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Which is more stressful?

Hosting the holidays

52%

Staying with your in-laws

48%

**Power of Parents**

After their 2-year-old son, Liam, was diagnosed with cancer in 2007, Gretchen and Larry Witt made a pledge to raise funds for pediatric cancer research. The same year, with the help of 250 volunteers, the Witts spearheaded a larger-than-life bake sale, selling 96,000 cookies and raising more than \$420,000. Shortly after, Cookies for Kids' Cancer ([cookiesforkidscancer.org](http://cookiesforkidscancer.org)) was born. Today, volunteers can bake cookies, host car washes, run marathons—anything to support the cause, Gretchen says. After losing Liam this year, the Witts grew more dedicated to their work and have raised more than \$4 million so far.



Mom Gretchen embraces a then 5-year-old Liam.

**IT WORKED!**

I assumed that "The One-Week Fix for Bad Behavior" [October 2011] couldn't be as easy as it seemed. Then my son Robbie, 6, hit his younger sibling for hurting something he had built. So I validated his anger and sent him to his room for a time-out, just as the story suggested. And wow—no tantrum to defend his actions.

**Lisa Cartwright**  
via Facebook

**EDITOR'S NOTE** Missed it? Read the story at [parents.com/discipline-fix](http://parents.com/discipline-fix).

that the last two weeks have been the best in our marriage since our son was born.

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**UNEXPECTED DANGER**

As a pharmacist, I appreciated "8 Medication Mistakes Parents Make" [October 2011]. The only thing I would add is that many medications look and taste like candy to kids. While training at a poison center, I received dozens of calls from parents whose toddlers had ingested too many vitamins. Remember to keep all meds where kids can't get to them.

**Leah Church Sera**  
via Facebook

**GOOD FIT**

I've been reading *Parents* since I found out I was pregnant three years ago. But while struggling with a diagnosis of autism for my son, I had started to think that the magazine didn't "fit" with this change in our lives, that the articles would only pertain to typical families. Then I read the story that changed my mind ["Understanding Autism, October 2011"].

Thank you for including us.  
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