

## When You Thought I Wasn't Looking

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 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 there is a God I could always talk to and I learned to trust in God.

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 felt you kiss me good night  
And I felt loved and safe.

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!

**Each of us, as a parent, grandparent, uncle, aunt, friend, or mentor, influences the life of a child.**

Source Unknown