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#### Autobiography Project: Chapter 3: Early Childhood

**Write a chapter about your early childhood. Include what feels important and interesting to you. Use the topics below to spark ideas and to get you going but don’t limit yourself to these questions or try to use them as an outline for your chapter. Try to record some specific memories along with the general ones. You will have two days to write this chapter. See if you can get two or more pages each day, but at a minimum, write at least one page per day. Remember to use paragraphs to organize your thoughts topically.**

* your first several birthdays
* first words or phrases
* special pets as a child
* special spots where you loved to go as a child
* the very first thing you remember happening
* your first toys or other favorite toys or games when you were young
* activities you loved to do with your parents or siblings
* memories of vacations or camping trips as a child
* memories of being at grandpa and grandma’s house
* trips to a special place like the zoo or a park
* a train, plane, or car ride somewhere special
* the first book you read by yourself
* memories of Sunday school or of activities at church
* other favorite books or stories while you were young
* memories of discipline and other forms of training
* the year you learned to ride a bike, ice skate, play a musical instrument, swim or whistle
* things that you invented or made as a child
* memories of music in your childhood: a favorite song or memories of your family singing
* memories of prayer and Bible reading in your family
* memories of answers to prayer or of your early ideas about God
* memories of “lightbulb” moments: times when you suddenly realized something in a deeper way or figured out something, especially in regard to what you believe
* the time you broke your arm or had an accident and how it happened
* scary experiences or fears as a young child
* memories of family routines: bedtime and rising time
* family routines: mealtimes with your family