoever said it first spoke with insight and
you don't own children, you only borrow them.*

Anne Linn

*Even a minor event in the life of a child
is an event of that child's world
and thus a world event.*

Gaston Bachelard

*In the final analysis, it is not what you
do for your children but what you have taught
them to do for themselves that will make
them successful human beings.*

Ann Landers

*The greatest gifts you can give your children
are the roots of responsibility
and the wings of independence.*

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Denis Wainley



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*There are only two lasting bequests
we can hope to give our children.
One of these is roots, the other, wings.*

Hodding Carter

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*...decision to have a child is momentous.
...to be forever to have your heart go
...going around outside your body."
...as could describe parenthood,
...Elizabeth Stone may just sum up
...experience for many parents.
...playwright George Bernard Shaw has
...the much broader observation that,
...the best social service that can be rendered
...to mankind is to bring up a family."
...has been said about being a parent as
...in the ocean but one thing is certain -
...you only know what it is like being a parent
...when you really becomes, themselves, a parent.
...the wisdom of 3000 years of living
...this book seeks to personify the joys
...experiences common to all parents
...to celebrate the bond between
...children and their parents.*

