



WEEK ONE

PHILIPPIANS 4:11-13

Be Content

SAY THIS

God can help you be okay no matter what.

DO THIS



MORNING TIME

Write this on your child's mirror, "Decide to be okay with what you have. I am so glad I have you!"

REMEMBER THIS

"Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against wanting to have more and more things. Life is not made up of how much a person has."

Luke 12:15 NIV

LIFE APP

CONTENTMENT—Deciding to be okay with what you have

4 WAYS TO CONNECT WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

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Now that our oldest child is in school, I'm beginning to understand the crazy reality of widening his circle and tapping into other influences in his life. I know his teachers will spend many of the quality hours of his week guiding and molding him, so I want our partnership with those teachers to be strong.

And because I've been a teacher longer than I've been a parent, I'm clinging to a few things I hope to remember now that I'm on the other side of the playground fence.

1 – MAKE IT PERSONAL

I know the hardest time to get to know a teacher is when my kid needs help or is in trouble. I want to make it a point to befriend his teachers as soon as possible. Ask them questions about their classroom and their life. Connect with them however I can and as early as I can. Show them that I am interested in them and what they do to love and serve my child every day. That way, when there's a bump in the road, my relationship is strong enough for honesty and compassion on both sides.

2 – MODEL RESPECT

As our kids grow in their understanding of authority, I know they'll look to us to learn how to respond when they're

faced with conflict. Our disrespect of our child's teachers could breed future disrespect of us and other authorities in their life. I want to encourage and model respect, and help them learn from the decisions their teachers make—good and bad.

3 – GIVE

As a teacher, I remember being so touched that a mom randomly brought me new Expo markers that I called her at home to thank her. I want to be the kind of parent that gives my time. My enthusiasm. My old magazines. It doesn't matter. I want to show up and show my kid's teachers I'm willing to support their every-day, super-tough work.

4 – PRAY

I think I realized the importance of prayer on the first day I watched that school bus drive away from our street. Talking to God about my kid's day is a great way to relieve a lot of anxiety about the things I can't control . . . and a great way to thank Him for the inevitable and wonderful ways his circle is widening.

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