Things my mother taught me

1.  **My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A  JOB WELL DONE** .
"If you're going to kill each other, do  it outside. I just finished cleaning."

2. **My mother taught me RELIGION**.
"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

3.  **My mother taught me about TIME  TRAVEL**.
"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock  you into the middle of next week!"

4. **My mother taught me LOGIC**.
"  Because I said so, that's why."

5. **My mother taught me MORE LOGIC** .
"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going  to the store with me."

6. **My  mother taught me FORESIGHT**.
"Make sure you wear clean  underwear, in case you're in an accident."

7. **My mother taught me IRONY**.
"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

8.  **My mother taught me about the  science of OSMOSIS** .
"Shut your mouth and eat your  supper."

9. **My mother taught  me about CONTORTIONISM**.
"Will you look at that dirt on  the back of your neck!"

10. **My mother taught me about STAMINA**  .
"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

11.  **My mother taught me about  WEATHER**.
"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went  through it."

12. **My mother  taught me about HYPOCRISY**.
"If I told you once, I've  told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"

13. **My mother taught me the CIRCLE OF  LIFE**.
"I brought you into this world, and I can take  you out."

14. **My mother  taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION** .
"Stop acting  like your father!"

15. **My  mother taught me about ENVY**.
"There are millions of  less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents  like you do."

16. **My mother  taught me about ANTICIPATION**.
"Just wait until we get  home."

17. **My mother taught  me about RECEIVING** .
"You are going to get it when you  get home!"

18. **My mother  taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE**.
"If you don't stop crossing  your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."

19. **My mother taught me ESP**.
"Put  your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"

20.  **My mother taught me  HUMOR.**
"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't  come running to me."

21. **My  mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT** .
"If you don't  eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

22. **My mother taught me GENETICS**.
"You're just like your father."

23. **My mother taught me about my  ROOTS**.
"Shut that door behind you.  Do you think  you were born in a barn?"

24. **My mother taught me WISDOM**.
"When you get to be my age, you'll understand."

And my  favorite:  25.  **My mother taught me about JUSTICE**.
"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out  just like you.