

* How We Create *

Entitlement in Our Children:

(without realizing it)

Not enforcing boundaries:

"It's fine, you can watch one more show."



Rules don't apply to me.

Overpraising for ordinary things:

"You finished your homework! You're the smartest!!!"



I should be praised for every little thing I do.

Give in to demands:

"Fine, you can have ice cream, just stop whining."



If I whine, I'll get whatever I want.

Solving all their problems:

"I'll talk to your teacher and take care of this."



Someone else will solve my problems.

Comparing to others:

"You're so much smarter than all these kids."



I'm better than others, and I should always be treated that way.

Ways to avoid entitlement:

Praise when they worked hard:

"I'm proud of how hard you worked on this project."

Avoid comparing them to others:

"Everyone has their strengths and challenges, and that's okay."

Teach accountability:

"Let your teacher know that you forgot to finish your homework."

Set and enforce clear boundaries:

"Bedtime is at 8 PM. Sticking to rules is important."

Limit material rewards:

"Let's celebrate without buying anything."

