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4H Speech

Fostering

Can you imagine waking up one morning and there is a two-year-old in your house that you have never met before?! This happened to me a few years ago and it's been happening ever since then. It's called foster care and my family has been fostering since 2018. In case you don't know, a foster family takes children into their homes who are not safe in theirs. My experience as a foster sister has been enjoyable and amazing.

Being a foster sister can often be very fun. For example, I get to play with the child in our home who is mostly three and under. They usually enjoy playing matchbox cars, trucks, little people, balls, and balloons. Besides playing toys, we do things as a family together like go to events and playgrounds. It's fun to see them actually relaxing and laughing when they play. I feel happy when they are happy.

I also enjoy meeting new people and fostering brings lots of new people to our home. Well, of course I meet my new foster brother or sister. BUT, I also get to meet other foster families through respite care (which is short term fostering). Pam is one of our friends who we met through fostering. She is the licensing agent from One More Child. She comes to our house to check and make sure it is safe. Pam likes bringing presents for us too.

Finally, as a foster sister I have a chance to be helpful. For example, I give my mom a big break if my foster brother is demanding attention from her while she's cooking. Sometimes I distract him by playing outside together or watching "Coco Melon". Have you ever met a two-year-old? Well, if you haven't, you should know that they LOVE to eat. I am helpful by constantly giving them snacks like apple sauce, granola bars, meat sticks, and many more. I also help by making the kids laugh when they are sad, upset or crying.

In conclusion, my experience as a foster sister has been enjoyable and amazing. I have a lot of fun with each foster child that comes into my home, I get a chance to be helpful, and I meet many new people. Is this something you think you could enjoy too?