

## **10 Things Children Really Want From Their Parents**

Please talk less...

... I need the silence to hear my inner voice so it will guide me.

Please create rules and boundaries for me and you...

... I want to learn how to create and keep them for myself.

Please stop doing too much for me...

... I need to learn how to do things for myself so I will be capable.

Please watch what you do...

... I need you to be a good example for me to learn from.

Please look real hard...

... I need you to see me as I really am... just a child.

Please limit my non-academic computer time and video games...

... I want to learn how to make time for reading and creative play.

Please listen closely...

... I need you to really hear what I have to say.

Please coach me well...

... I need you to teach me how to speak up for myself.

Please treat others with respect...

... I'm watching you and want to learn how to do the same.

Please stop buying me everything...

... Your one-on-one time and attention are far more valuable.

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