40 Meaningful Ways to Share Encouraging Words for Kids

When focused in the eight areas of the research-based, positive youth development model, The Compass Advantage, encouraging words help children understand themselves and how each ability drives their success.

1. Thank you for your kindness.
2. What you did was very generous.
3. I appreciate how you put yourself in someone else’s shoes.
4. Your thoughtfulness is one of your greatest strengths.
5. I’m so proud of how you honor and accept other kids’ differences.
6. I like how you pursue new ideas.
7. Your open-mindedness is such an asset.
8. I love your sense of skepticism!
9. You just showed what it means to be a critical thinker.
10. Your desire to learn helped you grow from this setback.
11. Thank you for cooperating; it’s such an important skill.
12. I appreciate what a good listener you are.
13. I like how you use words to describe your feelings.
14. You’ve been a good friend to ___ because...
15. Thank you for respecting my thinking.
16. You showed enormous strength in handling this challenge.
17. Your determination helped you overcome this obstacle.
18. Thank you for persevering to solve this problem.
19. It’s a joy to see your self-confidence shine through!
20. Your flexibility and grit helped you grow from this adversity.
21. I appreciate how self-reflective you are.
22. I admire your vulnerability.
23. Your optimism is contagious.
24. It’s great to see that you believe in yourself.
25. I trust you will find your own meaning from this experience.
26. It takes courage to stand up for what you believe in.
27. I appreciate your respect of others.
28. Your honesty serves as a role model to me.
29. I admire your values; like...
30. None of us is perfect; learning integrity takes practice.
31. I’m so glad you asked for your teacher’s help.
32. It’s nice to see you focus on the process, not just the result.
33. You analyzed the problem, then devised a great solution.
34. You achieved your goal with a lot of hard work.
35. I’m proud of you for being a collaborator.
36. I love your sense of humor!
37. Your imagination is awesome!
38. Thank you for reminding me how fun it is to be playful.
39. Your ideas are wonderfully creative.
40. Your connection to nature brings me joy.

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