

12 Things Every Dad Should Say to His Kids

Words matter. Our kids need to hear them. They thrive under encouraging, supporting, heart-felt words. And young children grow up into adults and yet they still need to hear, loving words from a father's voice. Wisdom from a daddy's heart, that lives on long in the lives of others.

Here are 12 things every dad should say to his kids, though there's many more:

1. I love you. Period. No matter what. Unconditionally. And nothing will ever change that.
2. I believe in you. You can do it. Anything is possible. You are a winner.
3. Love God. Love your spouse.
4. I am with you. And even when you can't see me, you can be assured I'm thinking of you.
5. I am proud of you. You are beautiful. You are amazing. You have great purpose in this world.
6. Respect yourself. Respect others. Respect your Mom.
7. Your character is always more significant than your reputation. Never forget who you are and that you first belong to God. Who you are in secret is just as important as who you are in public, because God sees both.
8. I am sorry. Would you please forgive me? I forgive you.
9. I am praying for you. You have my blessing in all that God calls you to do in this life.
10. Work hard. Save some. Spend a little. Give a lot.
11. Don't take yourself too seriously. Laugh. Have fun in life. Every day is an adventure.
12. Be brave. Be strong. But always remember that it's OK to be afraid. And it's OK to cry.

Whether or not you ever heard these words from you own Dad is not the end of the story. Because God is both the beginning and the end of your story, and He speaks love over you today.

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