

11 Things Kids Want From Parents

1. Showing is better than telling - I learn by watching you.

2. Love me - Give me hugs and kisses. You can't spoil me with those.

3. Kind and firm discipline - My brain is still developing and so I'm slow in learning. But I do want to learn, if you patiently and kindly teach me.

4. Be my safe haven - Always be here for me no matter what.

5. Talk with me - Don't just talk *to* me.

6. Hear me - Sometimes I just want to be heard without judgement or lecture.

7. Accept who I am - Don't constantly compare me to other kids.

8. Let me play outside a lot

9. Give me food that is nutritious *and* yummy

10. Trust me - Let me make my own decisions on non-safety or health related things. I couldn't learn to walk without falling. I can't learn to make good decisions without making bad ones.

11. Encourage me - Your praise means so much to me.