Logical Consequences

Scenario:		
STEP 1 I set rules and discuss them with my child.		

STEP 2	We talk about the consequences of not following the rules.
STEP 3	I make sure they understood the rules and the consequences of not following.
	I ask questions.

FIRST TIME THEY BREAK THE RULES

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STEP 4

I empathise.

STEP 5

I make sure that they know the rules and that they can put them into practice.

STEP 6

I insist on natural consequences that may occur if they don't follow the rules.

STEP 7

I show my child that I trust they can follow the rules.

STEP 8

I offer a second chance.

THE SECOND TIME THEY BREAK THE RULES

STEP 9

I empathise with my child but stand firm on the rules.

STEP 10

I explain the logical consequences and the restrictions that will be applied if they choose to break the rules again. I give the smallest possible consequence at this point. I ask them if that's what they want.

I offer a third chance.

STEP 11

I empathise with them.

STEP 12

I tell them that they seem to have chosen to face the consequences. I give them a choice - either they apply the consequences or I will.

YOUR CHILD MAY CRY, PLEAD AND NOT WANT THE CONSEQUENCES

STEP 13

I empathise with their pain, but stick to my guns. I give 2 options for spending free time together.

STEP 14

The next day, I emphasise what they learned and the consequences if they still don't follow the rules.

IF YOUR CHILD STILL DOESN'T FOLLOW THE RULES:

STEP 15

I increase the length of the consequences, then I take away all privileges that are directly linked to this behaviour.