

10 Ways to be Your Kid's Best Friend



1. Always say "yes" to your child
2. Know that you can never give your child too much
3. Let your child determine his/her own bedtime
4. Let your child express him/herself freely, loudly, and without restraint – anywhere, anytime
5. Let your child have alcohol at family gatherings, so they know you're "okay with it" if someone else offers
6. Never learn the difference between being a friend "to" your kids and being a friend "of" your kids
7. Use inappropriate language in your child's presence
8. What's a curfew?
9. Make it impossible for others to tell who is in charge
10. Buy really inappropriate gifts for your kids (a limousine ride home from school for her 12th birthday party, a hotel room on his prom night, a vacation without adults for spring break)

