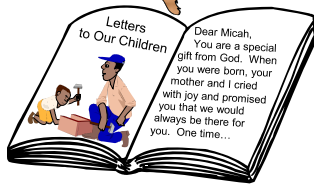


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# Just Grace

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Objectives: ... create a collection of letters from parents to their children  
... to share goals and fond memories  
... to model writing and reinforce personal worth

## Family Project: Letters to Our Children

Grace's mom and dad talked to Grace often. They probably wrote notes and letters to her often. In these days of busy lives and full schedules, kids still need to get letters from their families.

This year-long activity will enable your students to have that opportunity as their parents share their character-building wisdom. Buy one simple, attractive, lined book. Glue the form on the right inside the front cover. Be sure to sign it. Give it to one child at a time to take home to his/her family. When it comes back, share it aloud with the class. Then, pass it to another family. You will soon see parenting skills growing and children glowing.

Hopefully, you, too, will be reminded in a fresh new way what a blessing each child **really** is.

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### Letters to Our Children

Dear Parents:

This year you will be writing a book for your children! It will be made entirely of letters from the parents of young persons in my class. We will sent this book home with a different student each time it is returned by another.

Some of the exciting things you might like to include are:

- \* Telling your child how special he or she is to you
- \* Describing the **BEST** things (physically, mentally, socially, and creatively) about your child
- \* Remembering a favorite experience you had together
- \* Telling the funniest experience you have had with your child
- \* Explaining what you believe are important things for your child to remember as he or she grows up
- \* Predicting what you believe your child will become when he or she is grown



I look forward to reading your letters and learning more about your child through it. Remember, **YOU** are your child's first and most important teacher!

Keep walkin' in the sunshine and passin' it along!

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