

Q & A Forum

Biblical Encouragement for Moms

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Topic Six: She understands the meaning of love,
as defined in the Bible.

What are some loving ideas for helping my child follow
through with cleaning her room?

1. Tell her you will walk through the room & give her the “Top Five” areas that need work. Then, take a “before picture.” Take a “half time picture” ½ hour later, and after one hour, take another picture. Take another hour if needed, after a break. Post the clean picture for all to see & to remind her **how great a clean room looks!**
2. Put a “plan to clean” on paper, with cute stickers.
Example:
 1. Make the bed look smooth & neat.
 2. Pick up anything on the floor. Put in box to give away, or throw away...or put it away in drawer or closet.
 3. Vacuum floor.
 4. Organize clothes in closet

Give 24 hrs notice. Have her check off the areas as she cleans. Set a time limit, using a timer.
3. Go with your son and be a “clean detective.” Between the two of you, and your magnifying glass, write down what needs to be done. Maybe you will have 6 categories. **Cut the six categories in strips and put into a little box.** Your son can mix them up and pull out one at a time to clean. Give him a quarter or a marshmallow for each category completed. When the room is clean, give him 100 points on a chart. This could be exchanged into spending money for a vacation.
4. Make a punch card for Saturdays and call it “**Clean up Club**” A reward is given when the card is full. Make the card from an index card - very colorful to their taste! Choose only one day of the week for cleaning, or they will procrastinate.