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10% for savings.

The rest was tracked on a simple ledger.



| 17 life skills every parent must teach their kids before they leave home: |
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| My oldest child went to college last year. |
| My second will leave home in 10 months. |
| As a parent, you fear that you failed to prepare your kids for life on their own. |
| Preparing well for anything starts with covering some of the basics. |
| 17 simple life kills your kids must have: |
| How to do laundry: |
| When my daughter got to college, she texted me the first weekend. |
| "Thanks for making us do our own wash." |
| She had just spent an hour teaching four people how to sort and wash their laundry. |
| It's hard to succeed in life wearing dirty, smelly clothes. |
| How to save and spend: |
| Schools don't teach financial literacy. |
| You've got to teach your kids how to handle money. |
| Growing up, I got a small allowance. |
| 10% was put aside for giving. |

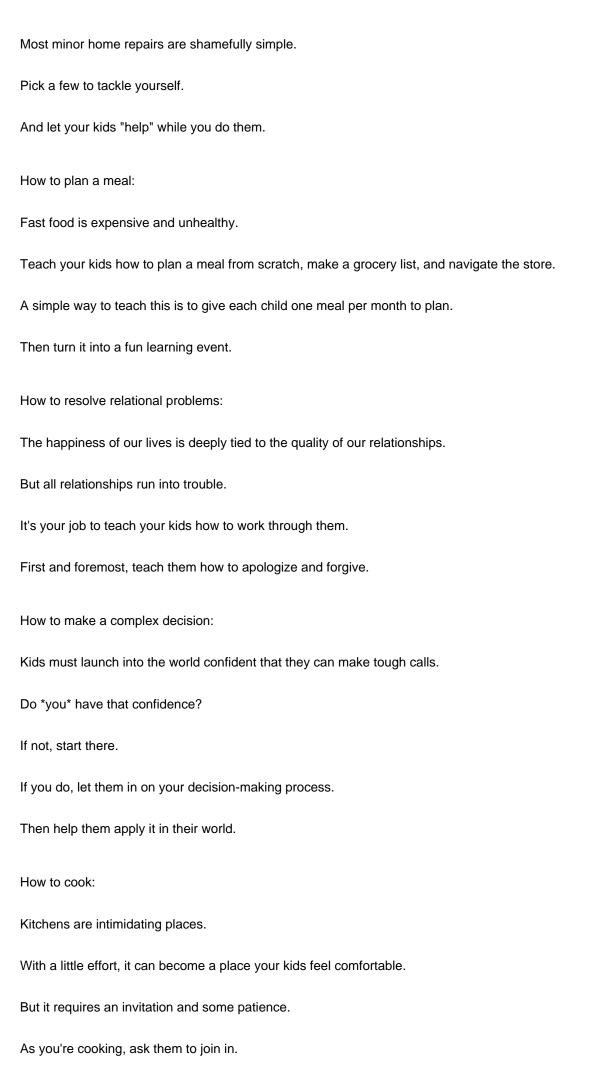
| Small habit. Big, lifelong payoff. |
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| How to introduce yourself: |
| Your kids will spend their lives making first impressions. |
| Make sure they know (and practice) the basics: |
| - Firm handshake |
| - Look the other person in the eye |
| - Speak their name clearly |
| - Repeat the other person's name |
| - Finish with a pleasantry |
| How to give a presentation: |
| Basic presentation skills are the foundation of a successful career. |
| Home is the perfect practice field. |
| Whether it's verbal book reports or speeches about the merits of dessert, |
| Help your kids overcome the fear of speaking to a group. |
| How to care for a vehicle: |
| My wife was taught nothing about cars growing up. |
| Which cost me a new engine in our second year of marriage. |
| At a minimum, kids need to know how to: - Pump gas - Change a tire - Check and add tire pressure |

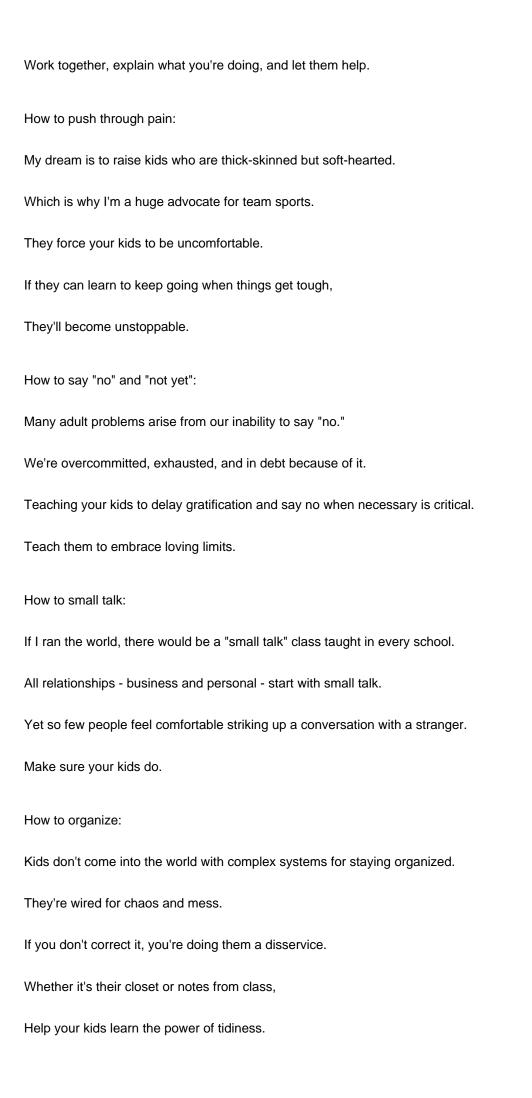
How to complete minor home repairs:

- Interpret the car warning lights

I was taught nothing about home repairs growing up.

Which cost me a flooded kitchen in my third year of marriage.





| How to navigate transportation: |
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| I have a friend who has a rule for his kids: |
| Once you hit 13, you're in charge of logistics when we travel. |
| He teaches them: |
| - How an airport works - How to map subway stops - How to catch a public bus |
| By 16, they're seasoned travelers. |
| How to discern what's good for them: |
| Years ago I wrote my definition of maturity: |
| Being able to see the difference between what's good for you and what's not, |
| And consistently choosing the good. |
| Not everything you desire is beneficial. |
| Help your kids learn to choose wisely. |
| How to see the larger story: |
| I'm a believer in raising kids in a religious faith. |
| Yes, there are problems with it. |
| But it teaches them something incredibly powerful: |
| I'm part of a larger story. Everything is not about me. |
| It will help them put things in their proper place. |
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