

DO YOU SEE HIS TALENTS?

Is this you?

Some days you look at your son and feel proud. Other days you feel unsure. He seems confident one minute and lost the next.

This season can feel like standing in the middle of construction. Everything is noisy. Nothing looks finished.

But here is what I want you to know. Teenage boys are brimming with talents that do not look polished yet. As moms, we tend to look for strong grades, obvious drive, or visible leadership. Talents rarely show up that way at first.

This week, flip the script on the question that quietly lingers in the back of your mind. Instead of asking, *“What’s wrong with him?”* ask, *“What’s strong?”*

You do not need a formal assessment to begin noticing his “superpowers.” You need a shift in attention. Talents leave clues.

Here are five simple ones to watch for.

STEP 1: NOTICE THE YEARNINGS

Pay attention to what your son is naturally drawn to. Yearnings are quiet signals about how he is wired.

What does he choose when no one is telling him what to do? What does he read about, watch, build, fix, argue about, or research on his own? If he had a completely free day, how would he spend it?

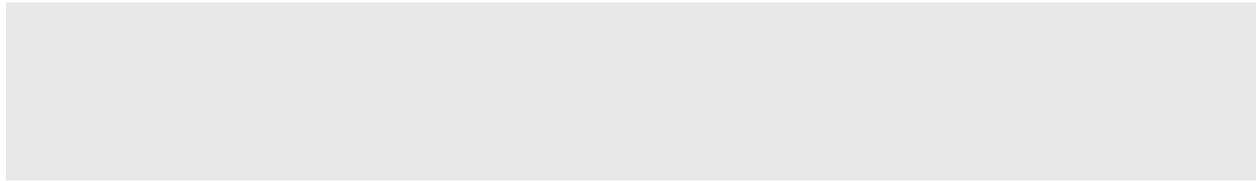
That pull toward certain activities is not random. It is a powerful clue to talent.

STEP 2: WATCH FOR RAPID LEARNING

Notice what seems to click for him faster than it does for others.

Where does he pick things up quickly? When does he figure something out without much explanation? What do friends or teachers rely on him for?

Rapid learning often looks like instinct. He may not even realize it stands out. But when something clicks with unusual speed, it is worth paying attention.

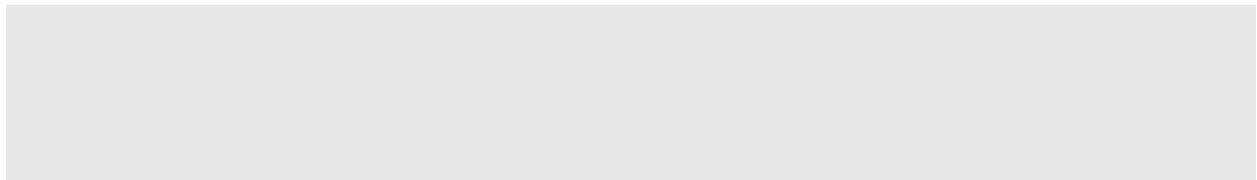


STEP 3: FOLLOW THE FLOW

Watch for moments when he becomes fully absorbed.

When does he lose track of time? When do you have to call him more than once because he is focused? When does he seem calm and steady while doing something challenging?

Flow happens when talent is engaged. He may not say he feels confident, but his behavior will show it.



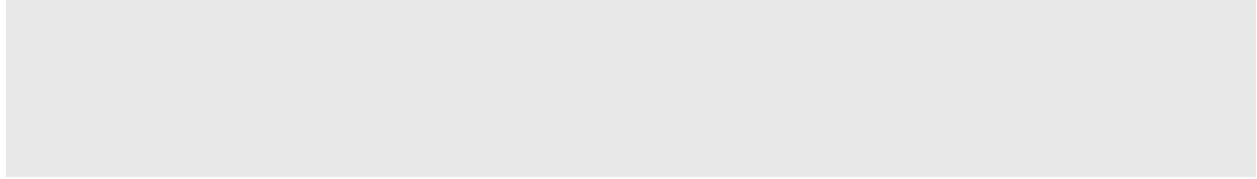
STEP 4: LOOK FOR GLIMPSSES OF EXCELLENCE

Talent often appears in flashes.

A moment when he handled pressure better than expected. A time he solved a problem creatively. A situation where someone else noticed something strong in him.

Excellence does not only show up in report cards or trophies. It often shows up in leadership, loyalty, persistence, humor, courage, or problem-solving.

Study those moments. They are not accidents.

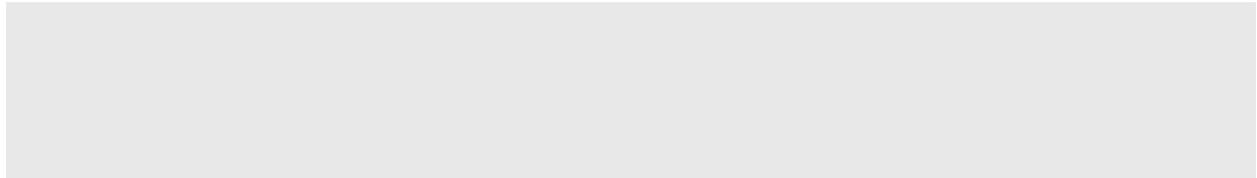


STEP 5: NOTICE WHAT SATISFIES HIM

Pay attention to what leaves him energized.

What does he finish and feel quietly proud of? What does he want to do again? When does he seem more alive afterward?

True talent strengthens him while he is using it. He may be tired, but he is not drained.



Now step back and look for patterns. If the same themes show up in different settings, you are likely seeing how he is wired.

Your son does not need to be well-rounded. He needs to double down on his talents and grow them into his “superpowers.”

Now, try one small shift. For a week, intentionally call out what you see is strong in him:

- “I notice how focused you get when you’re working on that.”
- “You handled that situation calmly.”
- “You really care about your friends.”

CONFIDENCE GROWS WHEN YOUR YOUNG MAN FEELS SEEN, SEE HIM!