

A Baking Recipe for Parenting

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*Parenting is like baking a good cake
The ingredients cannot be a fake*

*The dough is the first to prepare
Raise your child with kindness and care*

*And just like the core of most cakes is the filling
Love is the core that's ultimately fulfilling*

*Baking requires all kinds of tools
Kids need to know how to follow some rules*

*A cake can be round, it can be square
Kids you should never try to compare*

*Just as every cake is unique
Focusing on your child's strengths is the right technique*

*Cakes at times have appealing decorations
Teach kids to, at times, resist some temptations*

*And let's not forget the importance of sweet
Kids need to learn integrity to never cheat*

*It always helps to bake your cake with optimism
Raising kids should be free of put downs and criticism*

*There is shortcake, there is pie even a torte
Children need plenty of acknowledgment and constant support*

*A strawberry funnel cake requires a hollow
Teach by example which values to follow*

*Making smart decisions is always the goal
To achieve that, kids need to develop confidence and self-control*

*The cake is so yummy let others enjoy
When kids learn to share it brings on much joy*

*Doing this job you never get bored
And you won't even get a direct reward*

*Kids tend to expect, demand and take
When they smile at you that's the icing on the cake*

*And with patience, hard work and some debt
As you look back, please have no regret*

*And like a good chef with some unwritten rules
Don't treat kids like objects, treat them like jewels*

*Because children will our future create
Encourage and trust them and we'll all feel so great*