



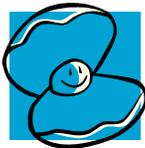
First Nations
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*The Lighter Side of
Parenting*

I have five year old twin grandchildren, Jacob and Maya, who are used to crawling into a queen size bed with their mother and father. They came to visit me while I was still in bed and they both jumped into bed with me. Jacob spread eagled himself on my continental king size bed and sighed "This is what I call a KID SIZE bed."

By: Irene Seguin



My grandson was in class working on a cultural project. He came up to me and asked, "Grandma what clam am I in?" (He was referring to clan)

By: Faye Seymour

Being a parent is one of life's most precious gifts and one of our greatest achievements!

One day we were out on the quad with Shelby (granddaughter) and Caleb (grandson) we were down at the community horse corral and it was when dandelions turn to seed. Our granddaughter picked one of the dandelions and closed her eyes so tight and said, "Oh I wish I wish for my own baby horse".

We ourselves have two mares and one was in foal and we were considering selling her at the time. Well after hearing that wish who could sell her. Our mare is expecting her baby horse any day so Shelby will have her wish.

Both Shelby and Caleb have a deep love for horses. Shelby has a spirit name in her Head start School and would you believe she picked "Horse".

By: Louella Nome





During house renovations when my son, Denzel, was five, we were all sleeping on a bunk bed. One morning I called Denzel down to the bottom bunk for a cuddle. He quickly hopped down to snuggle. I then asked him, "How was school yesterday?" He promptly replied, "I came down for hugs, not for questions!"

By: Velma Sutherland

One day my three year old son was being naughty. I was lecturing him about his behaviour and explaining that he had to listen to my words because I am his mother and I look after him. He interrupted, with full authority, and said, "No, you don't, Grandma does." How can you argue with that?

By: Sharon Nabess



Always listen to what your kids have to say



At age nine I lost my father to a heart attack. When I started my family I had no difficulty with telling my daughter that she in fact did have a grandfather, but he's just not here. He's in Heaven and always watching over us. This became instilled in my daughter's mind, I didn't realize this until one day when Samantha was two years old we went on a outing with Grandma (My mom) on Valentines' Day

Grandma gave Samantha chocolates and a helium balloon as gifts. Well, while we were getting out of the vehicle and walking to the front yard, the balloon that I had tied on to her wrist had gotten away. We all stood there watching the balloon floating higher and higher. Well I thought she was going to "freak" and throw a tantrum. But she did the opposite. She said in her sweet little voice, "That's ok, mommy, my grandpa can have it" Happy Valentines' day!!!

My mom and I had to wipe the tears away from our eyes.

Our Kids are just so beautiful and precious Aren't they!!!!

By: Connie

I bought a box of Lucky Charms cereal, and my son wanted to sneak some, so he calls his sister and he doesn't know I can hear them. He said, "I'm going to grab some cereal, but if mom comes in here, tell her you did it." I walked into the kitchen and he was holding the cereal and he pointed at his sister and said "It was her idea"

By Tarrah George



My child's first words were "play ball" at a local men's fastball game. His dad was so happy he turned to see him and got hit in the bum with the baseball. Everyone at the park was laughing at him.

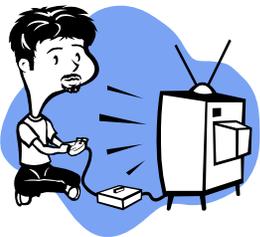
By: Grand Kidz Parents Club



Keep telling your kids that you love them

I was picking things up from the living room floor, while my son was playing video games. He asked me to move so I told him to turn the game off. He said "Gee don't you have dishes or something to do?" I was so surprised that I couldn't get mad at him. I had to leave the room to laugh.

By Grand Kidz Parents Club



Support your children in anyway that you can, Help them achieve great success!

I was on my way to drop my children off at daycare when I received a call on my cell. I pulled over and answered the call. It was my husband. He wasn't sure which shirt to wear, so I was telling him which one to wear. When we arrived at the daycare, my children told the worker that they were late because I had to pull over and help daddy get dressed.

By: Grand Kidz Parents Club



My girl was walking with me to the corner store. She wanted to drive, but I told her that I needed the exercise. She said, "Well I don't need exercise, so can I take the car?"

By: Grand Kidz Parents Club



Don't forget how important it is to have fun, smile and laugh

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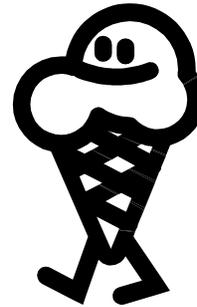


When my daughter Cruz was three years old, I used to let her play with her toys in the living room. One day when I told her to clean up her toys, she turned around and looked at me and said, "It's your house clean it up yourself!" So, I went and got my big snow shovel and shoveled all the toys up and threw them in her big toy box. The next time I told her to clean up she said, "Get your shovel"

By Carmella Montoya



If your pressed for time, remember just a few minutes talking with your kids will show that you care.



Awakened in the night by a sound from the kitchen, I got up to investigate. I found my two year old son lying on his tummy, on a chair, in front of the open refrigerator. He had his feet in the fridge, while he was spooning ice cream into his eager mouth. When I asked him why he was up in the middle of the night, he responded, "My feet were too hot"

By: Gail Moody

When I was giving my three year old some directions, I called him "sweetie", and he looked at me and said, "Could you please call me by my name?" After all at day-care there is absolutely no name calling.

By: Gail Smith



My son and I went into the local Credit Union, where he announced to the manager, "This is a stick up." The manager leaned over the edge of the counter to ask, "What do they call you?" The little guy piped right up and said, "Scarface". While laughing the manager took a good look at his little face, which had seen a few accidents and said, "I can see why they'd call you that."

By: Gail Moody



Don't forget about the importance of reading to your children.

I was peeking at my son and daughter in the room, and he was trying to teach his sister how to count. She skipped a few numbers, trying to bug him and he looked at her and said, "If you can count to ten, you can come to my big kid school."

By : Tarrah George



"Your children Need your Presences more than your presents."

Jesse Jackson



My daughter does not like vegetables, and she was eating everything on her plate but the vegetables. My son looked at her and leaned forward and said, "If you eat all your vegetables, you'll be strong like Spider Man."

By: Tarrah George



I was sitting at the kitchen table doing my homework, when my two year old son came in to ask me something. He started off by saying "Mom, um,um,um...and so on." I finally said "Damion, spit it out" to which my son literally spat onto the floor.

By : Donna Charles

My daughter Mabel started nursery school at Eugene Joseph elementary. She sure can surprise me some times. It was just one of those days when I was in a rush to go to work. I asked Mabel, "Can you get your own snacks ready?" She said, "OK." Everything was going good this morning at school. Renata the nursery teacher asked Wanda to come and get me. I told Wanda, "Oh, no what did Mabel do?" She said, "You have to come see for yourself" So I went to the nursery room. All the kids were laughing, I looked at Mabel, she was sitting there with all her snacks out and she was sucking her baby brothers bottle. She didn't even care that the other kids were laughing at her.

By: Pauline Joseph



One morning we walked to our band office. My daughter and I always go on our CAP computers to check email. While I was on the computer my daughter went to the front desk to talk with our secretary Barb. Well it started off by, "Do you have boys?" she answered, 'No, I have a boy and a girl.'" "Do you have a husband?" "Yes I do." "Do you sleep with him?" Our social worker then tells me, "She's getting really personal now." We all started to laugh and I got right embarrassed.

By: Laurie Woods



One evening as we were preparing for bed, I was brushing my sons teeth, I asked him to open his mouth wide, so I could reach his teeth with the tooth brush. He was too busy yakking and turned to me and innocently asked me to open my mouth so he could see my brain. The first thought that came to my mind was "How?" To humor him I followed his instruction, and with all the seriousness of a four year old he peered to the back of my mouth and with a look of horror and disgust he said, "Ewww, your brain looks gross, mom" Little did he know that it was my tonsil that he was looking at.

By: Trina Setah



**Help your child
to make good
decisions.**





My six year old daughter always asked me where babies come from, and I always say, "Wait til' you're old enough to know." Then this one day we had gotten a new family puppy, a very cute black female puppy. The kids just love her. Anyways my daughter Savannah yelled up to the balcony to me asking "Mommy, our puppy is a girl dog hey?" "Yes, she is, why?" "So, when Tia grows up to be a big puppy, she will be able to grow puppies for us?" She really gave me a good giggle and I said, "Yes, she will be able to grow us puppies" the things children say, it's amazing.

By: Tammy Naziel

My son Michael was born in Ontario. We moved back to my village of Alert Bay when he was six years old. His father is non-native so Michael was half native/half non-native. Needless to say he got teased about not being all native. After a frustrating day of teasing, he came home and stood with his little fists clenched; he stomped his feet and declared, "When I grow up I'M going to be all Native" so in 1985 he received his status card, he could say he is all Native.

By Maggie Sedgemore

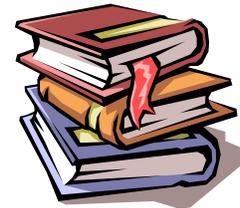


I had my two daughters with me, and we lived in Merritt. My youngest, Jenna, was a baby and her older sister, Chelsey, was playing around when she heard Jenna crying. I was fixing her bottle so Chelsey came over to Jenna and started to sing a lullaby to her. It wasn't working so Chelsey sang louder, Jenna still continued to cry. So now Chelsey was hollering the lullaby in Jenna's face. Chelsey got mad and said, "I'm not singing to her anymore, she just cries louder and I'm singing so good to her" And she never did sing to her sister again.

By: Stephanie Derrick

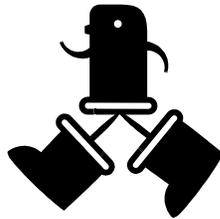


**Learn all you can so you can
teach your children**



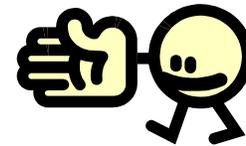
My daughter Cheryl happened to go up the ladder to the roof. She jumped down and got stuck in the snow her dad shoveled off the roof. Her sister, Chrissy, came running from behind the house and told us her sister was stuck in the snow. Me and Jackie ran to the back to find my daughter stuck in the snow. Her dad pulled her out, with her boots staying stuck in the snow. Not knowing what happened to her boots, she said out of the blue, "My boots are in heaven." When the snow melted in the spring I showed her the boots. She said, "My boots came back".

By: Pam good



We were working on a science lesson and I was having the students draw plants. One of my grade one students was not creating tidy and careful work. I said to her, " I think you can do better work than that." She promptly gave me the most original excuse that I have ever heard. She said, "No, my hands are sleepy and need a nap."

By Alison Barber



Being five and a half months pregnant, my middle is getting bigger. My maternity shirts are beginning to be too small and rise up. A kindergarten student noticed this and during a math lesson pointed to my belly and began to giggle. He then explained to me, "You need longer shirts!"

By Alison Barber



My daughter, Faron, got very impatient with me. I'm not sure how old she was, but she was sitting in her high chair at the table waiting to be fed. At the time I was spoon feeding her. I would give her a spoonful of food then sit the spoon down; then feed myself. She got so impatient that she just grabbed the spoon from me and started feeding herself.

From that day on she fed herself.
By: Bernice Johnson

My son, Benjamin, would always say, "Don't bother me." Before the family would even say hi or hello to Ben he would say, "Don't bother me". He didn't like to be packed or fussed over. It was not long after he started to speak and he was saying, "Don't bother me"
By Bernice Gawa-Johnson.

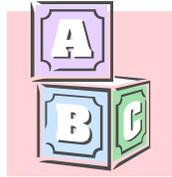


While teaching Michelle, age three, to say the Lord's prayer, she adamantly refused to say, "Our Father, who ART in Heaven..." Her reason? "Because mommy, the words are "Our Father, who AREN'T in heaven..." Because God is NOT in heaven: he's here, inside you and me and our friends and all the people around us" I couldn't argue that one.
By: Mary-Anne



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When my daughter was two, she was really excited about the alphabet magnets I bought her. She proudly announced to my mother-in-law, "We have maggots all over our fridge." I could have died.
By : Lisa



My children and I were talking about names. After explaining that some women keep their maiden names when they get married and others take their husbands' names, I concluded by saying that I took daddy's name when we got married. Five year old Robbie looked up at me, waved, and piped up, "Hi Mike".
By: Mary-Anne



We were on a family camping trip, we were all roasting marshmallows and having fun by the camp fire. Then we all went to bed. When we got up in the morning our three year old son, Scott, woke up and went outside the tent and said, "DAD, someone stole our fire"
By: Madeline

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