I am from second pew child being shushed, sit still, pay attention to

the 3rd pew mom saying shhh, sit still and pay attention

I am from asking why to

now wondering how many times one person can ask why and I don’t always know the answer.

I am from knowing no danger to

seeing everything as a potential harm.

I am from being so excited on Christmas Eve that it was so hard to go to sleep to

staying up all night playing and putting toys together, eat some of the cookies and make it look like St. Nick was really there.

I am from hating hearing “because I said so” to

understand that sometimes “because I said so” is the only reason.

I am from giggling at night with my sister watching snowflakes fall, hoping for a snow day to

still hoping for a snow day but to teach how to build a snowman and a perfect snowball.

I am from playing with cousins while Sunday lunch is being prepared to

watching cousins play while I help prepare lunch.

I am from popular music on the radio to

Pandora’s Toddler Channel.

I am from watching any television show or movie at any time of the day to

kid friendly till 8:00.

I am from truly understanding, “you will understand one day when you have your own children”