

## SEIZE THOSE SPECIAL MOMENTS!

After a long day at church, followed by open houses for graduates, I was more than ready to get home, take those heels off, and crash. But guess who wanted to go on a bike ride?! Ever since I got a new bike for Mother's Day and my two-year-old grandson, Alec, got one soon after, he love to bike ride.

So, with a cup of hot French Vanilla in my hand, Jack, Alec and I went rolling over to the Hobby Lobby parking lot. the world was busily passing by on US 31; a broken liquor bottle in its brown bag lay by a light post; and Buffalo Wings had a few customers. Basically, we had the whole parking lot to our selves.

It was fun riding through all the water puddles and ducking our heads as we passed under the big sign and adding those "VROOOM" sound effects for those fast training wheels. How exciting it was to follow that little two-year-old leader! We had to stop and look down at least six different manholes to inspect for frogs, water and rocks. The water was so clear in one of them that Alec asked who "that girl and boy down there" were (our reflections!).

As we started going around the back side of Circuit City, memories of the old Giesecke Camper place came rushing back. Staples is there now, but the old place used to have a tall fence surrounding it. When I was eight months pregnant with Lexi, my loving husband helped me climb over that fence! Crazy, I know, but I couldn't help thinking how priceless time spent together is.

There is no price tag on the precious memories made in making the *effort* to be together. All of this fun, even falling into a mud puddle, is irreplaceable.

There will always be laundry to do, dishes to wash and TV to watch - but I beg you, **savor the moment!** Put your busyness aside and seize those memories.

Shh! Be quiet now. Alec is tucked into bed in the room next to mine, and he is singing me to sleep. I wouldn't trade it for the world!

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