



Your Story Matters

An Interview with Ms. Jordan by Avery L.

What is it like teaching the elementary kids? I love the elementary kids.

They're fun! I've had two of my kids since I started, and that was nearly three years ago. It's been an amazing experience watching them grow up. I'd say basically, my personality just fits in with elementary the best.

What was your childhood like, and when did you decide that you wanted to be a teacher?

At the age of two I knew I wanted to be a teacher, but I didn't say my first word until I was four. My parents took me to the doctor who told them, "She'll start when she's ready, and when she does she won't shut up." That has proven to be very true. Honestly, growing up I was blessed to have my parents who loved me and supported me 100%.

What did you plan to do after you finished high school? I didn't have a plan. Too many people outside of my family had already told me that I would never succeed. I didn't even want to go to college. Instead I came to Houston and became a teacher's aide, and after three years decided that I might as well become a teacher because I was already doing all the work. My parents agreed, so that's when I moved back home and went to school.

What was your biggest challenge and how has it helped you to become the person you are today? I used to think that what I went through as a child with a different way of learning was all bad, but now that I'm older I realize that it is just a part of a wealth of experience that I have gained along the way. I believe that my own personal challenges have made me a better teacher, and a more compassionate and caring person overall. So I would say my biggest challenge to date has been dealing with the loss of my father. Nothing can compare to the reality of losing someone close to you. I will always miss my father, and this has given me a greater appreciation for my family and for all the people that God has brought into my life. This is especially true concerning my mom. We've always been close, but in the last few years I can see how our relationship has grown to another level and what a treasure she truly is. I really value all the time we get to spend together, and look forward to even more of us "sharing life" in the days ahead. It's amazing how the older I get, the more I come to the conclusion that Mother really was always right!

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