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I Can

I can, I will, and I am going to do it.” Being part of the Berger family, that is a quote I hear almost every morning. This quote was really put into action last summer. My Aunt Danielle and her boyfriend got their three kids taken away. With my family being very stable and my aunt depending on my mom, the three kids came with us. It was up until that day that I failed to realize my mom and dad’s dedication for my family. They found out in less than twenty minutes that the social worker would show up to do a check of our house. We all cleaned like mad and got our house “child proof.” Since these kids were eighteen months, two years old, and four years old, it was going to be quite the challenge.

But not only were my parents giving up their time, house, and basically social life; I as a child had to also, along with my eight-year-old sister, Sarah, and my fifteen-year-old brother, Zach. With me being twelve, this was going to be so hard just to not get pestered by them. I said, “This is impossible.” That’s when my mom said, “You can do it, you will do it, and you are going to do it.”

I had finally realized that I could handle them living with us. They had just come from a bad life, and we needed to give them the best of a bad situation. Fortunately, when I was accepting of this situation, they came. I actually was really excited with them coming! I loved my cousins and I didn’t want them to have a bad life. When they arrived at our house, they had to go straight to our bathrooms. They were infested with lice. I felt horrible! I rushed to my mom’s side and helped. That night I had learned of the new rules and restrictions I was going to have. Since I have a master bedroom, I had to give up half my room to Rilyn, four, and Marisa, two.

Over the four and half months they lived with us, times changed. Many times my whole family wanted to give up. But my strong parents never failed to remind the whole family, “We can, we will, and we are going to do it.” I had my limitations on what I would be allowed to do. But, they weren’t bad. I realized the kids need help from me and my family, more than I needed to “hang out”.

I was okay with everything until about the third month or so. School for my seventh grade year was just starting. It was already stressful enough, but on top of that, they always woke me up at night. I had had enough already. It was time for me to talk to the two girls. I did and they said, “Brooke, we can’t go to sleep without a nightlight. I realized that simple problems like that could and would be done by me.

Even though some days I very much disliked it, my cousins living with me helped not only me, but my whole family. I think that living life by the “I can, I will, and I am going to do it” quote helps us learn what to do in difficult situations. If you just think positive, difficult situations will be very easy as the Law of Life states.