

VOICES: What does being a Buddhist mom mean to you?

Members from Atlanta Joint Territory respond:

[Being a Buddhist mom] is a bitter-sweet experience. Although your children may not necessarily follow your dreams and your wishes, it is important to see the world through their eyes. Raising children has taught me what kind of person I need to be and has built a tremendous amount of character in my life. It's like looking in a mirror.

— MARIA BAYS, Atlanta

[Being a Buddhist mom] means looking in the heart of my child, helping her become all that she can become. It means chanting daimoku, keeping the family balanced and continually developing myself.

— DAMITA STEVENS, Atlanta

[Being a Buddhist mom] means being dedicated to my human revolution, for myself and for my daughter. I want to show her, through my actions, how to live humanistically.

— STORMI EPPS, Atlanta

Being a mom in general means teaching by example. Allowing my child to see the power of the Gohonzon through me, my life, and smiling and laughing with him every day is what being a Buddhist mom is all about.

— DEBORAH HARRIS, Atlanta

It means to always reflect, on our lives, on our actions. It means to see my children as individuals. It means not hurting their hearts. It means fortune.

— VICKI WUJCIK, Atlanta

[Being a Buddhist mom] means listening to them even when I disagree. I always chant for their protection.

— DEBORAH HILL, Atlanta

The amount of daimoku I chant definitely makes a difference in my child's behavior.

— JESSICA LEIBOWITZ, Atlanta

“[Being a Buddhist Mom] is the hardest and most rewarding job in the world. I'm glad that I am able to practice this Buddhism. I want my children to have hope, pride and confidence, and consideration for others. My dream for my children is for them to be happy and appreciate life.”

— JANICE BROWN, Atlanta

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