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But if you want them to be fulfilled as adults, give them responsibilities.

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they can do until they actually do it. Help them discover their abilities by giving them consistent opportunities to achieve something on their own.

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