

50 Things You Can Say to Make Your Child Feel Great

A list for parents who want their children to know their love and God's love. by Janel Breitenstein

1. I'm proud of you. And even if you weren't so fantastic, I'd still be proud.
2. I believe you.
3. The way you _____ is such a perfect addition for our family. God knew just what we needed when He gave us you.
4. I know you and I haven't been seeing eye-to-eye lately. But I want to let you know that I accept you whether I agree with you or not, and I'm committed to working on our relationship so we both feel understood and secure.
5. I can't believe how _____ you are. I can't imagine the plans God has for you!
6. You know, you may not feel very _____, but God knew exactly what He was doing when He made you the way He did, and it was just how He wanted to express Himself. I love you just the way He made you. And I wouldn't have wanted Him to do it any differently.
7. No matter how royally you mess up, I'll always be glad you're mine, I'll forgive you, and I'll love your socks off.
8. I saw how you _____. I'm so proud of you.
9. I forgive you. And I won't bring this up again, okay?
10. I want to hang out with just you tonight. What do you want to do?
11. I remember when I _____. I felt so _____. I don't know if that's like what you're going through, but it was a tough time for me.
12. I'm sorry. Will you please forgive me for _____?
13. I got you this, just because.
14. Lately I've really seen you grow in the area of _____, like when you _____.
15. Yes, there is food in the house.
16. I admire the way you _____. In fact, I could learn a lot from you in that area.
17. That was a really wise choice.
18. No chores today.
19. I trust you.
20. You're really growing into a young man/woman of character. I can't tell you how exciting that is!
21. Go ahead and sleep in tomorrow.
22. I had no idea you could do that! You impress me.
23. What do you think?
24. I canceled your appointment with the dentist.
25. I love your dad/mom so much! He/she is so _____.
26. I love being around you.
27. I'm so glad you're home.
28. Thank you!
29. I love doing _____ with you.
30. You are one of the best gifts I've ever gotten. I am so humbled God gave me you.
31. I feel so proud when I'm with you.
32. You handled that so well.
33. I made your favorite _____.
34. I'm trusting that God will take perfect care of us. He's always done it before! Can we pray together about this?
35. With God's help, your dad/mom and I will never, ever get a divorce.
36. That looks great on you.
37. If I were in your shoes, I would feel so _____. Is that how you feel?
38. Would you turn your music up?
39. You are so well-disciplined in _____.
40. I sent you a big ol' care package in the mail.
41. That was so courageous.
42. Do you feel like I'm understanding you?
43. If there were one thing you could change about me as your mom/dad, what would it be?
44. You have some real gifts in the area of _____.
45. Let's go to Grandma's!
46. It is so cool to watch you grow up.
47. Just wanted to let you know I'm praying for you.
48. I miss you, but I'm glad you're having a good time!
49. You make me so happy just by being you.
50. I love you so much.

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