

My biggest life changing moment is becoming a mom to my two little ones - Trey and Alyssa. Suddenly everything changed – priorities changed, my fears grew (I was now scared for them and myself) and life became hectic (but so much more fun). As a Christian parent nothing is more important than raising good Christian children. Now that I have my 2 little ones, the challenge is as I grow in faith, I also have to guide my children to become believers and hopefully mature members of the church.

I was asked to write about “Life Changing Moments at St John”. Instead of writing about myself, I decided to interview my son, Trey who is 6 years old. He is currently in Communion Class and I thought it would be important to find out where he is.

**Mom:** What does it mean to be a Christian?

**Trey:** Being a Christian means believing in Jesus and also following him. Also, it means praying and worshiping.

**Mom:** Let’s talk about prayer first. When do you pray? What do you pray for?

**Trey:** I pray at Church ever Sunday. I also pray everyday, at night. I pray for many things. I first thank God for all my blessings including my family. Next, I pray for good health for everyone I love. Oh, I and pray that I don’t get nightmares. Then I say, “Amen”.

**Mom:** Why is it important that you pray?

**Trey:** I pray so God keeps me healthy and nightmare free. I like praying because it makes me feel good. It makes God come into my heart and it helps me believe in God.

**Mom:** How about believing in Jesus what does that mean?

**Trey:** I believe that he is my God and he is good.

**Mom:** Where do you learn about Jesus?

**Trey:** At Church and Bible.

**Mom:** How often do you read Bible?

**Trey:** a lot – almost everyday - except during vacation because I can’t bring it. It would make my backpack heavy.

**Mom:** What’s your favorite Bible story? Why?

**Trey:** The ‘ten commandments’. I just like it. The commandments are important because it teaches me how to follow God. It’s not hard to follow.

**Mom:** Really, it’s not hard to follow? Even “Honor your parents”?

**Trey:** I really try my best to follow you and daddy.

**Mom:** What’s your favorite thing about St John the Divine?

**Trey:** I enjoy choir. I like singing for God. I enjoy going to Sunday school because I get to learn a lot things about Jesus and open my heart to God.

**Mom:** Do you think going to church is important?

**Trey:** Yes, I learn more and more about God. I am excited about my Communion class.

**Mom:** What is your most favorite moment at St John the Divine?

**Trey:** Choir – Because I get to sing a lot and praise God.

Trey throughout our interview kept referring to ‘God coming into his heart’. I was surprised to hear this from him. I was surprised partly because he is only 6 years old but also because that it truly what I want for him and Alyssa – for God to be his true leader and come into his heart.

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