

In these Passing on Faith moments I'd like to focus on being Triple A Adults. Authentic, available, and affirming. I asked the Lutheran Youth Organization board what they wanted you to know about being people of vital faith in their lives.

Authentic –

- Be who you are and whose you are.
- Be willing to share your faith journey.
- nobody wants an adult who behaves like a kid
- Try to relate to us, yet show us how to set high standards for ourselves
- Be adults that love to play with us, never let us win, just let us play all together!!
- you don't have to listen to our music but listen to us

The pages are passing out slips of paper with the sentence “I knew God was with me when... My friend, Karen Birkedal, whose daughter Rachel serves as our Lutheran Youth Organization chaplain, is writing a book with the responses to this question as a way to point to God and get folks talking. Proceeds go to organizations such as the Youth & Family Institute. In ten words and not many more, please take a moment and write your response and then pass them to the right so they can be collected.

Listen to some of the responses that are already a part of the collection. This is one way we can each be authentic. I know God is with me when..

10. I am hiking in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina.
Naomi, age 59

9. I struggle to talk around people with whom I'm uncomfortable.
Kevin, age 17

8. I eat strawberries. God made them you know! Morgan, age 8

7. Each of our three children were born. Odell, age 82

6. I flew my first mission to Baghdad. Ryan, age 32

5. A machine was breathing for my 15-day-old son. Mandy, age 35

4. I visit my mother, diagnosed with Alzheimer's six years ago.
Nina, age 46

3. I thought about ending my life. Courtney, age 16

2. My dad quit using drugs. Ryan, age 25

1. I least expect it.! Sarah, age 19

Be authentic, be the child of God you were called to be through the waters of baptism.