



### Max's Life Inside Stories (told by Daddy)

I am now a totally cool third grader. I never used to worry about peers, but suddenly I do. With my energetic and fun personality, I have lots of friends and plenty to do. I was fortunate to get a great teacher who is "strict but fun". Perfect! Just what I need to excel at school!

Soccer has become my new sport. It's a great sport for me because I get to run and run and run! I hadn't played on a team until this year, but that didn't stop me from being a pretty good player. I really enjoy being goalie. This year I think my Dad and Mom will never forget one of my diving saves in the last game of the season.

Boy Scouts has been a blast. The 100 year anniversary encampment nearby was totally fun. Archery, sling shots, BB gun shooting, and even tomahawk throwing were some of the fun things we all tried. We camped nearby too.

### Jackie's Life Inside Stories (told by Mommy)

Jackie's second grade teacher Mrs. Lukkes says "what do you do with her, she is so smart and just a pleasure to have in class". Yeah!!!! Love to hear this and so does Jackie. She is full of love and hugs.

Jackie really shined in Soccer this year, actually wanting to play the entire game and making lots of goals. She is aggressive and not afraid of taking the ball away. I'm hoping to have Jackie and Max both attend soccer camp, Jackie continues with gymnastics and has completed her 4<sup>th</sup> year at Wildfire, This year she has really enjoyed singing in Choir at Church. Her and Max have quite a collection of songs they love to sing. They enjoy music and it really makes me feel good to see them have so much fun singing and enjoying songs. Jackie's next sport coming up is softball.

### Peggy's Life Inside Stories

What a difference it makes when you have fun at work. I'm enjoying my job at UCI Medical center soooooo much! It's great to be back in a teaching Hospital. There is such an emphasis on education and professional growth. My boss and coworkers are truly the best! Our patients are forever

praising the work that we do and that also makes me feel so good and proud of what we do at UCI.

This year my "mommy" mission is to have my children be more self directed and independent. I have been reading a book "boundaries/kids" it's a Christian based book and has helped me tremendously. I also think that my faith in God has helped bring things along. I do believe he's got my back. My kids make their bed, get dressed, pick up and clean their breakfast every morning on their own (Yeah!). They are also in charge of packing their backpack with homework and knowing when it's Library day. I am so proud of them. But, now for the big question, they want to know when Mommy is going to make her bed and pick up..... So, I guess there is always room for improvement, and isn't it great they can set such a great example!

### Ed's Life Inside Stories

Work has fortunately been much of the same - stable and lots to do. I am so thankful that this is the case and keep praying that it does not change. I truly appreciate the opportunity to be able to "be there" for my kids almost all the time, and it certainly makes running a house with Peggy's hours and two kids possible.

One really cool thing was to go the Max's orthodontist, who is one of my customers. He had just received all of our x-ray and software equipment. It was very rewarding to see that he could use it the second day that had it! I seldom get to see the stuff I work on "in action" and it's very motivating to see it in real life use. Max has a new appliance on his upper and lower jaw that spread the structure to allow space for new teeth. No more pulling teeth!

In my spare time (yeah, right!) I'm tackling some personal and spiritual growth. That's been a great thing and I feel that I am growing into an improved person. Good stuff!

### Chmiel's News

We went on some great family camping trips over the summer. We started out at one of our favorites, Leo Carrillo, which is on the beach at Malibu. It was chilly and drizzly, but the kids didn't mind as much as us! Our big trip was up to Lake Shasta. The lake was pretty full, and we had

a blast tubing and the kids got up briefly on water skis! The area had lots of things to see, but it was hot - 100+ during the day. Nights were nice and the kids had fun at the campground with all the other kids. Peg's favorite Shasta moment was hiking to a water fall with her friend Cathy. We had great weather when we chartered a sailboat to Catalina, we encountered whales and dolphins, ran into lots of friends but didn't sail - no wind!

