On the following pages are three childhood stories followed by open-ended questions. Please read each story and then write 3-5 sentences about a similar childhood experience that you have experienced.

Please respond to them with your first, natural response. We are looking for people’s gut-level reactions to these questions.

1. I’ll always remember when my family brought me to the beach for the very first time. It was on a trip to **Daytona / Acapulco** and I was only 6 years old at the time. It was amazing. I got to build my first sandcastle and play in the rough waters. Some of the waves were bigger than me and would throw me around. That didn’t stop me from playing in the water though!!

**-Michael** from **Orlando, Florida**

**-Miguel** from **Cuernavaca, Mexico**

Think of a similar childhood experience to that of Michael/Miguel above. Please describe it in 3-5 sentences.

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2. I remember my first camping trip with my family. We went to **Yellowstone Park / the Sundarbans in Central Bangladesh** where we stayed in tents for several days. We got to hike and swim in natural springs and see lots of wild animals. It was really exciting and we all had a great time. We had so much fun that we made it into an annual camping trip.

**-Nancy** from **Harrisburg, Pennsylvania**

**-Nadira** from **Dhaka, Bangladesh**

Think of a similar childhood experience to that of **Nancy/Nadira** above. Please describe it in 3-5 sentences.

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3. Some of my favorite memories from my childhood are from when my older brother and I would go out to **Lake Michigan / Marmara Sea** and would wrestle around trying to throw each other into the water. He was bigger than me so he usually won, but one day I was able to sneak up on him and give him a good push causing him to splash into the chilly waters that day.

**-Harry** from **Detroit, Michigan**

**-Hamadi** from **Istanbul, Turkey**

Think of a similar childhood experience to that of **Harry/Hamadi** above. Please describe it in 3-5 sentences.

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