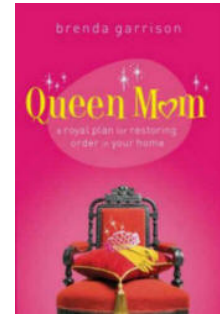




Respect is Not An Option



Being the Queen Mom isn't always easy. Some days peace and order in our homes seem like a fairy tale. Nothing tries the Queen Mom like disrespect from our kids. As young mom I was unprepared for my girls' show of disrespect.

But I'm sure your kids would never be disrespectful to you! Or, maybe once in awhile they are. Disrespect is shown not only in backtalk and rolling the eyes, but in disobedience, ignoring mom, even bossing Mom.

The harsh reality is that are kids are *not* the problem. Sure, they have their share of ownership in their actions and words, but they are behaving as kids do—testing the boundaries, seeing what you're made of. Disrespect is their way of asking, "Who's in charge here?" They want us to confidently show them we are in charge and in doing so we give them security in this crazy world.

Respect is not an option and it requires action. Teaching our kids to respect us requires that we respond with confidence to their disrespect. Below are two cards to use as a helpful reference the next time disrespect seeps out of your child. In the first column list the three most common displays of disrespect from your child. In the next column list the appropriate consequence for the disrespectful word or action. If you have trouble with appropriate consequences, refer to pages 84, 85 in *Queen Mom*. There you will find guidelines from Focus on the Family for age-appropriate discipline.

Our kids want a mom they can respect. By having reasonable boundaries and lovingly and consistently enforcing them, you will build a strong, mutually respectful relationship with them.

You are the Queen Mom! Reign on!

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Respect is not an option in raising our children. It's the foundation of parenting and the key to a healthy relationship with our kids. Respect lays the groundwork for children to grow into godly, responsible, mature adults.

Use this card to prepare for action when you encounter disrespect from your child. For instance, list three of the most common displays of disrespect from your child. In the right column, list the appropriate consequence you will give when he or she chooses disrespect.

Disrespectful Action	Consequence
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2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____

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