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You will do things you are not proud of. You will see something inappropriate and like it. You will fail a test and forget to turn something in. You will say words you shouldn't, laugh at a sketchy joke and be a jerk when you should be kind.

We already know this will happen at some point, and want you to know that we will always love you. No matter what.

So please tell us when you are struggling and when you need help. We will still think you are phenomenal. The worst thing you can do is keep hard things hidden. They will eat you up inside. Open up and admit when you are wrong; tell us when you are weak and how we can help.

There will be consequences, but you can get through them and you will come out stronger.

We won't fix things for you, but we will walk with you every step of the way. Please know that you can always be forgiven, by us and by God. You have a million chances to make things right.

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We love you. Nothing you say or do will ever change that.

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