

What Children Can Teach You

There are some things you can learn from being around children. I recently read what one father has discovered to be true:

- There is no such thing as child-proofing your house.
- You should not throw baseballs up when the ceiling fan is on.
- A ceiling fan can hit a baseball a long way.
- Glass windows (even double-pane) don't stop a baseball hit by a ceiling fan.
- If you use a waterbed as a home plate while wearing baseball shoes, it does not leak. It explodes!
- A king-size waterbed holds enough water to fill a 2,000-square-foot house almost four inches deep.
- When you hear the toilet flush and the words "uh-oh!," it is already too late.
- Play-Doh and microwave ovens should never be used in the same sentence.
- Super Glue is forever.
- No matter how much Jell-O you put in the pool, you still can't walk on water.
- Pool filters do not like Jell-O.
- Always look in the oven before you turn it on.
- The spin cycle on the washing machine does not make earthworms dizzy.
- It will, however, make cats dizzy.
- Cats throw up twice their body weight when dizzy.



Perhaps these are some situations that may be instructive for you who are parents. And then again, maybe not! You have your own set of truisms.

A good sense of humor will get you through most problems in life. Unfortunately, mostly in retrospect.

While Lola and I have no children, we have observed – through the rearing of nephews and nieces and the offspring of close friends – that raising children has never been easy. It is life's most joyous task. It is also life's most demanding task.

In any and all family interactions, the basic rule for successful and fulfilling living is what Jesus said: *My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you* (John 15:12 NIV).

It is a short text, but it is a powerful one for families.

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