

# A PARENT'S GIFT



Gold and silver have I none.  
What gift then can I give my child?

I can endow him with a sense of worth.  
I can deepen his inner security by developing self-esteem.  
I can encourage natural talents and special qualities.  
I can show an understanding of other cultures and other peoples.

I can stimulate her sense of adventure.  
I can present to her a wide variety of experiences.  
I can feed her natural curiosity.  
I can help her to develop an awareness of all life around her.

I can enrich his vocabulary.  
I can talk with him of many things, as opposed to talking "at" him.  
I can listen to him and welcome his unique expression of ideas.  
I can read to him from fact and fancy, poetry and prose.  
I can sing with him old songs and new

I can ignite the spark of her creativity.  
I can kindle her imagination.  
I can accept her new ideas.  
I can appreciate her efforts.  
I can provide her the raw material with which to work.  
I can give her time to dream.

I can mold his character.  
I can set a worthy example for him to follow.  
I can motivate him toward achieving honest goals.  
I can be reverent and hold certain values sacred.  
I can laugh with him when life tests us both.  
I can offer him love.

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