



The Wholehearted Parenting Manifesto

Above all else, I want you to know that *you are loved and lovable*. You will learn this from my words and actions – the lessons on love are in how I treat you and how I treat myself.

I want you to engage with the world from a place of worthiness. You will learn that *you are worthy of love, belonging, and joy* every time you see me practice self-compassion and embrace my own imperfections.

We will practice *courage* in our family by showing up, letting ourselves be seen, and honoring vulnerability. We will share our stories of struggle and strength. There will always be room in our home for both.

We will teach you compassion by practicing *compassion* with ourselves first; then with each other. We will set and respect *boundaries*; we will honor hard work, hope, and perseverance. *Rest and play* will be family values, as well as family practices.

You will learn *accountability and respect* by watching me make mistakes and make amends, and by watching how I ask for what I need and talk about how I feel.

I want you to know *joy*, so together we will practice *gratitude*.

I want you to *feel* joy, so together *we will learn how to be vulnerable*.

When uncertainty and scarcity visit, you will be able to draw from the *spirit* that is a part of our everyday life.

Together we will cry and face fear and grief. I will want to take away your pain, but instead I will sit with you and *teach you how to feel it*.

We will *laugh and sing and dance and create*. We will always have permission to be ourselves with each other. No matter what, *you will always belong here*.

As you begin your Wholehearted journey, the greatest gift that I can give to you is to *live and love with my whole heart* and to *dare greatly*.

I will not teach or love or show you anything perfectly, but I will let you see me, and I will always hold sacred the gift of seeing you. *Truly, deeply seeing you*.

- from *Daring Greatly* by Brené Brown -