

BRAINSTORMING--AT MY BEST

My five year leave

- Good mom--lots of time
- Good housecleaner
- Good wife
- Time to visit grandparents
- Bible study
- Stopped in each week to visit Laura
- No television
- Campfires
- Less stress
- Had parents over
- Cook dinner
- Julia
- Preschool
- Trips to town
- Cabin
- Friday nights at cabin. Gramps singing

It all started with the pregnancy of my first child and daughter jada. After waiting and waiting for days she finally came. I got to spend 12 weeks initially with her--just so immersed in everything she did. Naps picture taking being outdoors.

The time away from school was devoted to so many memorable things:

Putting a rock up my nose, chasing my sister around the house with a knife, running into a teachers blouse and chest with two paint covered hands--no these certainly aren't times when I've been at my best. And although all these situations helped me become all the wiser they certainly didn't help me move further into my speech. Like a lot of you in here I had a really hard time coming up with a topic for this speech. But one day while sitting in the dentist a light bulb came on. I know exactly when I was at my best: a period in time I will refer to as my five year leave from teaching.

My five year leave allowed me to really devote my life to my husband girls and god. I was able to be an ideal mother wife and woman. And although I look back with fondness on those five years my job as your teacher certainly makes me happy. And that was a time when I was at my best.

Sent from my iPhone

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Topic: At My Best--My Five Year Leave

General Purpose: to inform

Specific Purpose: At the end of my speech, the audience will know of a time when I was at my personal best.

Introduction

I. Attention Getter: Putting a rock up my nose, chasing my older sister around the kitchen with a knife, and running into a teacher with two paint covered hands--no these certainly haven't been times when I have been at my best. And although I'm not proud of these situations, they have all helped me grow into the person I am today. But as you know, the focus of today is not on a time when we were at our worst, but rather our best.

II. Bridge: Like a lot of you, I had a really hard time trying to come up with a topic for this speech; it was so much easier thinking of times I have been at my worst.. But yesterday, while sitting in the dental office waiting for my daughter, a light bulb came on.

III. Thesis: I know exactly when I was at my best: a period in time I will refer to as my five year leave from teaching.

Body

I. It all started in March of 2000 with the birth of my first child and daughter Jada Reese Magel.

- A. Initially, Nashwauk-Keewatin, the school I taught at, gave me twelve weeks off.
- B. As a new mother, I was immersed in everything Jada did.
- C. I was able to be a stay at home mother and wife, and life was nearly stress free.

II. Because life was so good, I requested a five year leave which was granted to me. And because I wasn't working anymore, I had time to do many things which helped me to be at my best.

- A. As stated, I doted on my daughter; in addition, I had more time to be a better wife.
- B. Also, each week I would go and visit my grandparents and my favorite aunts.
- C. I also became a member of a church nearby and started to attend a bible study.
- D. As a family, we were able to travel whenever we wanted.

III. Continuing on in my quest of bestness, in 2003, my second daughter, Julia Grace Magel, was born.

- A. I continued to enjoy motherhood.
- B. I continued to spend much of my time with my family around the Grand Rapids area.
- C. Although life was good, my husband and I eventually decided to move back to Pine City.

Conclusion

I. Restated Thesis: To conclude, my five year leave from teaching allowed me to really devote my life to my husband, my two girls, and God; I had time to relax and enjoy my family, live life to the fullest. I am so thankful for those five years and would certainly never trade them for anything.

II. Clincher: And this was the time in my life that I was at my best.