



What do kids want that money can't buy?

- **YOU** - more than anything, your children want to spend enjoyable time with you. They want your good attention.
- **Time with FAMILY** – share stories and memories, bring family together in simple ways without making a fuss. More time together with loved ones trumps complicated meals, events and perfect settings.
- **Free Time** - unscheduled down time for kids is at a premium now. Be sure to make lots of space for them during the holidays.
- **More Fun, Less Stuff** - Old fashioned play is regenerative; a dose of it is a mood elevator. Electronic entertainment “doesn't provide the same benefits.
- **Spirituality** - Children want to understand how they relate to the larger universe and some express desire to be connected to some greater purpose. Some just want their big cosmic questions answered. You don't need to know the answers but find ways to explore the possibilities. Talk about the beliefs of your family and others.
- **To Make the World a Better Place** - Children know how to dream big and they want to make a difference. An amazing number of kids are ready to take on the world's problems including war, poverty and racism. Finding ways to connect and share concern for those in need helps children discover untapped empathy, compassion and sometimes courage. And it always puts materials and goods in their proper place.
- **Acceptance and Respect** - Kids yearn for *authentic* feelings of connection, recognition and power. They want self-respect and self acceptance. They want to feel happy with themselves.

