

## A LETTER TO YOUR TEENAGER TEMPLATE

This template is a framework for a letter to your teenager. Please edit, elaborate or change however you see fit! The point is to make your child/teenager know - you are on their team!

Anywhere you see a blank line, personalize it for your child.

You can print this out or (even better) handwrite it and put on their pillow, in the bathroom or in their car at a time they need to know - you are "Team \_\_\_\_\_".

In a world that is sometimes hard, confusing, and not well-lit, be the flashlight they seek!

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

I see you.

Not in the "I see you come in the house and open the fridge" kind of way.

The I see you in the look behind your eyes when you don't want to talk about it.

Or when you linger a little longer wherever I am in the house, hoping I might ask, "Hey what's up?"

When I do ask, I will wait patiently as you give me one-word answers - because if you use any more words, it just gets labor-some. I get THAT.

No worries. I SEE YOU. I HEAR YOU. I hear the defeat or the delight in whatever is on your mind, or in your heart, or developing deep within.

I SEE YOU.

So today I just want to remind you, I am Team \_\_\_\_\_.

I will go to the mountain top experience with you (if only to watch from afar).

Or let you crawl into my bed with no words and I'll kiss you on the head.

But don't kid yourself... when you decide to "check out" of the circumstance or experience - I am with you till the end.

I'll sit by your bed or outside your door (whichever is less invasive for you at that time) quietly praying for relief, praying for wisdom, praying for joy and delight to return and praying above all else that you feel heard and know that your team has your back. No words are needed or all words are welcome, we are Team \_\_\_\_\_.

Since you were \_\_\_\_\_, I saw that light come on when you\_\_\_\_\_.

And then when you were \_\_\_\_\_, I saw it grow stronger.

So, even though this current stage is uncharted territory, that little kid with the spirit \_\_\_\_\_ is cheering you on and waiting for you to catch up. Because that inner kid is Team \_\_\_\_\_ and knows this is possible because you have proof you could before.

To help you along here, I want to remind you of some traits I see in you daily or weekly.

They are: (list character traits for your child)

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I also see these quirks: (list quirks)

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And I love all these things about you! Not just because I am your parent, but because you are unique and it makes me proud to see them!

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Most often, those quirks teach me the most about myself and where I need wisdom and guidance to either reinforce them or redirect them within myself.

I don't have a vision for you (I mean, of course I do! One that would scare you and overwhelm you with my belief of what God has in store for you, but then I know - that doesn't even TOUCH the vision that God has in store for you or will reveal to you in His time!) so meanwhile, I will wait on the LORD to show up each day, each minute and to back that big vision He is laying down. And I will sit by patiently observing this multitude of goodness He is developing because after all, HE is Team \_\_\_\_\_ too.

You are so loved, \_\_\_\_\_!

Love,