**Parenting - Funnies**

**Adolescence is a period of rapid changes. Between the ages of 12 and 17, for example, a parent ages as much as 20 years. (Changing Times, The Kiplinger Magazine)**

**A perfect parent is a person with excellent child-rearing theories and no actual children. *(Dave Barry)***

**There are two things in this life for which we are never fully prepared: twins. (Josh Billings)**

**Wife says to husband: “Let's try getting up every night at 2:00 a.m. to feed the cat. If we enjoy doing that, then we can talk about having a baby.” *(Randy Glasbergen cartoon)***

**Parents are not interested in justice. They’re interested in peace and quiet. (Bill Cosby)**

**Until you become a parent, you can’t begin to discover your capacity for strength, love and fatigue. (Peter Gallagher, in In Style)**

**I was attending a community-education course on effective parenting. Ways of dealing with children's behavior were discussed. At the last class, the instructor asked a very frazzled-looking mother of two, “Have any of these methods helped you handle your kids better?" “No,” the woman responded. “But they've worked wonders on my husband!” (Lynn G. Keinath, in Reader's Digest)**

**Who comforts them each time they cry? Mama! Who keeps them healthy, clean and dry? Mama! She soothes the knee they skin at play, and feeds them many times a day. So what’s the first word they say? Dada! (Submitted by Mrs. Mary Ann Baumann)**

**Did Mary and Joseph ever get up enough nerve to send Jesus to his room? *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**Having one child makes you a parent; having two makes you a referee. (Tidbits)**

**I heard our cousin, who was visiting from Scotland, say to my 4-year-old son, "Geordie, do you realize how good your parents are to you?" I saw him turn cold brown eyes on her and reply, "It's their job." I broke up with laughter after bolting to the kitchen." (Laurie Hardie, in Country Extra magazine)**

**Kids. They’re not easy. But there has to be some penalty for sex. (Bill Maher)**

**There is no scientific proof that a woman who has a career will have her children turn out bad. There’s also no proof that a woman who stays home and gives her life to her children will have them turn out good. In fact, when it comes to children, there’s no proof of anything. Good luck. (Barbara & Jim Dale, in The Working Woman’s Book)**

**Parenthood:**

* **Being a parent is like being pecked to death by a duck.**
* **Money isn’t everything, but it sure keeps the kids in touch.**
* **Your life’s “Golden Age” is the period when your kids are too old to require a baby sitter and too young to take the car.**
* **Shouting at your children to get their cooperation is about the same as steering your car using the horn . . . same results.**
* **Any child can tell you the sole purpose of a middle name is so they can tell when they are really in trouble.**
* **The only true child experts are those who do not yet have any of their own.**
* **Cleaning house with the children at home is like snowblowing during a blizzard.**
* **There are only two things that your child is absolutely willing to share: communicable diseases and their mother’s age. (Rocky Mountain News)**

**The real menace in dealing with a 5-year-old is that in no time at all you begin to sound like a 5-year-old. (Jean Kerr, writer)**

**Having children is like living in a frat house -- nobody sleeps, everything's broken, and there's a lot of throwing up. (Ray Romano)**

**Having a two-year-old is like having a blender that you don’t have the top for. (Jerry Seinfeld)**

**Statistics don't lie! If you're parents never had children, chances are you won't either. (The PassTime Paper)**

**Thoughts on raising children:**

* **Raising a teen-ager is like nailing Jell-O to a tree.**
* **Life’s golden age is when the kids are too old to need baby-sitters and too young to borrow the family car.**
* **Grandparents are similar to a piece of string . . . handy to have around and easily wrapped around the fingers of grandchildren.**
* **No wonder kids are confused today. Half the adults tell them to find themselves; the other half tell them to get lost.**
* **Kids really brighten a household; they never turn off any lights. (Rocky Mountain News)**

**Most of the time I feel entirely unqualified to be a parent. I call these times being awake. (Jim Gaffigan, comedian)**

**At times I want children, like when I’m lying down and can’t reach the remote, I think, “Boy, a kid would be nice right now.” (The PassTime Paper)**

**With the kids up and crying all night, the husband says to his wife: “Parenting would be easier . . . if we didn't need sleep.” *(Lynn Johnson, in For Better Or For Worse comic strip)***

**I asked my brother-in-law, the father of four boys, "If you had it to do all over again, would you still have kids?" "Yes," he said. "Just not these four." *(Sheila Lee, in Reader's Digest)***

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***