

## A Formula for Boundaries that Teach, Not Threaten

Part of The Celestial Bond Method TM **Parenting Toolkit** 

**Boundaries are not punishments.** They're clear maps that keep everyone safe: body, mind, and connection.

STATE WHAT'S HAPPENING WITHOUT JUDGMENT



THEN...

THE CONSEQUENCE FITS THE CAUSE



If pajamas aren't on by 8:00...



 Start by naming the rule with warmth and certainty.

follows - <u>not</u> what you'll do to them. • Stay matter-of-fact: no

Explain what naturally

Then we won't have time for an extra story tonight.

If you use hurtful words...



simple words. The goal is containment,

not control.

Use steady tone and

Follow through calmly

Then I'll pause the conversation until we can speak kindly.



If homework isn't finished before dinner...



and consistently.

shame or threats.

then it moves up before screen time begins.



THEN 

**Keep your tone slower than theirs.** 

**Enforce with calm body, not loud** voice.

Always circle back for reconnection.

- Each "If" names reality with steadiness.
- Each "Then" provides structure that restores safety.
- Each "When" invites belonging back in.

- Welcome them back when regulation returns.
- This teaches that safety and love are never revoked.
- Notice their progress to build self-trust.

When you're ready on time tomorrow, we'll get both stories.



When your words are respectful, we'll figure this out together.



When it's finished, screens can turn back on.



**QUICK TIPS** 

WHEN....

**CONNECTION IS ALWAYS** THE FINISH LINE



**HOW IT FITS IN** THE CELESTIAL • **BOND METHOD** 

The If / Then / When formula lives at the very top of the Pyramid of Celestial Self in the Mars Layer - where emotion becomes motion and impulse becomes visible behavior. When unmet needs from the Moon, Sun, or Rising climb upward, Mars carries them into the body by shouting, slamming, refusing, or running.

**After co-regulating**, this formula is a way to meet that energy without fear or punishment. Used with consistency, this rhythm rewires how the body and brain experience boundaries. Because when Mars is met with empathy and clear leadership, its fire becomes fuel that helps meet the self's deeper needs - through drive, focus, and courage instead of chaos.

