

Five gifts that shape *who they become.*

> *The best gifts you can give your kids aren't wrapped.*

Birthdays, Christmas, Easter, graduation: the days we reach for toys, clothes, money, and accessories. But there are five gifts you can give any day, simple, intentional, and freely given.

First, the gift of needs: food, shelter, safety, stability, everything that sustains them. Providing it builds trust, as your children learn they can count on you.

Second, the gift of wants: the extras that delight them, given with intention rather than entitlement. Meeting a need says you care. Meeting a want says you truly know them, and that takes paying close attention to each child.

Third, the gift of giving to others. Serving side by side turns generosity into instinct rather than chore, and lets you live out the values you speak.

Fourth, the gift of reading. Open their imagination one story at a time: books, reading together, telling stories, devotionals and studies.

Fifth, the gift of playing. Your kids will only be kids for so long. Be fully present in their world instead of supervising it from the outside.

The best gifts are given with time and attention, not a price tag, and your kids will remember them that way.