

# When You Thought I Wasn't Looking...



When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my artwork on the refrigerator and I learned to be encouraging and appreciative.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake and I learned that little things can make a person feel special.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make a meal for a sick friend and I learned compassion.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give your time and money to help those less fortunate and I learned generosity.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you take care of our family and I learned to be loving.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw how you handled your responsibilities and I learned to be reliable and accountable.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes and I learned that sometimes things hurt and it's alright to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw how important I am to you and I wanted to become all that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer and I learned that there is a God who loves me who is always there to listen.

Now that I'm grown, I look at you and want to say: *"Thanks for all the things I saw... when you thought I wasn't looking."*

Anonymous

**When they're grown your children will thank you for teaching them these four principles:**

**Responsibility.** Help your children to be responsible for their actions and the consequences.

**Honesty.** Lying is not an option. Teach them to be honest in words and actions.

**Kindness.** To treat others thoughtfully—as they'd like to be treated.

**Faith.** A relationship with God will see them through life's difficulties.

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