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My best friend and I had coffee on a gorgeous spring morning. We discussed everything under the sun except for raising a family. A friend just filled me in on her (to me, at least) highly ambitious professional goals and upcoming travel plans. However, I was able to share in the joyous chaos of the births of my triplets with her. Her eyes widened in surprise as she asked, "How do you manage everything?" "Did you realize how much having three children would change your life?" people ask. My standard response is, "Of course I did."

The birth of my first child seven years ago began my extraordinary journey as a mother. It felt amazing to hold her for the first time. It hurt my heart that this little creature was totally dependent on me. However, I'm the first to say that parenthood isn't the fairytale I imagined it would be when I was younger or as depicted in glossy magazines.

After having my kid, the first few months of my life were a complete and utter mess. Never-ending diaper changes, ear-splitting newborn cries, and sleep deprivation. The toys were all over the place, and the laundry seemed to multiply independently. There were many times when my husband and I felt like we were running around like chickens with no heads, trying to meet the needs of a newborn while also tending to our own.

I would never give up those memories, with all their craziness and lack of sleep, for anything. My family's joy and pleasure she brought us was great. Her earliest memories of walking, talking, and laughing were among her most cherished. I uncovered a side of myself that loves unconditionally without expecting anything in return.

## The smallest details in life are the most noticeable

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My husband and I started thinking about having more children as our daughter got older and we got used to being parents. The birth of our son occurred five years ago. And once again, the world turned upside down for us. It's even more accurate this time around. The chaos was compounded by the arrival of a newborn and a toddler. A whirlwind blew up our house, and we wanted to get out as soon as possible. We held on to each other for dear life.

However, many comical situations emerged from the mayhem. We were about to collapse from exhaustion, but our son's first shaky steps, fascination with every new insect he found in the garden, and his fervor for cars and blocks had us laughing and smiling for hours. He was a blur of motion, a constant energy source, and a dangerous adversary.

It was a time of pioneering and discovery. The things our kids taught us, and the patience we showed them, never ceased to amaze us. As a result, we gained insight and learned to take pleasure in life's simplest pleasures.

After what seemed like an eternity, we were prepared to complete our family. Our youngest daughter joined the family and promptly caused mayhem. With three children under six, our lives were busier than ever, even though our children generally saw the world with a pleasant and carefree perspective. At heart, the youngster is still a kid. Right?

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## Love is the key to a fulfilled life

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There are several challenges that parents face. It can lead to countless dirty bed linens, sleepless nights, and the possibility of three of your children becoming ill shortly. In such a situation, you'll need more than your bare limbs to help you. Bowls, thermometers, washcloths, and water bottles help us do our jobs, deal with stress, stroke our worries away, and stay hydrated as we go from one place to another. After a few days, we were still trying to piece together what happened to the preceding week. We still have to go through it, though.

Being a mother requires you to be an unstoppable force of love, laughter, and joy for your children. I will always be happy with this choice.

Having three children has taught me that finding joy is possible despite difficulties. I've realized the value of even the smallest moments and am determined to make the most of every opportunity. I've discovered that unconditional love is the key to living a fulfilled life.

Being a mother has given me far more than I could have imagined. It has helped me become a better person and grow a loving family that means the world to me. Now I know that the love and support of my family is what gets me through the bad times and that life is an adventure that we must all share.

## I'll never come to regret the choice to start a family

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My eldest daughter is like my best friend, and we can laugh and talk about life together. Oh, my whirlwind, what a blessed boy to have a mother he can charm like a small Prince Charming! His incessant upbeat attitude is slowly killing me. And then there's our youngest, who constantly has a scowl on her face and never fails to surprise me when she reaches out her tiny hands and speaks one of her few words (often "Mama" rather than "no! "). I find them all to be fantastic and greatly admire them.

I'll never come to regret the choice to start a family. The love, excitement, and new experiences it has brought into my life are beyond measure.

