

Are you setting an example of respect?

Children learn about respect from watching their parents. Are you modeling the behavior you want your child to have—so that he will respect you, himself, his teachers and others? Answer yes or no to the questions below to find out:

1. Do you treat your child and others with kindness and honesty?
2. Do you admit mistakes when you make them and apologize for them?
3. Do you listen attentively to your child when he is speaking to you? If you aren't able to listen right then, do you schedule a time to talk later?
4. Do you maintain self-control and find healthy ways to vent your anger—rather than taking your frustration out on your child?
5. Do you enforce household rules and the consequences for breaking them fairly and consistently?

How well are you doing?

If most of your answers are yes, you are modeling a life of respect for your child. For no answers, try those suggestions.

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