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Tips for Raising Kids Who Apologize Well

1. Teach your kids to say, "I'm sorry" as soon as they realize they have wronged someone. They should say it as humbly as possible.
2. Encourage your kids to say specifically what they did wrong.
3. Remind your kids not to give conditional apologies, as in "I'm sorry if you got upset." to avoid taking personal responsibility for their words or actions.
4. Have your kids state what they will change so they will not make the same mistake in the future.
5. Teach your kids to look for a way to correct what they did. For example, if they broke something, they should offer to fix or replace it.
6. Train your kids to end an apology by asking the other person to forgive them.
7. Remind your kids how quickly and thoroughly God forgives them when they ask Him to forgive them. They should forgive others just as quickly – even if the other person never apologizes.

Bible Verses to Share With Your Kids About Forgiveness

- Ephesians 4:32
- Mark 11:25
- Matthew 6:14-15
- Matthew 18:21-22
- Colossians 3:13
- Luke 17:3-4
- 1 John 1:9-10
- Matthew 5:23-24