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Looking back over my life, I realize God has expressed His love to me many times in very specific ways.

First, He gave me parents who taught me His Word. Even in my pre-Kindergarten life He caused me to realize I was a sinner and prompted me to ask them about spiritual things. Once, while playing with a little toy truck, I looked up at my Mom and said, "Mommy: do you think I'll go to Heaven when I die?" Not long after that, God stirred my young heart to

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In both large and small matters, He's drawn close to us with His love. Often, after a long, unsuccessful search for some tiny object I've dropped in the grass, my wife will ask me, "Have you prayed?" Sheepishly, I've stopped and asked for His help. Usually He's shown me the missing item within seconds.

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