

Inspiring Ideas to Help You Grandparent With Grace

Inspiration to be a good grandparent is simple—as long as we have love, we have what it takes.

“C’mon, sweet baby,” I called to my 2-year-old granddaughter.

With quick steps, she came. And as she stood with her back toward me, I carefully pinned the bells to her blouse, which she told me was pink.

The sound of those bells helped me keep track of her. She might not have understood her Nana was blind. Or maybe she did. What’s important is she knew that we don’t need eyes to love, to guide and to teach.

Time swept by way too fast. She’s 9 years old now, and her brother, 7. They both run to me for hugs. But neither needs bells anymore, as they answer when I call.

But the call for a grandparent is different. It’s to enrich their lives no matter what we have or what we lack.

Here are 10 treasured moments that create that special bond:

1. The stories we tell about Jesus equip them to face a cruel world.
2. The embrace we offer carries the warmth of security.
3. The comfort we impart can soothe their soul when disappointment barges in.
4. The wisdom we draw from God’s Word fills their mind as they make decisions for life.
5. The example to persevere, to endure and to give teaches them to do the same.
6. The guidance we provide keeps them from the pitfalls of life.

7. The acceptance with love unconditional mends the rejection of the world.
8. The time we spend with them multiplies the love.
9. The patience we display brings security to their soul.
10. The praise we express deepens their confidence and worth.

Grandkids learn from what we do, what we say and how we love.

Appreciate that gray because “The gray-haired head is a crown of glory if it is found in the way of righteousness” (Prov. 16:31)

Even if you’re not a grandparent, there may be someone in your life who hungers for what you have to offer. {eoa}

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