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- Offer consistent encouragement and praise
- Use specific compliments to reinforce positive behaviors
- Acknowledge efforts and improvements, not just results

"There is no such thing as a perfect parent. So just be a real one. And love your kids for who they are." -unknown

## **Quality Time: Strengthening Bonds** Through Shared Experiences

- Engage in activities the child enjoys
- Create regular one-on-one time for each child
- Be fully present during interactions, minimizing distractions

## Consistency and Predictability: Creating a Safe Haven

- Establish and maintain routines
- Set clear, age-appropriate expectations
- Follow through on promises and commitments

## **Empathy and Understanding:** Validating Emotions and Experiences

- Listen without judgment to the child's feelings
- Acknowledge the difficulty of their experiences
- Offer support and guidance in managing emotions

## **Active Listening: Fostering Open** Communication

- Give your full attention when the child is speaking
- Use non-verbal cues to show you're engaged
- Reflect on what you've heard to ensure understanding





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