

How to Breathe Fresh-Air Life into Your Young'uns



I will hug them first thing.

{Because the Lord's compassions never fail and His mercies are new each morning! Lamentations 3:22-23}

I will look them in the eyes when they speak to me and I speak to them.

{I always have His full attention. Psalm 3:4, 62:8}

I will tell them mistakes ARE allowed.

{Because the expectation of perfection leads to devastation. If God expected perfection, He wouldn't have given us Jesus. Hebrews 10:14}

I will not wait to tell them, "I am sorry."

{Because these three words model humility and wipe out egg-shell walking. Acts 3:19}

I will ask them their highs and lows of each day.

{Both are opportunities to offer prayer and show gratitude! Philippians 4:6}

I will remind them they are a treasured possession.

{Because we are His. Deuteronomy 26:18}

I will create family "inside" jokes.

{Because laughter heals and I want them to enjoy home! Proverbs 17:22}

I will call them affirming nick names and pet names.

{Because it helps seal their identity as a part of my family. And we are all a part of His! Romans 11:17}

I will pray my gratitude for them out loud.

{Because every gift is from God and they should know they are a gift! James 1:17}

I will end the day with "I love you" and "I'm proud of you."

{Because ending on a good note cancels earlier bad ones *and* sets the stage for a fresh start tomorrow. Ephesians 4:26-27}