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Child-Friendly Visual Family Guidelines

A simple version for young children, non-readers, and anyone who learns better with pictures

The full Family Guidelines document is for adults and older kids. This version is for the four-year-old, the kindergartner, the kid who can't yet read fluently. It's also useful as a quick reference that anyone in the family can scan in two seconds.

The rule: keep it short. Five to seven items, max. If a child can't remember it, it's too long.

Use real pictures of your family if you can. A photo of your kids being kind to each other is more powerful than a clip-art icon. Even a simple snapshot taped onto each rule increases recall enormously for young children.

Keep it big and simple. Small text and busy backgrounds defeat the purpose. White space is your friend.

Pair it with a single mantra. A short phrase, said often, sticks where rules don't. (See the Mantra Builder for help with this.)

Use the words your family actually uses. "*Gentle hands*" is good for a four-year-old. A nine-year-old might roll their eyes at it. Adjust for your kids with big icons. Hang it at child eye level.

A brief note for parents


Young children don't internalize rules through written documents. They internalize through repetition, through tone, and through what they watch the adults around them actually do. The visual chart is a backup. The real teaching happens in the small moments, every day, in how you handle yourself when things get hard.


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Our Family Rules


 **Kind words** We speak to each other the way we want to be spoken to.


 **Gentle hands** We keep our bodies safe. No hitting, no grabbing, no rough stuff.

 **Respectful looks** We don't make mean faces or roll our eyes when someone's talking.

 **Clean up after ourselves** We take care of our space. We don't leave messes for other people.

 **Fix mistakes** When we mess up, we say sorry and we make it right.

 **Help each other** We notice when someone needs help, and we offer.

 **Stop means stop** When someone says stop, we stop. Right away.