

## 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 help take care of each other.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give of 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's 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 need 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.'

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Each of us (Parent, Grandparent, Aunt, Uncle, Teacher, Friend, Moose member), influences the life of a child.

Over the years, we as members of the Loyal Order Of Moose and members of the Women Of The Moose, have influenced the lives of thousands of children.

Before Mooseheart, the eyes of these children saw broken homes, parents who did not care for them, drug/alcohol abuse by their parents, the loss of their Mother and/or Father, or their Grandparents struggling to care for and watch over them.

Then to the eyes of these children came the miracle of being embraced within the Mooseheart environment; where they see all of the good things, “when we thought they weren’t looking.”

This is dedicated to all of the people I know who do so much for others, but think that no one ever sees. Little eyes see a lot.

How will you touch the life of a child today? My Brothers and Sisters, you already have...

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.