

10 WAYS WE CAN SHOW RESPECT TO OUR CHILD

#1

soft hands - the way
we handle them

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listen - stop and really
listen to their words,
their expressions, their
face and hands

#3

use kind words - even
when setting a limit

#4

avoid baby talk - speak to
them with the same respect
as we would to an adult

#5

let them know what we appreciate
- give feedback "You put all the
blocks back in the basket ready
for the next person!" (rather than
empty praise like "good job")

#6

allow time (as much as possible)
- time for movement, for
conversation, to walk at their pace

#7

include them in daily life –
let them help contribute, also
in family conversations and to
make (age-appropriate) choices

#8

find ways to work with them
("can you help me carry this heavy
box inside?") rather than threaten,
bribe or punish them ("if you don't
come inside right now, i'll...")

#9

look them in the eye and
accept them for who they are –
we can teach them skills but it
is not our job to change them

#10

let them see how capable
they are – set things up
for them to have success;
provide hands-on learning
opportunities that they
can master by themselves