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## MY GRANDSON MAX!!

I have written about my grandson Max starting when he was about 3 or 4. When his parents gave him a chore to do, he would stand with his hand on his hip and another in the air, stating "in 20 minutes!" Since he didn't know how long a minute was or how long 20 was, his parents put on the timer and when it buzzed after about 2 minutes. Max would march off to do the chore!!

When he was about 4 or 5 he learned the pledge of allegiance and began to recite it starting with -"ready begin. I pledge alees to the flag of the United Stakes of a miracle" and on and on with a few other mistakes. We enjoyed it so much that I was urged to send it to President Obama and when I was asked to spend money on his election, I decided to send him a letter with Max's picture reciting the pledge! I explained that like him, my son was biracial and that Max was his son. I wanted to send him the video, but didn't know how to do that. So I just sent a photo of him doing the pledge. Then several months later I got a call from the White House and a nice young man wanted to know my address so the President could send me a letter! Wow!! And sure enough a letter was written on Max's birthday, thanking me for my letter with Max's picture!! And in his letter he said, "Tell Max I expect big things from him!!"

At another point in his life—still at a young age, Max began running around the room making a big bow, saying "thank you so much" as though he were doing a dance for a crowd!! He was always one doing something different!!

His most recent act was to put on a black mustache and claim he was "Richard" and he kept it on all the way through Thanksgiving Dinner!!

When he got a little older and was trying to express when an activity had occurred, but couldn't remember, he'd say "last yesterday....." and describe the event!! When I shared that with my friends they loved it!! You know how many times a person is describing an incident and they get delayed by trying to get the exact day it happened, when "last yesterday" solves the problem!!