

PRE-TEEN CONTRACT

Be it known that on this day, _____, _____ and _____ are under contract and in agreement to the following terms, to be modified yearly (or on an as need basis).

___ Your parents are not always wrong, but they can be from time to time. Show grace and forgive quickly.

___ You are not an owner; You are a steward. Everything that you think is “yours” is actually ours, and we have the right to give or take it away whenever we deem necessary.

___ They say, “... Words will never hurt you”, but they do, so be careful with your words (especially with your sister and brother, who will always remember words from their big sister.)

___ What or how you feel does not determine truth, and you will feel a lot. (It’s ok to cry.)

___ You do not know more than us, I promise, so don’t depend on the response, “I know” when we are giving advice or instruction.

___ We are on your side. We make decisions for you and with you, not against you.

___ You can tell us anything, and we promise to really listen. You will never get in trouble for telling the truth.

___ We say “no” to protect you, not to ruin your life. Trust us even when you don’t like our decisions.

___ Always be yourself, and trust God with friends and boys.

___ Our house is a safe place for you. You have permission to speak and think freely here.

And no matter what, _____, we love you. We’re praying for you and trusting in a great, big God who has great, big plans for you. You and us, we’re learning and growing every day. We’ll need to give each other loads of grace as we journey through. But these teenage years are going to be a wildly, fun ride, so hang on tight, my love! We’re in this together.

_____ (Pre-Teen)
_____ (Parents)
_____ (Witness)