25 WAYS TO ENCOURAGE

Thank you for helping with...

It makes mornings/dinner/outings easier when you.... thank you. I really appreciate it when you...

Thank you for doing that... it means I/we can now...

We did it together!

Wow! You made a building/drawing/etc.
You did it on your own!

You did x and then y and worked it out.
You used lots of red paint/blocks/tape/etc.

You made it really big/small/colorful/complicated/etc.
That took you a long time, and you did it!

How did you do that?

You did x, what will you do now?

Can you tell me about it?

What is your favorite part?

How did you think of that?

I really enjoy doing this with you.

I love watching you create/help your sister/play soccer/ etc.

I'm so proud to be your mum, every day, no matter what. Look how happy your friend is when you share/help/smile/etc.

> You kept going, even when it was hard. You look so pleased to have done that!

You made x feel so pleased when you did that.

It makes you feel good when you do x.

Say nothing - just smile.