

# A Parent's Prayer

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**H**eavenly Father,  
Make me a better parent  
Teach me to understand my children,  
To listen patiently to what they have to say,  
And to answer all their questions kindly.

**K**eep me from interrupting them,  
or contradicting them.  
Make me as courteous to them  
as I would have them be to me.  
Forbid that I should ever laugh at their mistakes,  
Or resort to shame or ridicule if they displease me.

**B**less me with the bigness to grant them  
all their reasonable requests,  
And the courage to deny them privileges  
that I know will do them harm.  
Make me fair and just and kind.  
And fit me, O Lord,  
to be loved and respected  
and imitated by my children.

Amen.