

# THE ENCOURAGER

Help for Sunday School Teachers— Dedicated to those who take the Word of Life to Children Everywhere

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WITH OUR BEST WISHES  
TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU  
AT THIS HAPPY TIME OF YEAR!

## WHAT YOU THOUGHT

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 pray, 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 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.

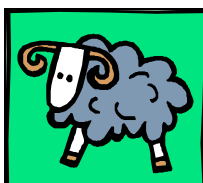
When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked! Yes I am looking at you now and I just wanted to say, "Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking."



I saw you!

## DID THEY .... ?

A father once told his boy the story of the lost sheep. He embellished it a little by saying that the animal had found a hole in the fence and crawled through, wandering so far away that it had become hopelessly lost.



Then he dramatically told of a fierce wolf that chased the sheep, and how the shepherd finally came to his rescue in the nick of time.

The youngster was greatly interested but his one pointed question was, "Did they fix the hole in the fence, Daddy?"

