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GREAT THINGS TO SAY TO CHILDREN



1. I love you! There is nothing that will make me stop loving you. Nothing you could do or say or think will ever change that.

2. You've made a mistake. People make mistakes. I do. Is it something we can fix? What can we do? You can start fresh. I know you are sorry. I forgive you.

3. You are amazing! I look at you with wonder! Not just at what you can do, but who you are. There is no one like you. No one!

4. You did the right thing to try. That was scary or hard. Even though it wasn't easy, you did it. I am proud of you; you should be too.

5. It's all right to cry. People cry for all kinds of reasons: when they are hurt, sad, or worried; when they are angry, afraid, or lonely. Or sometimes when they're happy! Big people cry too. I do.

6. I'm sorry. Forgive me. I made a mistake.

7. You can change your mind. It's good to decide, but it is also fine to change.

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In partnership to prevent child abuse:



8. What a great idea! You were really thinking! How did you come up with that? Tell me more. Your mind is clever!

9. That was kind. You did something helpful and thoughtful for that person. That must make you feel good inside. Thank you!

10. I have a surprise for you, even though it's not your birthday. It's for no reason at all. Just a surprise, a little one, but a surprise.

11. I can wait. We have time. You don't have to hurry this time.

12. What would you like to do? It's your turn to pick. You have great ideas. It's important to follow your special interests.

13. Tell me about it. I'd like to hear more. And then what happened? I'll listen.

14. I'm right here. I won't leave without saying good-bye. I am watching you. I am listening to you.

15. Please and Thank You. These are important words. If I forget to use them, will you remind me?

16. I missed you. I think about you when we are not together!

17. Just try this new food. A little bit. One taste. You might like it.

18. I'll help you. I heard you call me, here I am. How can I help you? If we both work together, we can get this done. I know you can do it by yourself, but I'm glad to help since you asked.

19. If you ever need to talk to me about anything, I'll be listening. I promise!

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