

WHEN YOU THOUGHT I WASN'T LOOKING

*A message every adult should read because children are watching you
and doing as you do, not as you say.*

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator,
and I immediately wanted to paint another one.

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 for me,
and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer,
and I knew that there is a God I could always talk to, and I learned to trust in Him.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick,
and I learned that we all have to take care of each other.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give your time and money to help people who had nothing,
and I learned that those who have something should give to those who don't.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it,
and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel
good, and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.

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

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared,
and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I learned most of life's lessons
that I needed to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked at you and wanted to say
"Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking."

LITTLE EYES SEE A LOT.

Each of us influences the life of a child.

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly.