

## **To My Child: What I Can And Cannot Do**

- I can share your life, but I cannot live it for you.
- I can teach you things, but I cannot make you learn.
- I can give you directions, but I cannot always lead you.
- I can allow you freedom, but I cannot account for it.
- I can take you to worship services, but I cannot make you believe.
- I can teach you right from wrong, but I cannot decide for you.
- I can give you love, but I cannot force it upon you.
- I can teach you to be a friend, but I cannot make you one.
- I can teach you to share, but I cannot make you unselfish.
- I can teach you respect, but I cannot force you to show honor.
- I can tell you the facts of life, but I cannot build your reputation.
- I can tell you about lofty goals, but I cannot achieve them for you.
- I can teach you to obey, but I cannot answer for your actions.
- I can warn you about sin, but I cannot make your morals.
- I can love you as my child, but I cannot place you in God's family.
- I can pray for you, but I cannot make you walk with God.
- I can teach you about Jesus, but I cannot make Him your Savior.
- I can teach you about prayer, but I cannot make you pray.
- I can tell you how to live, but I cannot give you eternal life.

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