

What Kids Have Taught Me

1. Kids know how to help other kids who aren't safe to get safe.
2. What kids don't know about serving and teaching others, some are willing to learn... in a safe setting with safe people.
3. Kids get worn out by grown-ups who talk too long and use words that are too big. They get worn out by grown-ups who try to solve kid's problems from an adult perspective.
4. Kids do not want to be controlled, forced or exploited in any way.
5. Kids don't like to be yelled at or physically mistreated in any way.
6. Kids don't want grown-ups to have too many or too high expectations of them because then grown-ups are always disappointed with kids.
7. Kids don't want to be smothered or over-protected so they can't grow up without you being there 24 hours a day.
8. Kids don't want you to say mean things about people they care about.
9. Kids don't need you to give them so much that they don't appreciate what they have.
10. Kids need you to learn HOW to listen to them and don't pretend to be listening.
11. Kids need you to use a soft voice.
12. Kids are not robots or slaves.
13. Kids only want people to take care of them who know how to take care of themselves first.