



A Child's Ten Complaints For Parents' Commandments

- 1. My hands are small, please don't expect perfection whenever I make a bed, draw a picture or throw a ball. My legs are short. Please slow down so that I can keep up with you.**
- 2. My eyes have not seen the world as yours have. Please let me explore safely. Don't restrict me unnecessarily.**
- 3. Homework will always be there. I'm little for such a short time. Please take time to explain things to me about this wonderful world, and do so willingly.**
- 4. My feelings are tender. Please be sensitive to my needs. Don't nag me all day long. Treat me like you would like to be treated.**
- 5. I am a special gift from God. Please treasure me, holding me accountable for my actions, giving me guidelines to live by and disciplining me in a loving manner.**
- 6. I need your encouragement and your praise to grow. Please go easy on the criticism. Remember, you can criticize the things I do without criticizing me.**

7. Please don't do things over for me. Somehow that makes me feel that my effort didn't quite measure up to your expectations. I know it's hard, but please don't compare me with my brother or sister.
8. Please give me the freedom to make decisions concerning myself. Permit me to fail so that I can learn from my mistakes. Then someday, I'll be prepared to make the kind of decisions life requires of me.
9. Please don't be afraid to leave for a weekend together. Kids need vacations from parents, just as parents need vacations from kids. Besides, it's a great way to show us kids that your marriage is very special.
10. Please take me to worship regularly, setting a good example for me to follow.

