

Parenting with Respect

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There are a lot of parenting theories swirling around right now. I've found that I can relate to many of them and sort of fit with some of them. But I don't really belong to any of them. I never found a group and followed along. And in searching for how or why I came to my particular set of beliefs, I came to this conclusion:

I treat my kids with respect.

Parenting gets really simple when you realize your children are human beings. Your children are not pets, slaves, or property. They are human. Just like you. They have thoughts, desires, feelings and needs, just like you. When you are considering a parenting choice, just ask yourself a simple question: how would I feel?

We ascribe so many negative qualities to our children. Stubborn, rude, disobedient, liar, loud, selfish, mean, strong-willed, disruptive. We say that our children won't pay attention, are too rowdy, too lazy, talk back, don't listen. Our children don't want to share, won't hug our friends, won't sleep alone, want too much attention, have tantrums, won't eat what we serve, won't take naps.

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