

If your child's love language is gifts...

Here are a few more ideas especially for parents. Pick and choose among them to try something new you think your child will appreciate.

- Keep a small collection of inexpensive gifts packed away for your child. Then give them one at a time as you sense there is a need.
- Select presents that fit the interests of your child.
- Carry snacks or small candies you can give out as a "treat" when away from home.
- Make a special meal you know your child likes, go to a special restaurant, or make their favorite dessert.
- Start a collection of unique gift boxes and wrapping papers that can be used to package even the most simple of presents.
- When away from home, mail a small package to your child with their name on it.
- Give personally made coupons for your child good for some of their favorites, such as a free spaghetti dinner, an extra half hour of time with you before bedtime, or a small gift next time you are shopping together.
- Keep a "gift bag" of small, inexpensive gifts your child can choose from as a reward for doing something positive.
- Make after school snacks memorable by serving them on a special plate.
- Be on the lookout for personalized gifts with your child's name on them. Save them for a rainy or difficult day as an encouraging surprise.
- Give your child a "song," either one you make up or a special song you select that reminds you of them.
- Create a scavenger hunt for a gift that includes a map and clues along the way to the main surprise.
- Hide a small gift in your child's lunchbox.

- If you are away from your child a few days, leave a small package for each day with a special gift and note reminding how much you love them.
- Instead of spending money on a larger gift for a birthday, host a birthday party at a special event location.
- Consider a gift that lasts, such as a tree you can plant together or a board game you can play together in the future.
- Buy or make your child a special ring or necklace to wear that is just from you.
- For young children, find "nature gifts" such as wildflowers or special stones wrapped in a special paper or box.
- For a birthday or Christmas, shop together for a special gift that includes your child's opinion in the process. This special gift plus personal involvement in the decision can create a highly-meaningful gift.
- Give hints leading toward a special upcoming gift. A "count-down" of notes such as, "Only four more days until present day," help create huge anticipation and a tremendous amount of love for those who especially enjoy receiving gifts.
- Keep a chart and some fun stickers to keep a record of accomplishments. Reward your child with a gift after a set number of stickers are earned.