

When kids rebel!

Though untrained in guerilla warfare, in fact without any prior tuition, the tiniest tots can excel in the art of rebellion.

It supports Christian teaching that man inherits a sinful nature from birth.

First, some parents say, “beware the two-year-olds!” They are the ones who pull things off tables, defy you, break ornaments.

Others say those aged three cause greater havoc and need more supervision.

Still others say five and six-year-olds cause the most trouble. Leaving home and starting school brings a whole new range of problems.

And so it goes on, right through to teen years, reputed to be far worse than all the other age groups put together.

But, **second**, while rebellion can and does occur at any age, children have a good chance of sailing through into calmer seas when blessed with caring, understanding parents.

In other words, it isn't rebellion that is the crucial factor – kids have always rebelled – it is parental performance that can make a difference.

And, **third**, in facing the awesome task of parenting, there is no need to feel helpless and alone. Through His Church, and through Jesus Christ, God provides powerful support to those who seek his guidance and help.

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**“Give yourself to the Lord; trust him, and he will help you.”
– Psalm 37.5 (Good News Bible)**

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