

## REWARD IDEAS FOR ELEMENTARY-AGE CHILDREN

Sometimes we want to give our children something tangible, but not materialistic. We want to let them know that we appreciate them, that we appreciate their attempts to do what we have asked...to behave. These are not intended to be used as a 'carrot on the stick' to get obedience or compliance. These are just free gifts, ways to say 'I love you' and 'I like doing things you like.'

- Going to the park
- Staying at grandparents
- Playing on the swing set
- Camping in the backyard
- Helping take a gift to a friend
- Coloring
- Staying up late
- Playing games
- Eating out at a place they choose
- Going to the library
- Going to the zoo
- Going on a picnic
- Listening to themselves on a tape
- Swimming
- Getting a special food treat
- Reading a story
- Staying at a friend's house
- Having a friend stay overnight
- Choosing the menu for the meal
- Watching a special video
- Playing outside
- Baking something
  - Taking a bike ride
  - Helping cook
  - Playing a special video game
  - Using the telephone
  - Going skating
- Making up stories
- Choosing a TV program
- Going someplace alone with Mom or Dad
- Flying a kite
- Playing a game with Mom and/or Dad
- Planting a garden
- Taking a picture
- Playing with friends



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