

# 101 Ways to Live the Good News with Kids

1. Tell them that their feelings are OK. **2. Let them see you reading the Bible and devotional books.**
  3. Set boundaries that keep them safe. **4. Be honest.** 5. Make a get well card together for a sick friend.
  - 6. Celebrate the big and little events.** 7. Be excited when you see them. **8. Tell them about yourself.**
  9. Thank God together for each new day. **10. Be consistent.** 11. Admit when you make a mistake.
  - 12. Tell them how proud you are of them.** 13. Hug your child in Jesus' name. **14. Be happy.** 15. Deal with problems and conflicts while the consequences are still small. **16. Believe in them.** 17. Be flexible.
  - 18. Call your child just to say "God loves you."** 19. Delight in their uniqueness. **20. Let them make mistakes.** 21. Respect them. **22. Tuck a rainbow sticker in a lunch box.** 23. Respect the choices they make. **24. Accept them as they are.** 25. Rejoice in the successes of friends and family members.
  - 26. Write a chalk message on the sidewalk to share the good news with passersby.** 27. Plan holiday celebrations that capture the religious meaning of the day. **28. Create a safe, open environment.**
  29. Visit your child's Sunday school class. **30. Encourage them to help others.** 31. Believe what they say. **32. Make a commitment to worship together.** 33. Make decisions together from type of pizza to vacation activities. **34. Be respectful of God and Jesus in your speech.** 35. Help them learn something new. **36. Visit a shut-in person together.** 37. Give them good choices. **38. Let them hear you pray.**
  39. Love them unconditionally. **40. Talk directly to them.** 41. Ask them about themselves. **42. Look into their eyes when you talk to them.** 43. Celebrate the baptisms of family members every year.
  - 44. Listen to them.** 45. Play with them. **46. Work together to serve others in Jesus' name.** 47. Read aloud together. **48. Giggle together.** 49. Sing hymns or vacation Bible school songs as you do the dishes. **50. Give you child a Bible or Bible storybook each Christmas.** 51. Be nice. **52. Delight in their discoveries.** 53. Listen to their stories. **54. Let your children hear you thank God for them.**
  55. Hug them. **56. Forget your worries sometimes and concentrate only on them.** 57. Sit together in church. **58. Note when they're acting differently.** 59. Thank God together for trees and mountains and ladybugs. **60. Present options when they seek your counsel.** 61. Surprise them. **62. Stay with them when they're afraid.** 63. Read Bible stories together. **64. Be yourself.** 65. Share their excitement.
  - 66. Act out Bible stories together.** 67. Call them to say hello. **68. Give them space when they need it.**
  69. Contribute to their collections. **70. Talk about what everyone learned at Sunday school.**
  71. Discuss their dreams and nightmares with them. **72. Kneel, squat, or sit so you're at their eye level.**
  73. Laugh at their jokes. **74. Ask them what they want to pray about.** 75. Show your children pictures of the baptisms of your family members. **76. Answer their questions.** 77. Tell them how terrific they are. **78. Use your ears more than your mouth.** 79. Talk about God's help in your life. **80. Make yourself available.** 81. Cheer them on at their concerts, games and events. **82. Spend time together in silence.** 83. Hold hands during a walk. **84. Invite your children's friends from church over to play.** 85. Apologize when you have done something wrong. **86. Keep the promises you make.** 87. Wave and smile as you apart. **88. Display their artwork in your home.**
  89. Respond to problems by first praying together. **90. Thank them.**
  91. Point out what you like about them. **92. Play Sunday school or vacation Bible school song cassette tapes in the car.** 93. Give them your undivided attention. **94. Smile when you are together.**
  95. Say grace before meals. **96. Tell them how much you like being with them.** 97. Let them solve most of their own problems.
  - 98. Pray together at bedtime.** 99. Let them tell you how they feel.
  - 100. Be understanding when they have a difficult day.**
101. Remind them that God loves them and you do, too.

