

## **A Child's Ten Commandments To Parents**

1. My hands are small; please do not expect perfection whenever I make a bed, draw a picture, or throw a ball. My legs are short; please slow down so that I can keep up with you.
2. My eyes have not seen the world as yours have; please let me explore safely: do not restrict me unnecessarily.
3. Housework will always be there. I am only little for a short time — please take time to willingly explain things to me about this wonderful world.
4. My feelings are tender; please be sensitive to my needs; do not nag me all day long (you would not want to be nagged for your inquisitiveness). Treat me as you would like to be treated.
5. I am a special gift from God; please treasure me as God intended you to do, holding me accountable for my actions, giving me guidelines to live by, and disciplining me in a loving manner.
6. I need your encouragement and your praise to grow and become confident as an adult. Please go easy on the criticism; remember, you can criticize the things I do without criticizing me.
7. Please give me the freedom to make decisions concerning myself. Permit me to fail, so that I can learn from my mistakes. Then someday I will be prepared to make the kind of decisions life requires of me.
8. Please do not do things over for me. Somehow that makes me feel that my efforts did not quite measure up to your expectations. I know it is hard, but please do not try to compare me with my brother or sister.
9. Please do not be afraid to leave for a weekend together. Children need vacations from parents, just as parents need vacations from kids. Besides, it is a great way to show us kids that your marriage is very special.
10. Please take me to church services regularly, setting a good example for me to follow. I enjoy learning more about God.

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