

## Best New Parenting Books

### HOW TO BEHAVE

by *Caroline Tiger*

A 21st-century etiquette guide for you, this better behavior resource is both helpful and hysterical! Includes Facebook manners, road rage survival tips, shopping cart navigation rules, and more.

*Quirk Books, \$15.*

### MADE TO PLAY!

by *Joel Henriques*

From the founder of [madebyjoel.com](http://madebyjoel.com), a crafts blog we love, this book offers 35 charming projects your family can make using everyday household materials. Simple techniques, easy-to-follow drawings. *Roost Books, \$19.*

### LOUKOUMI'S CELEBRITY COOKBOOK

by *Nick Katsoris*  
Fifty stars share their favorite childhood recipes. Includes a page for your own little chef to fill in his favorite. Proceeds benefit Chefs for Humanity and St. Jude's Hospital.

*NK Publications, \$20.*



Want to make a lasting difference in the global community? These organizations offer ideas for hands-on projects or interactive financial donations

### TO HELP A CHILD

**Samaritan's Purse** Under "Operation Christmas Child," you can fill a shoebox with gifts, send it in with a \$7 processing fee, and track it as it travels to its destination. [Samaritanspurse.org](http://Samaritanspurse.org)

**Rising Star Orphanage** Identify and sponsor a child at this home and school for children in India whose parents are affected by leprosy. For as little as \$30 a month, your family can literally change a life. [Risingstaroutreach.org](http://Risingstaroutreach.org)

### TO HELP THE PLANET

**Arbor Day Foundation** Trees not only beautify neighborhoods, they also improve air quality and invite wildlife. You can find planting opportunities with a local Arbor Day Foundation partner. [Arborday.org/programs/volunteers](http://Arborday.org/programs/volunteers)

**World Wildlife Fund** Love pandas? Crazy about crocodiles? Your family can symbolically adopt an animal. Your donation of \$50 or more helps protect the species you choose, and you receive a toy and certificate to honor your good deed. [Worldwildlife.org](http://Worldwildlife.org)

### TO HELP A FAMILY

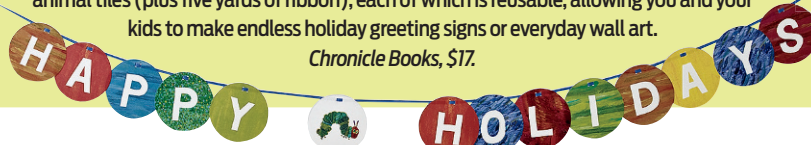
**Family-to-Family** Gather birthday party supplies, collect seed packets, or pack a box of groceries and mail to a family in need. [Family-to-family.org](http://Family-to-family.org)

**Heifer International** Financial gifts that help families worldwide become more economically stable—\$20 buys a flock of ducks in China, for example; \$30 buys honeybees in Ecuador. Bonus: Games that teach kids about hunger and the environment are available on the website. [Heifer.org](http://Heifer.org)

—*Eliana Osborn*

**Eric Carle Garlands** Make unique decorations with this garland kit featuring adorable illustrations from beloved author/illustrator Eric Carle. Featuring 80 alphabet and animal tiles (plus five yards of ribbon), each of which is reusable, allowing you and your kids to make endless holiday greeting signs or everyday wall art.

*Chronicle Books, \$17.*



Hot Pick!