

# KIDS

What are kids anyway?

Kids, actually children, are souls recently born on earth.

Kids are:

PRO

Life  
Love  
Forgiveness  
Giving  
Learning  
Growing  
Compassionate  
clothes  
All knowing  
Intuitive  
Communicative without words  
Teachers  
Students  
Mentors (yes, you do not have to be old to be a mentor)  
Motivating  
Motivated  
Empowered  
Empowering to others  
Inspiring  
Smart  
Enriching  
Innocent  
Accepting

CON

Time Consuming  
Needy  
Expensive  
Demanding  
Trouble  
Can't be left alone  
always outgrowing

The above list is not complete, and each one of us may add or delete various items. I trust that we all agree that the pros of kids far outweigh the cons of kids.

For many of us, kids are our inspiration, our reason for being, and our happiness. Think of what we do and would do for kids.

Some of us, even when we are in our 60's, are still called kids. We are called kids as we have fun, fool around, laugh and play. Well, what's wrong with that? Sure, we have to work, to produce, and to care for one another. But, we can still play, we can still laugh, and we can still smile while doing it. Why not make it fun, interesting, and exciting?

The value of kids is an overwhelming subject. Looking at the list of words above, one could write so many words, feelings, and emotions they have had personally on any one of the words. While personal, I am sure most of us have had the same feelings and emotions.

The bottom line is kids bring out the feeling and emotion of love. While it may be hard to define, love is a feeling and we all feel it. Kids seem to bring it out and make us aware. Is it their unconditional love of others that does it? Is it their acceptance of us? Is it their love without judgment? If we only knew.

No we do not have to have our own kids to learn the lessons of kids. Some of us do not want to have kids, can't, or just didn't. That does not mean these people do not appreciate kids or enjoy them. The good news is we are all a little different and we all do things our own way.

What we do know is that kids love unconditionally, and we love them in return. We know, when we stop and reflect on it, what they are teaching us. They show us what we were, and what we have lost. Oh, to get back to those days of being a free loving kid without all the judgment, all the negative interactions, and all the unhealthy competition.

It seems that when people are older and retired they revert back to being a kid. They no longer have to compare to another, they no longer have to win, and they are glad to share and are far slower to judge and condemn another.

For me, I want a kid, like Cameron, as my mentor. Watching him I can and do learn so much. I am reminded of lessons I learned at his age but cast aside as I aged and interacted in the world of today. Now I know I'd be better off, and the world would be better off if we were still kids.

So, let's be kids. Even the afternoon nap is a great idea!