

SAMPLE LETTER 1:

August 30, 2020

Dear Grace,

We are so proud of the girl you are and young lady you will be. We named you Grace because grace means so many wonderful things.... just the way you are so many wonderful things to us.

One definition of grace is “A disposition to be generous or helpful; goodwill.” This is also a perfect definition for you. We see that you really want to be helpful and generous to everyone around you. You are often so helpful to your mom when you give her a hand with the dishes or help her put laundry away. You are so helpful to dad when you run errands with him and help him with the yard work. We see you show generosity to your brother when you share a special treat with him without being told to. We see the joy that you bring to your grandparents and teachers by being helpful and generous.

Another definition of grace is “effortless beauty or charm.” This defines you too. You are so beautiful to us and to God. We hope that you will always seek to be beautiful not just on the outside but on the inside too. The Bible says this about true beauty, “Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. ⁴ Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God’s sight.” 1 Peter 3:3-4

As you begin school, we pray that God will watch over you and that you will always trust Him and obey his Word. We chose this verse to help guide you during the next few years. ““Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6 There isn’t any better advice that we could give you than to Trust in the LORD.

We love you so much and are proud of you. We can’t wait to see how God works in your life. We pray that you will choose to follow him and trust him every day.

With Unconditional Love,

Your Dad and Mom

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SAMPLE LETTER 2:

Dear Eric,

I want to tell you how much I love you and how much God loves you. When I think of how God put our family together, I will always be so grateful that God chose you and your brother to be my children. But, I also want you to know that God has chosen you to be His child, too.

(Galatians 4:4-7)

I'm so glad that you are already showing love for God, his Word and going to church. When you were just a toddler, on the drive to church I would say- "Today we get to go to church" and you would respond "yay church!" I loved your enthusiasm because it showed that you were already growing a heart that wanted to be close to God. There is no bigger hope that I have for you, than the hope that you will love God with all your heart!

Already, I see in you so many amazing qualities that I hope continue to grow. Most of all, I admire the way you love so easily. You aren't stingy with your love, you are open and caring. You give hugs to anyone who needs one. The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 13:13 "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." I pray that you will always continue to be loving and compassionate toward others. When I was little, I was sensitive to those around me which sometimes brought a little heartache. I was counseled to "grow a thicker skin." My prayer for you is *not* to let your heart be hardened but instead for you to grow in compassion towards others. I pray that you won't be afraid to put your heart on the line to love those around you. I hope you will love the way Jesus loves us.

That's why I am praying that you will live these words that Jesus spoke:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself."
Matthew 22:37-39

Eric, you have brought such joy into my life. I love you and I will always love you.

~Your Mom

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SAMPLE LETTER 3:

Dear Austin,

We are so glad to have the opportunity to tell you some things we love about you. We already see God's fingerprints all over you as you are growing up.

We are proud of the way you are so determined. You don't give up, even when things are hard. You keep trying until you get it just right. We hope you will always be determined no matter what.

We also are proud of the way that you treat others. You have a good and kind heart. You are the first to give mom a hug when she needs it most. You always help your sister when she can't do something on her own. You always help your dad when he is working in the garage. He loves it when you bring him an iced tea and keep him company. We know that when you meet new friends at school this year that you will show them the same kindness too. We hope you will always be a good friend to others.

This year we will be praying this verse for you: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord." Colossians 3:23 We hope you will work hard not just for us, or for yourself but for God.

We love you, little man and we thank God for you.

With lots of love,

Your Mom & Dad

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