## **7 Playful Parenting "Power Games"**

## to Help End Power Struggles

Monster Chase - Become a monster and chase your child. Put the child in a power role, always falling, fumbling and never catching your child.

Please Game - Create a game where you beg your child to do something and they refuse.

Popcorn Dinner - When your kids won't sit for dinner, have a popcorn dinner game once a month where you get up every 30 seconds for silly reasons.

Cling Game - Cling to your child's legs like you have anxiety over leaving him or her, letting the child push you away when they are ready.

Whining Game - Take turns whining to each other about silly grievances and see who can whine the most.

No Sharing Game - Have your child take all the toys and refuse to share with you. Beg your child to let you play, while he or she hoards all the toys in a pile.

Snail Morning Game - On the weekend, act out your morning routine, where your child whines, dawdles and moves as slow as a snail.