

Judd Apatow

He's the funny guy behind *Knocked Up* and *The 40-Year-Old Virgin*. But his jokes usually bomb with daughters Maude, 14, and Iris, 10.

1 **Were you always a comedian?** When I was in third grade, I'd draw guns on my underwear, then jump out in my briefs in the locker room and say I was Captain Underwear. Can't say it was that witty, but I was very committed to it.

2 **We imagine the wisecracks are nonstop at your house.** It's a close race, but I'd say Iris is the funniest. The other day she was listening to Maroon 5's "Pay Phone," and I said, "Nobody uses a pay phone these days." She said, "Unless you're in jail." You always appreciate a good line from a kid.

3 **And vice versa? Do they appreciate your comic genius?** Everybody thinks their dad's jokes are corny. I don't get a free pass on that. In fact, Iris said to me once, "Most of your stuff isn't funny at all. But I'm always surprised you make it work." I thought that was a pretty sophisticated way of attacking me.

Iris and Maude are in your new movie, *This Is 40*, along with your wife, Leslie Mann. What's it like directing the kids? Half my day is spent begging them to eat fruit and not M&M's.

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5 **Who's the favorite parent?** Leslie. She starred in *17 Again* with Zac Efron, so she had him call Maude at her birthday slumber party. All the girls went crazy. You can't top that.

7 **Maude has more than 80,000 followers on Twitter. Are you one?** Yes—that's how we know what's going on in her life!

6 **So your daughters' friends don't think you're cool?** No. I get zero respect. I always think at some point they'll realize I worked on *Superbad*. But that never happens. I'm just the goofy guy picking them up at volleyball.



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