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1. **Be clear on wants and needs.** I joke with my kids that we owe them shelter, food, and clothes, and I would be happy to slip a pizza under the door to their cardboard house any time they wish. Take time to explain what is actually a need and what a want is. Culture will never explain it to them. You need to.
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a budget with our kids early and then let them choose how they would spend it. They become much more frugal shoppers when all of a sudden they realize that money is limited and they can get more if they shop around.

4. **Establish an allowance and expectations.** An allowance is a great way for a child to learn responsibility. We've encouraged our kids to give 10 percent of every thing they earn, save 10 percent, and live off the rest (the formula gets more restrictive the closer they get to college). Explain what gets covered and not covered out of that allowance.
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