

# The power of a Grandparent.

## **Kids have a very special relationship with their grandmas and grandpas.**

That's why grandparents can be such powerful allies in helping guide kids away from bad decisions.

**Grandparents are cool.** Relaxed. They're not on the firing line every day. Let's face it; every kid on the planet has days when they can't stand their parents. But a grandma or grandpa? Never.

## **Grandparents can ask**

direct, point-blank, make-you-squirm questions that moms and dads often have trouble asking. "Who's the girl?" "How come you're doing so poorly in

history?" "Did you go to the doctor? What did she say?" "What's that mark on your arm?"

**And guess what** — the same kid who regularly tries to con his/her parents is often ashamed to lie to Grandma or Grandpa. That means that a loving, understanding grandparent can discuss the dangers of drugs, alcohol, risky sexual behavior, and other important issues very effectively with their grandson or granddaughter.

**As a grandparent,** you really can make a difference.

Use your knowledge.

Leverage your experience.

Share yourself. Be open

about your love for,

your faith in, and

your expectations

of your grandkids.

Ask questions.

Help guide them

around the

rocks.



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