



MOTHER MAY I? taught by Tami Taylor



ROUND 9: MOTHER ON LIFE IN GENERAL

Sometimes Mother just shared her words of wisdom on life in general. In the moment they seemed silly and useless, but given time you will realize how profound these words are.

This page by Tania Willis fits the dutiful daughter challenge on page 3.



LIFE IN GENERAL MOM-ISM #1

Mother says: You'll understand when you're older.

Translation: I don't have a clue how to explain it to you



the dutiful daughter

will appreciate what she knows now.

What are things you know? What do you know about yourself, your loved ones or the world? Share your wisdom on life and love. Stuck for a place to start? Start with "This much I know is true..."

Debbie Hodge's all-about-me page begins with "These things are true."

the wild child

dreams of being older. What do you want to be like when you are older? Will you wear a red hat and purple dress? Will you continue your education? Will you be the spoiling grandmother? How will your older days be?

These things are true

- prefer work to exercise (s even to play) • the only TV I watch (for the most part) is Guiding Light and anything on MSNBC • love politics, Alice Munro stories, Merle Haggard songs • an introvert after 30 years as an extrovert • prefer yardwork to housework
- worry about bats • not sentimental but compassionate & tolerant • got moodier after 37 • like to be prepared for big things, but not so much the little things (i.e., dinner) • small number of friends • don't like talking on the phone • don't hold grudges • willing to say sorry but not so willing to change my ways
- love writing, blogging, picture-taking, scrapbooking
- let my youngest son fall asleep in my bed at night
- creamy pasta dishes rock • chocolate is good, too
- ambitious and competent • love my childhood home and drive the 350 miles there frequently • worry about Neil's health and yet have confidence he'll be ok because he's so competent (and maybe because I'm hiding my head in the sand) • like being on the road with the boys • don't like shopping, in fact go to extremes to avoid it • don't mind being disliked anymore and willing to face conflicts • never going to walk out on anyone or anything again • rarely listen to music these last few years and prefer quiet • turning into a hermit • believe in being kind and never "hitting anyone where it hurts" • enjoy doing math homework alongside my oldest son and then comparing answers • Sudoku, too! • not as obsessed with hair as my husband says I am •

LIFE IN GENERAL MOM-ISM #2

Mother says: *One day you'll have kids and I hope they act just like you.*

Translation: *I cannot wait to give you the "I told you so" face when you have to discipline them.*

the dutiful daughter

will understand how alike kids are.

Aren't most kids alike? There are common behaviors kids share. The growing pains, the "me" stage, the "I'm too embarrassed to be with mom in public" phase, these and many other behaviors that kids go through while growing up. What behaviors do you remember having that were "typical" kid behaviors? Did you share these with your mother or your children?

Tania Willis shows typical kid behavior in "I want" on page 1 of this class.

the wild child

thinks she's unique as all kids are.

What makes you unique? What behaviors do you have that are unlike the typical behaviors of childhood? What about your children?

Jane Howden shares her son's unique imagination and love for dress up.



LIFE IN GENERAL MOM-ISM #3

Mother says: *Be careful what you wish for, it might come true.*

Translation: *You asked for it*



the *dutiful daughter*

will take each wish come true as a blessing. Share a wish you had that came true. How did it impact your life?

Tami Taylors scrapbooks her wish come true in "Finally."

the *wild child*

will scream that's not what she meant! Have you ever wished for something, and then regretted it? Have you ever wished for something not to happen and it did anyway?

LIFE IN GENERAL MOM-ISM #4

Mother says: "I don't know" is not an answer.

Translation: You better come up with something, quick.



the *wild child*

doesn't have to know, just do it.

Use up some stuff, so what if it doesn't have meaning. Sometimes embellishments don't have purpose, that's why they are embellishments. Grab a bunch of your favorites and go crazy.

Tami Taylor shows that sometimes embellishments are just there for beauty.

the *dutiful daughter*

will know why she is doing something. Why are you using those embellishments on your layout? Why did you choose that photo? If you use a brad, it should be to fasten not to decorate. Photos should tell a story and not just be extras you took. Make every item on your layout have purpose.

