

NOTICE WHAT YOU'RE DOING

Check any of these things you've done lately (even if not perfectly)

Dealt with kids melting down over things that really don't seem meltdown worthy.
Dealt with the homework refusal that triggers your own stress response
Dealt with the routines that should be predictable, but somehow still become a battle.
Dealt with kids who won't get dressed, won't get in the car, won't go to bed, won't start homework, or who won't stop arguing.
Dealt with kids who ask the same questions over and over because uncertainty feels unsafe and they seem to need constant reassurance.
Dealt with siblings who push each other's buttons like it's their life mission.
Dealt with kids whose anxiety becomes the center of gravity for the whole house.
Dealt with kids whose avoider brain kicks in the moment something feels even slightly uncomfortable.
Tried to stay calm so you could help them with their feelings. Tried to lead and show empathy.
Tried to remember what "good parenting" looks like.
Tried to understand your child rather than judging them.
Tried to respond differently, better.
Tried to grow and improve.
Got up again and tried the next day, even when yesterday was hard

This is hard. Appreciate what you <u>do</u>, not just what you don't do