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CHILDHOOD IS...

Kelly Zelens

Childhood is entrances.

It is learning, loving, and wanting to grow up.
It is innocence.

Childhood is my blue pickup truck that I must have put a couple of thousand miles on.

It is Clip-Clop, my Munchichi dolls, Cabbage Patch Kids, and my China tea set.
It is Charlie, my favorite stuffed dog my dad gave me when I was two, which I still sleep with.

Childhood is Saturday morning cartoons at 7 a.m., Scooby Doo and Inspector Gadget.

It is Back to the Future and Superman.
It is the Goonies with Sean Astin, oh, how I wanted to marry him.

Childhood is riding horses, playing "Let's Pretend," forts, and swing sets.

It is learning to play soccer and T-ball, and always being the shortest on the team.
It is climbing trees, but somehow forgetting how to get down.

Childhood is music.

It is The Eagles, CCR, The Moody Blues, George Strait, Phil Collins, The Beatles, Fleetwood Mac, Barbra Streisand, and Huey Lewis and the News.
It is Billy Joel and Bruce Springsteen.

Childhood is friendships.

It is sleepovers, fights, daycare, swimming lessons, swim meets, cookouts, and contests.
It is teepees, monkey bars, swings, and old fallen trees.

Childhood is asking when my baby sister was going back to the hospital.

It is learning to enjoy having a younger sister, family vacations, and sharing a room.
It is being the oldest.

Childhood is trying to be just like Daddy.

It is learning Mom will come back to pick you up and cannot always say five minute good-byes.
It is finally growing up and understanding being a child is not always a bad thing, and that you can grow up too fast.

Childhood is exits.

It is learning to develop into a loving and caring adult.
It is realizing that a part of you will forever be a child.